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July 2011: Downward Expansion

University of Houston-Clear Lake appears to be on the path of change. Again. Still. In its 36 years, it has undergone many changes as it accommodates the needs of the community and brings into its family a wider array of faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors and friends. This latest change — "downward expansion" to begin accepting freshman and sophomore students — will bring new opportunities to students in the area. It will also bring new traditions that mirror old ones.



Now that the governor has signed the legislation, UHCL will shift gears on the plans that have been underway for a few years. The exact timing of when the change takes effect is yet to be determined — primarily based on budgetary issues — but the university will be on a clear, strategic path toward the new goal. The UHCL family will change, too, bringing new stories and generations to the mix. As always, we are interested in your stories and we pause at this crossroads to request your sharing of UHCL "family" stories.

For example:

- Did your children or your parents also graduate from UHCL, or do they work at UHCL? Did you both attend at about the same time? How did that work?
- Did you attend UHCL at the same time as a sibling?
- Do you have multiple UHCL alumni, faculty members or staff members in your family?
- Did your relationship with your significant other begin at UHCL?
- Did someone who is no longer living influence you to attend UHCL? Were they alive when you graduated?

[Feel free to share your story here.](#)

UHCL has the "tradition" and the reputation for being available to a diverse and varied student body, representing various professions, generations, cultures and objectives. We will continue that with the coming changes in enrollment, expanding the richness of the UHCL family stories. Old traditions will become new again.



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