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UH System

Estimated Student Enrollment

Preliminary reports from the four UH System universities show a total of 73,323 students enrolled for the Fall 2018 semester. Final, official numbers will be determined after the twelfth day of classes. UH and UHD started classes on August 20, while UHCL and UHV will start classes on August 27.

	UH	UHCL	UHD	UHV	Total
Undergraduate	38,229	6,346	12,647	3,236	60,458
Graduate	7,741	2,371	1,615	1,138	12,865
All	45,970	8,717	14,262	4,374	73,323

Two Additional Institutions Join Houston GPS

The University of Houston-led GPS (Guided Pathways to Success) initiative has added two new participants: College of the Mainland and Victoria College. Now with eleven participants, GPS promises to improve the educational journey of 350,000 students in the Greater Houston and Victoria regions by allowing them easy and transparent transfer from community college to university and by getting them to graduate without any unnecessary credits. All four UH System universities are members of Houston GPS.

“Here, We Go.” Keeps on Going

The system-wide “Here, We Go.” \$1 billion campaign, which was launched in January 2017, stands at \$875,570,733, as of August 20, 2018. At the time of the launching, the campaign had \$684 million in hand, and has raised over \$191 million since then. We have been fortunate to receive many large gifts, but at its core, the campaign has been a remarkable grassroots effort. So far, 175,599 donors have made gifts, with over 97 percent of them giving amounts under \$1,000. Each and every gift is precious, as it is a vote of confidence in the direction and potential of the four UH System universities.

University of Houston

The Next Big Goal: “50 in 5”

“Research Preeminence: 50 in 5,” a bold initiative to substantially expand UH’s research enterprise, will focus on increasing all activities related to our research efforts and scholarly output by 50 percent during the next five years. This includes publications, citations, awards, casebooks, cited performances and research expenditures. The initiative calls for doubling the number of our national research centers from five to 10. Reaching these objectives should produce the kind of outcomes associated with membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU).

UH Technology Bridge Will Complete the Cycle of Innovation

UH has launched a five-year plan to better align our 74-acre Energy Research Park with Houston's growing innovation ecosystem. The plan targets organizations that can take advantage of UH's infrastructure and expertise to guide emerging technologies through the commercialization cycle and bring them to market. Reflecting the plan's mission, the park's name has been changed to UH Technology Bridge. The Technology Bridge is expected to create \$1 billion in cumulative economic development for Houston over the next five years by bringing five additional large industrial partners, an additional 25 startups and three new research collaborations to the facility.

Ed Oliver Featured on SI Cover

Sports Illustrated recently featured Houston junior defensive tackle **Ed Oliver** on the cover of its college football preview issue, one day after ESPN named the Houston native its No. 1 college football player entering 2018. In addition, Oliver was named CBS's "Preseason Player of the Year." Oliver is the second member of the #HTownTakeover to appear on a Sports Illustrated cover in the last three years. Former quarterback **Greg Ward Jr.**, now with the Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles, appeared on the cover in 2016.

Department of Education Awards \$2.2M Support for Student Parents

With a \$2.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, quality child care is more accessible and affordable for UH college students whose children are enrolled at on-campus learning centers. The four-year award from the Federal Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program (CCAMPIS) will support up to 60 percent of tuition costs.

Concert Chorale Wins Grand Prize in Hungary

UH made a strong first impression at the Béla Bartók International Choir Competition in Hungary in July, the first time the Concert Chorale was invited to the renowned competition. The Chorale tied for first place in the Mixed Choir division, placed second in the Chamber Choir division, and ultimately won the Grand Prix. The group was one of only eight collegiate and professional-level choirs invited to compete this year. Our students performed 20 works, including three original compositions by UH composers.

UH College of Medicine Adds Leadership, Experience with Three Associate Deans

The UH College of Medicine has added three accomplished medical educators to its leadership team. Dr. **Ruth Bush** joins as associate dean for medical education, Dr. **Kathryn Horn** will be associate dean for student affairs, admissions and outreach, and Dr. **David Buck** will be associate dean for community health. Dr. Bush most recently served as a tenured professor at Baylor College of Medicine and deputy director of DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center's Center for Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness and Safety. Dr. Horn spent nearly three decades at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, where she was assistant vice president for student services, associate dean for student affairs and associate professor of family and community medicine. Dr. Buck, an expert in community health, served as a professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine for more than two decades at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

University of Houston-Clear Lake

Partnership between UHCL and ACC Strengthened

UHCL President **Ira K. Blake** and Alvin Community College President **Christal M. Albrecht** signed an articulation agreement to make it easier for students graduating from ACC to transition to UHCL to earn a bachelor's degree. The agreement builds on a partnership that began in fall 2017 to offer ACC courses at the UHCL Pearland Campus.

Free, Common Application Attracts Students from Across Nation

Through its participation in the American Physical Society Bridge Program, UHCL draws students from across the nation into its master's physics program. The program was created to help underrepresented students find the university that best prepares them for their academic and career paths through experiential learning, research and mentorship. The program offers students a free, common application shared among UHCL and 35 partner universities.

Professors Recognized with Prestigious National Awards

Kim Case, professor of psychology, and **Desdamona Rios**, assistant professor of psychology, received the Robert S. Daniel Teaching Excellence Award and the Jane S. Halonen Teaching Excellence Award, respectively, from the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. Both awards are based on criteria that includes effective teaching, fostering student professional development, research and training other teachers.

University of Houston-Downtown

Grants to Enhance Diversity in STEM Education, Careers

UHD has received two grants supporting diversity in STEM education and STEM careers. UHD is the only institution in Texas to receive the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Inclusive Excellence Initiative grant in 2018. The \$1 million grant is focused on engaging students from all cultural backgrounds in STEM disciplines. UHD also received a nearly \$500,000 Texas Talent Connection Grant from the Office of the Governor to support the expansion of programming for its STEM Training Center for Underrepresented Workforce.

Partnerships with Community Colleges Strengthened

UHD continues to create pathways for transfer students seeking to complete their undergraduate degrees. On Aug. 6, UHD pledged its commitment to supporting San Jacinto College (SJC) students seeking to "Finish UHD Strong." The SJC partnership complements existing collaborations with other community colleges, including Lone Star College System and Houston Community College, and aligns with the UH System's Guided Pathways to Success initiative.

UHD Among the Most Affordable in Texas, U.S.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education listed UHD in its College Affordability and Transparency rankings, based on tuition, fees and average net price. The University ranked among four-year or above, public universities for the lowest net price.

University of Houston-Victoria

Family Donates 65 Acres of Land to UHV for Athletics Expansion

The **Bennett-Wood** family has donated 65 acres of land, valued at \$820,000, to UHV for a future athletics complex. The gift is the largest ever made in support of UHV Athletics and the second-largest in UHV history. The land, near the Victoria Regional Airport and about four miles from the UHV campus, will allow UHV to further establish and expand its athletics program. The future athletics complex will include competition and practice fields for existing sports, a training center, offices and facilities for additional sports. Funds will be raised to build the facilities.

UHV Nursing Program Receives Accreditation

The UHV Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is now nationally accredited after a rigorous review of the program. The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education fully accredited the baccalaureate degree program in nursing through 2023. UHV started a new BSN program in August 2016 in response to community interest. The first group of 10 RN to BSN students graduated in December.

Spanish Professor Receives National Research Fellowship

Armando Chavez-Rivera, associate professor of Spanish and director of the UHV's Spanish program, has received a prestigious John W. Kluge Center fellowship at the U.S. Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The fellowship allows him to have better access to original sources for his research about the history of the Spanish language in the Caribbean and how it has changed from when the area was colonized by Europeans and eventually the United States. Chavez-Rivera was one of 11 scholars awarded Kluge Center fellowships this academic year.