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UH System

UH System Posts Graduation Estimates

The UH System spring 2021 preliminary graduation total is 9,314. With the addition of approximately 7,288 degrees awarded during the fall 2020 semester, the estimated total number of degrees awarded system-wide for the 2020-2021 academic year is 16,602.

	UH	UHCL	UHD	UHV	UH-System
Bachelor	4,530	877	1,268	398	7,073
Master	872	410	147	226	1,655
Doctor	168	12			180
Professional	406				406
Total	5,976	1,299	1,415	624	9,314

University of Houston

UH Graduate Programs Among Nation's Best in Latest U.S. News Rankings

A dozen graduate programs at UH have been ranked as top 50 programs in their disciplines in the 2021 U.S. News & World Report graduate program rankings, with the petroleum engineering program joining the top 10 at No. 9. The UH Law Center has two top 10 programs with Health Care Law at No. 5 and Intellectual Property Law at No. 8.

UH Researchers Earned National Accolades and Awards

UH researchers received six awards exceeding \$1 million, totaling \$8.79 million, between February and April, including a \$2.26 million Office of Naval Research award to **Elena Grigorenko**, professor of psychology, to develop a virtual reality personality assessment, and a \$1.35 million Andrew W. Mellon Foundation award to Professor **Gabriela Baeza Ventura** to establish an open-access Puerto Rican literature database.

UH Poet Honored with Prestigious 2021 Guggenheim Fellowship

Roberto José Tejada, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Professor of English, Creative Writing and Art History, was awarded a 2021 Guggenheim Fellowship for Poetry. Tejada was one of 184 American and Canadian artists, writers, scholars and scientists selected through a rigorous peer-review process from almost 3,000 applicants. He is the most recent poet in the UH Creative Writing Program to be awarded a Guggenheim.

UH Student Named 2021 Knight-Hennessy Scholar

Jaelynn Walls, a second-year graduating senior majoring in art history with a minor in African American studies, has been named a 2021 Knight-Hennessy Scholar. Widely regarded as one of the most prestigious fellowships in the nation, Walls is the first UH student to receive the honor. She joins 81 new scholars selected to start their studies at Stanford University in fall 2021.

Second College of Medicine Class Selected

The College of Medicine has completed the recruitment of its second class of 30 students. They represent the best of the nearly 6,000 applications received and 202 applicants interviewed. Building on the diversity of the first COM class, it is notable that 70% of the cohort is female, 60% are underrepresented in medicine and 57% are first-generation college students.

UH Honored for Supporting Historically Underutilized Businesses

The University was honored for its commitment to supporting Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs). INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine awarded UH the Jessie L. Moore 2021 Supplier Diversity Award, a national honor recognizing colleges and universities that take proactive steps to support and engage with minority-owned businesses through supplier diversity offices, unique programs, and leading initiatives.

University of Houston-Clear Lake

Food Insecurity Gift

Qatar Charity has pledged \$200,000 in operational funds to establish the Qatar Charity Community Outreach Food Insecurity Initiative with the Diplomacy Institute at UH-Clear Lake. The initiative aims to help address the food insecurity needs of our communities and the students at UHCL, UH, UH-Downtown and UH-Victoria.

Soaring Hawks Celebrate with Car Parade

While UHCL did not hold an in-person commencement ceremony this year, the Soaring Hawks Car Parade included the pomp and circumstance graduates expect as they celebrate this significant milestone. Cars filled with graduates, families and friends paraded through campus waving to well-wishers lining the streets. Graduates also had the opportunity to cross a graduation-style stage and capture that special Hawk Moment they've worked so hard to enjoy.

University of Houston-Downtown

UHD Supports Community Through Forums, Partnerships, On-Campus Vaccinations

UH-Downtown continues to support students, faculty, staff and their respective families through several initiatives focused on providing information and resources related to COVID-19 vaccinations. UHD worked with Houston Methodist and UTHealth to provide vaccination clinics on and off campus.

UHD Ranked No. 1 for Diversity Regionally, No. 18 Nationally

UH-Downtown is ranked No. 1 for diversity among colleges and universities in the south according to the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education. These higher education rankings also placed UHD at No. 18 in the nation when it comes to diversity. UHD's ranking is based on student outcomes, academic resources, student engagement and campus environment.

University of Houston-Victoria

UHV Degrees Recognized, Named University Best in State for Students with Disabilities

Three UHV degree programs were recognized as some of the best in the country, and UHV was named the university the best in Texas for students with disabilities by Intelligent.com, a website that provides research to help students make decisions about higher education programs. Included in the rankings were: Master of Fine Arts in creative writing (No. 2); Master of Education in Special Education with a concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis (No. 10); and, Global Master of Business Administration in human resources management (No. 14).

UHV Celebrated Annual Homecoming with the 'Jaguars Stay Home(coming)' 2021

UHV celebrated Homecoming Week with the crowning of the new Royal Jaguars and a baseball doubleheader shown on Facebook Live. **Christine (Hafernick) Hollinden**, principal and founder of Hollinden s, received the 2021 Distinguished Alumnus Award. **Kristen (Lindley) Sayegh**, who served on the UH System Board of Regents in 2009-2010 was named the 2021 Young Alumnus of the Year.