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UH System

Chief Audit and Compliance Officer Appointed

Phillip W. Hurd is the new Chief Audit and Compliance Officer of the UH System. He had served since 2007 as institutional chief audit executive at the Georgia Institute of Technology, and will oversee the System's adherence to government laws and regulations in matters ranging from evaluation of management controls to investigations into reports of fraud and non-compliance.

University of Houston

UH Among Top Producers of Fulbright U.S. Students

The U.S. Department of State has announced the Top Producers of U.S. Fulbright Scholars and Students, and UH, for the first time, is on the list. In 2018-19, 12 outstanding students received Fulbright awards for research and teaching, the most awarded in any year in UH history. Only one other institution in Texas, UT-Austin, was named to this year's list of top Fulbright-producing universities.

Two New Resources Available to Promote Student Success

UHWellness recently opened Cougar Cupboard, a food pantry for those students who are food insecure, and consolidated need-based campus and community resources on food, finances, health, transportation, housing, safety, counseling and academics into the CoogsCare website. Since the program started in late January, 311 students have completed the enrollment session, and there have been 455 visits to the pantry.

Multi-million Gifts for Law Building, Scholarships for Medical Students

UH received a \$16 million gift from The John M. O'Quinn Foundation to support the UH Law Center and construction of its new building, to be named the "John M. O'Quinn Law Building." An accomplished attorney and philanthropist, **John M. O'Quinn** was a Law Center alumnus and one of UH's most enthusiastic supporters. The College of Medicine received \$5 million from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas to provide \$3.5 million for scholarships for at least 35 students and \$1.5 million to attract and retain students from diverse backgrounds.

'UH100: Dare to Dream'

UH has launched the development of "UH100: Dare to Dream," the strategic plan that will guide UH to its centennial and beyond. A Strategic Planning Management Committee, co-chaired by Provost **Paula Short** and Dean **Dennis Reynolds**, will help guide the process. Faculty, staff and students have been encouraged to participate in listening sessions to bring forth their boldest, most creative ideas on how UH can improve the city and world in which we live and serve. Themes will be refined to form the plan, which will be finalized by the end of 2020.

Research and Innovation Continue to Impress the Nation

With an increase of more than 10% in research expenditures in the past year, reaching \$195 million, UH broke records including its own. UH faculty received \$66 million in new awards in the \$1 million-plus category, more for major awards than ever before. UH licensing income hit another all-time high of \$65.7 million and the number of patents awarded is on the rise.

UH Gains Four Senior Members, One Fellow of National Academy of Inventors

Jason Eriksen, College of Pharmacy, and **Yuhua Chen**, **Harry Le**, and **Yan Yao**, Cullen College of Engineering, were named by the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) to its February 2020 class of Senior Members. **Seamus Curran**, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, was named NAI Fellow in December.

University of Houston-Clear Lake

UHCL Adds BA/MS in Serious Games and Simulation

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has approved a B.A. and an M.S. in Serious Games and Simulations at UHCL. These new interdisciplinary degrees will explore the design and development of instructional games that enhance teaching and learning from multiple perspectives and meet the continuous advancements in technology and gaming.

UHCL Programs Receive Key Accreditation

AACSB International, the world's largest business education alliance representing the highest standards in business education, awarded re-accreditation of UHCL's Business and Accounting programs – an accreditation earned by only 5% of the world's business programs.

UHCL President Named to Two Executive Boards

President **Ira K. Blake** has been appointed to membership on the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees of HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake and Mainland. She will assist with issues affecting the economic development and quality of life in the Bay Area, and in developing the hospital's strategic direction, respectively.

University of Houston-Downtown

High Rankings from Chronicle of Higher Ed, U.S. News and World Report

The Chronicle of Higher Education ranked UHD No. 6 among public universities graduating the highest percentage of students by their fifth or sixth year. And for the second consecutive year, UHD's online programs were ranked among the nation's best by U.S. News & World Report.

The Gator Wall Is Back!

UHD is welcoming the Gator Wall back to campus this month. Noted artist **Mr. D 1987** and his company EyeFull Art are recreating the popular Gator Wall, a mural depicting an enormous, lifelike replica of UHD's mascot. The Gator Wall will be located along Allen's Landing.

MBA Student Team No. 1 in the Nation

Two teams of MBA students in UHD's Marilyn Davies College of Business tied for No. 1 in a global Business Strategy Game simulation. More than 4,000 teams from 251 colleges and universities participated in this worldwide competition. The students were part of Professor **Anand Pore's** Capstone Project course.

University of Houston-Victoria

U.S. Senator Delivers Fall Commencement Address

U.S. Sen. **John Cornyn** delivered the keynote address to more than 500 graduating students during UHV's fall commencement ceremony. Cornyn also spoke during the university's fall 2007 commencement ceremony.

Men's Soccer Player, Coaches Receive Accolades

Jaguars student-athlete **Brody Patience**, business major from the Isle of Man, was selected to the 2019 Academic All-America® National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Men's Soccer Team. The UHV men's soccer staff was named the United Soccer Coaches 2019 Men's West Region Staff of the Year. Patience is the third UHV student-athlete and first from the men's soccer team to garner first-team All-America accolades.

Website Ranks 10 UHV Programs Among Top in the Nation

Intelligent.com ranked 10 programs from each of UHV's three schools as some of the best in the nation in 2020. The highest ranking went to the M.F.A. in Creative Writing, No. 2 on the Best Online Master's in Creative Writing Degree Programs list. Other programs recognized were the Global M.B.A. in Human Resources Management, the M.Ed. in Special Education with an Applied Behavior Analysis concentration and the M.A. in both Counseling Psychology and Forensic Psychology.