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Record-breaking enrollment and the addition of a new campus made fall 2010 a successful start for the 2010-2011 academic year. At UHCL, we say that we are a partnership-oriented and community-minded university and there is no better example of this than UHCL Pearland Campus. The new campus welcomed more than 500 students during its first semester, bringing UHCL's total number of students to more than 8,000 for the first time in its history.

Working closely with the City of Pearland, UHCL is now able to offer more convenient bachelor's and master's degrees to the residents of Pearland and the surrounding areas. At the campus, we look forward to working with our K-16 partners including Alvin Community College, the San Jacinto College District and Houston Community College as well as both the Pearland and Alvin Independent School Districts.

We are eager to continue building on this partnership and creating new ones so that we can offer the best possible educational opportunities to everyone. Look for additional degree programs from UHCL for Pearland and surrounding communities. The people of the City of Pearland have invited us in to their community and, together, we will enhance the quality of life and economic development of the city.

UHCL President William A. Staples thanked city officials and residents of Pearland for welcoming the university to their city with the creation of UHCL Pearland Campus. This is the first such initiative for the university and builds on a partnership the university has celebrated in the past.



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ON THE COVER: DeAndrea Brown, a criminology graduate student and Gustavo Ganzo, an education undergraduate student, are both benefitting from the new UHCL Pearland Campus. The UHCL satellite campus opened in August 2010 and is located just south of Beltway 8.

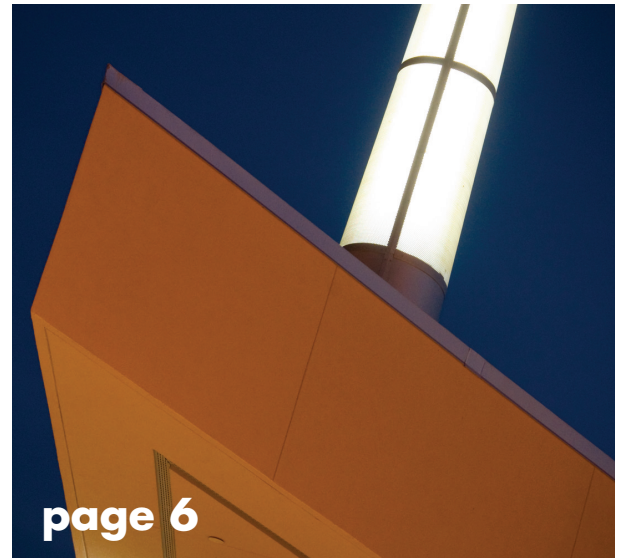
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COMMUNITY COMMITMENT The Sallie Mae Fund recognized UHCL as a Committed Partner of the Kids2College program. In February, faculty and students led interactive workshops and presentations for more than 800 sixth-graders from Earnesteen Milstead and Carter Lomax Middle Schools.

CASE FOR COUNCIL Assistant Professor of Women's Studies and Psychology Kim Case was elected to serve a three-year term on the Council for the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, American Psychological Association Division 9.

WELL-MERITED GRANT Anne Coppenhaver, clinical associate professor in educational leadership and director of UHCL's Center for Educational Programs, received a \$65,205 award from the Texas Workforce Commission for her proposal "2010 Summer Merit Program." The program provided full scholarships for 162 students to attend weeklong camps at UHCL and UH-Downtown. These "Kid U" camps focus on math, science, social studies, language arts and technology.

ADDING UP Sue Brown received \$40,701 in additional funding from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Teacher Quality Grants Program. Her total award for the "UHCL Mathematics Institute 2009-2011" proposal is \$243,010. Brown is an associate professor of curriculum and instruction, and mathematics education in the School of Education.

TEXAS-SIZED SUPPORT Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Science George Guillen received an increase in funding of more than \$1 million from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for an umbrella contract "Central and Southeast Texas Recreational Use Attainability Analyses Project," with potential funding for this project reaching \$1.5 million. Guillen, who serves as executive director of the Environmental Institute of Houston, also received a \$137,745 award from TCEQ for "Texas Nutrient Criteria Development Support Project"; a \$150,000 continuation grant from the Harris County Flood Control District for "Academic Research Related to

FACULTY FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

President William A. Staples recognized five UHCL faculty members with University Faculty Fellowship awards for their outstanding contributions in teaching, research and service.

The 2010-11 honorees are Associate Professor of Social Work Stephen (Arch) Erich; Professor of Communication Ashley Packard; Associate Professor of Biology, Biotechnology and Environmental Science Richard (Rick) Puzdrowski; Professor of Philosophy and Educational Foundations Paul Wagner and Professor of Marketing L. Jean Walker.

Each of the honorees will receive stipends to be used for educational materials, research seed money, travel expenses for conferences, workshops, seminars and other related items.

"We have many outstanding faculty members at UH-Clear Lake who have made significant contributions to their respective fields and contributed to the success of our university," says UHCL President A. William Staples. "The awarding of University Faculty Fellowships presents us with an opportunity to more formally recognize the accomplishments of these outstanding faculty members."

Erich joined UHCL in 1998 and serves as the program director for the Bachelor of Social Work program. Packard became a faculty member in 1997 and now serves as convener of the digital media studies graduate program. In 1999, Puzdrowski joined the faculty and has since gained research grants from the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health. Wagner, who joined UHCL in 1979, is a widely published expert who serves as acting director for the Project in Professional Ethics. Walker, a faculty member at UHCL since 1995, was recently invited to serve on the board of directors for the Academy of Business Disciplines and the editorial review board of the Journal of Service Research.



Karen Barbier

University of Houston-Clear Lake President William A. Staples (l) formally congratulated the 2010-2011 University Faculty Fellowship recipients during a luncheon in October. Faculty recognized included (pictured, l to r) Associate Professor of Social Work Stephen (Arch) Erich, Associate Professor of Biology Richard (Rick) Puzdrowski, Professor of Philosophy and Educational Foundations Paul Wagner and Professor of Communication Ashley Packard.

NEW REVERSE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT SIGNED

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Carl A. Stockton began reaching out to area community colleges shortly after his arrival three years ago to strengthen existing partnerships and expand opportunities for students in the area. His efforts have resulted in innovative reverse articulation agreements, which allow students who transfer to UHCL from five local community colleges to transfer credits back to the originating institution to complete requirements for an associate degree.

UHCL signed its first reverse articulation agreement in 2009 with San Jacinto College, an agreement that covers all three SJC campuses. Since then, four more community colleges have signed agreements with UHCL, including Brazosport College, Lee College, Alvin Community College and College of the Mainland.

College of the Mainland became the most recent partnership in August. COM President Michael Elam and UHCL President William A. Staples signed the agreement during the community college's board of trustees meeting.

"All the community colleges are excited about the agreements, and we are too," says Stockton. "These are winning collaborations, not only for the students but also the institutions. We are looking forward to establishing additional reverse articulation agreements with our other community college partners."

ACCREDITATION GRANTED TO GRADUATE PROGRAM

UHCL received unanimous approval for accreditation of its Master of Arts in Behavior Analysis in June from the Association for Behavior Analysis International Accreditation Board. Following a report from two on-site visits that included interviews with students, and a recommendation for approval, the accreditation was granted through 2015.

Listed among the report's commendations were high marks for strong leadership by faculty, and acknowledgement of Professor of Psychology Dorothea Lerman's "impressive leadership" of the program's development. Lerman is director of the UHCL Center for Autism and Developmental Dis-

abilities. Also noted was the program's collegial atmosphere, rigorous requirements and productivity of faculty and students.

"This accreditation ensures that our program will continue to receive the support needed to provide rigorous, high-quality training for future professionals, many of whom will provide services to families in our community," Lerman says.

The program, which has admitted 52 students since its creation in 2005, is offered through the university's School of Human Sciences and Humanities. Twenty-four students have graduated from the program, with most working professionally as behavior analysts.

ANOTHER LOOK AT CONTROVERSIAL ARTWORK

Next spring UHCL will host two exhibits, "Setting the Table" and "Space in Between," marking the 30-year anniversary of the university's presentation of Judy Chicago's controversial original artwork "The Dinner Party."

Thirty-six thousand viewers filed past Chicago's "The Dinner Party" while it was exhibited at UHCL in 1980. The assemblage features 39 ceramic place settings arranged on a triangular banquet table, which is now permanently housed in the Brooklyn Museum. An additional 999 women's names are inscribed in gold on the white tile floor below the table. Each side of the triangular table represents a different period in history and honors noteworthy women from that period.

"The Dinner Party" has been surrounded by controversy since before its completion in 1979. Some points of debate include arguments over subjects and their portrayals, whether the piece supports or mars the feminist revolution, and if the piece is art or advertising. UHCL was one of four preliminary exhibit sites in the 1980s, along with the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Boston Center for the Arts and Brooklyn Museum of Art.

In celebration of the exhibit's Houston debut 30 years ago, UHCL will host "Setting the Table," an exhibit of the design process used for creating "The Dinner Party." The exhibit includes preliminary drawings, test plates and maquettes from the original artwork. It will be on loan from ACA Galleries in New York.

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Environmental and Water Quality"; a \$59,600 continuation award from Houston-Galveston Area Council Clean Rivers Program for "Clean Rivers Program Continuous Monitoring Support"; and a \$16,845 continuation award from Harris County Soil and Water Conservation District for "Greens Bayou Wetland Mitigation Bank Project."

BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS GRANT Dorothea Lerman, professor of psychology and director of the UHCL Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, received a gift of \$17,043 from the Simmons Foundation to fund an applied behavior analysis graduate assistant for 2010-11. The George and Mary Josephine Hamman Foundation also awarded \$10,000 to the Center to help fund an applied behavior analysis graduate student for 2011. These gifts will allow the center to expand its intervention services for low-income children with autism and their families.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION Lory Santiago-Vasquez, assistant professor of biology and biotechnology; Andrew Yang, associate professor of computer science and computer information systems; and Carl Zhang, professor of environmental science, have been awarded \$245,527 from the National Science Foundation for their proposal "MRI-R2: Acquisition of a Time of Flight Mass Spectrometry System for Interdisciplinary Research and Training."

NEW SPACES Construction on the Arbor Building is now under way. The project, which includes renovating existing space, will add more than 30,000 square feet. Two new wings will feature a ceramics studio, wood shop, foundry, sculpture classroom and studio, a model classroom and laboratory, psychology lab and clinic, support space for the School of Education, and a 1,000-square-foot center for the treatment and study of autism. Tuition Revenue Bonds are being used to fund the project, which should be completed in August 2011.

IN MEMORY The UHCL community mourns the passing of long-time employee Cristo Alfonso. Alfonso worked with the Grounds Department for almost 15 years and retired in April. He passed away on July 26.



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STUDENT PUBLICATIONS UHCL's student-produced publications "The Signal" and "Bayosphere," received 24 awards at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association's state competition. They also placed at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association competition.

SCE EXPANDS CURRICULUM The School of Science and Computer Engineering launched its Bachelor of Applied Sciences in Information Technology this year. The BAS-IT program provides students an academic background in cutting-edge technology that is anchored in the core theories of information technology and computing.

BRAVO! Did you know that Guion Bluford Jr., a 1987 MBA graduate and 2003 Distinguished Alumnus honoree, was inducted into the United States Astronaut Hall of Fame earlier this year? Learn about recent achievements of UHCL faculty, staff, students and alumni online in "Bravo!," a quarterly report.

GET CONNECTED Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/UHCLClearLake and www.facebook.com/UHCLPearlandCampus. See photos, find out what's happening on and around campus, read the latest news and connect with other UHCL students, faculty, staff and alumni. You can also follow us on Twitter @UHCLClearLake to get the latest updates wherever you are.

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Exhibited with these works will be a video "Space in Between." The film by Margarita Cabrera provides a visual example of the design process used for "The Dinner Party," which includes the skills of hundreds of artists over a six-year period. Both "Setting the Table" and "Space in Between" will be housed in the Alfred R. Neumann Library at UHCL, Feb. 19 – April 20, 2011.

Persons seeking further information about "Setting the Table" and "Space in Between" should contact artinfo@uhcl.edu. Persons interested in sponsoring these exhibits should contact Assistant Director of Development Elbby Antony at antonye@uhcl.edu or 281-283-2016.

ARTCAMP OFFERS WORLDLY EXPERIENCE

In July, UHCL Professor of Fine Arts Sandria Hu traveled to Plzen, Czech Republic as part of the university's International Art Consortium. Hu, along with UHCL Adjunct Instructor Miguel Herrera and Associate Vice President for University Advancement Dion McInnis, who is also professional photographer and writer, spent a week teaching ArtCamp students mixed media painting (Hu and Herrera), and photography (McInnis).

Both Hu and McInnis had gallery exhib-

its at the University of West Bohemia, the host institution. Lessons were divided between creating art or images and visiting the gallery to view and discuss the instructors' works. McInnis' reflective presentation "Art Removes Borders," illustrates his experience. He has made the presentation several times and hopes to continue sharing it.

The consortium is an agreement among UHCL; University of Hawaii in Hilo; Universidad de Veracruzana in Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico; University of West Bohemia in Plzen, Czech Republic; University of Arts in Belgrade, Serbia; and the Academy of Art and Design in Bratislava, Slovakia. It provides opportunities for faculty members to visit and instruct at the different institutions and will, in the future, expand opportunities for students to study at the different institutions.

University of West Bohemia's ArtCamp classes range from one to three weeks. "You want to do something different," said Hu, encouraging any students participating in the program to sign up for a course that will provide them with a broader academic and cultural experience. Hu hopes that six UHCL students can travel to Plzen for ArtCamp in 2011.

UHCL Professor of Fine Arts Sandria Hu (center) taught mixed media painting to students at the University of West Bohemia in Plzen, Czech Republic, during ArtCamp 2010.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Through January 10, 2011

Foreign Language and English Enhancement Registration, session 3. 281-283-3033.

Through January 14, 2011

Spring 2011 Open Registration. 281-283-2500.

Through January 20, 2011

"Lone Star College North Harris Faculty Exhibition," Bayou Building, Art Gallery. 281-283-3311.

December 13

"Strategic Utilization of Leadership Skills," by Center for Advanced Management Programs. 281-283-3121 or 281-283-3133.

December 17

Commencement Kick-Off, 5:30-7 p.m., Bayou Building, Atrium I and Garden Room. 281-283-2021.

December 17

"Managing Diversity in the Workplace: Strategies for Success," by Center for Advanced Management Programs. 281-283-3121 or 281-283-3133.

January 10

Spring 2011 priority application deadline for new undergraduate students, former and non-degree seeking undergraduate and graduate students. 281-283-2500.

January 13

UHCL Pearland Campus New Student Orientation, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 1200 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. 281-212-1679.

January 20

"The Next Giant Leap: Role in the Future of Spaceflight," by Mike Coats, director, Johnson Space Center. CLASP "Visions in our Midst" Speaker Series, 5:30-7 p.m., Bayou Building, Garden Room. 281-283-2021.

February 3

"Health Care Reform: Rationing Health Care," by Howard Brody, M.D., University of Texas Medical Branch. CLASP "Visions in our Midst" Speaker Series, 5:30-7 p.m., Bayou Building, Garden Room. 281-283-2021.

February 7 - 8

"Successfully Coaching and Motivating Employees," by Center for Advanced Management Programs. 281-283-3121 or 281-283-3133.

February 7 - March 31

"Lone Star College Cy-Fair Faculty Exhibition," Bayou Building, Art Gallery. 281-283-3311.

February 9 - 28

Foreign Language and English Enhancement Registration, session 4. 281-283-3033.

February 11

"8 Seasons," Mercury Baroque Ensemble, 8 p.m., Bayou Building, Bayou Theater. 281-283-2560.

February 17

"Digital Motion Pictures for the 21st Century," by Marcus Havican, filmmaker. CLASP "Visions in our Midst" Speaker Series, 5:30-7 p.m., Bayou Building, Garden Room. 281-283-2021.

February 19 - April 20

"Setting the Table" and "Space in Between" art exhibits. Alfred R. Neumann Library. artinfo@uhcl.edu.

March 1

Summer I and II application deadline for international students. 281-283-2500.

March 3

"Memories of a Texas Ranger," by Haskell A. Taylor, retired Texas ranger. CLASP "Visions in our Midst" Speaker Series, 5:30-7 p.m., Bayou Building, Garden Room. 281-283-2021.

March 3

"Wyndwyre," Celtic ensemble, 8 p.m., Bayou Building, Bayou Theater. 281-283-2560.

March 28 - April 18

Foreign Language and English Enhancement Registration, session 5. 281-283-3033.

April 1

"Solerio Flamenco," inspired by the Feria de Sevilla, 8 p.m., Bayou Building, Bayou Theater. 281-283-2560.

April 7

"Spaceflight: The Long and Short of It," by Clayton C. Anderson, astronaut. CLASP "Visions in our Midst" Speaker Series, 5:30-7 p.m., Bayou Building, Garden Room. 281-283-2021.

April 18 - June 2

"UHCL BFA Art Exhibition," Bayou Building, Art Gallery. 281-283-3311.

April 22 - June 3

Summer 2011 Open Registration. 281-283-2500.

April 22 - August 19

Fall 2011 Open Registration. 281-283-2500.

May 5

"The Archeology of the Mexican Army," by Gregg Dimmick, M.D., author. CLASP "Visions in our Midst" Speaker Series, 5:30-7 p.m., Bayou Building, Garden Room. 281-283-2021.

Dates and times are subject to change; please confirm event details by calling the telephone number listed or visiting UHCL's website at www.uhcl.edu. Individuals who wish to participate in any of the events listed and who need special accommodations to do so, should contact the university's American Disabilities Act coordinator at 281-283-2626 at least two weeks before the date of the event.

{lifelong learning}

UHCL's Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs returned for another fascinating year of robotic medicine, outer space experiences and tales of Texas lawmen. The 2010-11 series includes presentations by a filmmaker, an astronaut and a Galveston archivist among others.

Marilyn Lunney, who serves as volunteer chair for the program, started CLASP in 2002 to encourage lifelong learning. CLASP's diverse range of program topics draws more than 1,200 participants each year.

"The idea came when I realized there was much to be learned and not much time left in our lives to do so," says Lunney, who credits countless others with helping to develop and run the program.

CLASP presents its "Visions in Our Midst" speaker series on Thursdays throughout the fall and spring semesters at UHCL, and offers daytime speaker series on Fridays at the Freeman Branch Library in Houston. This past spring CLASP added a third location, the Melvin Knapp Center in Pearland.

"With UHCL opening its new Pearland campus, we wanted to have more of a presence in the Pearland community and the Melvin Knapp Center was a perfect fit for CLASP," says Mindi Funderburg, coordinator of outreach and communications at UHCL.

The "Visions in Our Midst" and daytime speaker series are free and open to the community. For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/clasp or call 281-283-2021.



City of Houston Mayor Annise Parker presented "Houston: Present and Future," to guests at the CLASP Evening Distinguished Speaker Series "Visions in our Midst" in September. Pictured, from left, are Glynn Lunney, CLASP volunteer chair Marilyn Lunney, Mayor Parker and UHCL President William A. Staples.

Diana North



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Education remains one of the key elements necessary for the growth of a community and Pearland city leaders, as well as University of Houston-Clear Lake administrators, recognized that both entities had the need and opportunity to create that element. The two groups discussed the potential to enhance higher education in the city, and formed a partnership geared toward making that vision a reality. That reality is UHCL Pearland Campus. Everyone involved realized that a building would provide more than just space; a building would provide educational convenience to busy residents living nearby as well as house the fulfillment of dreams for many. UHCL Pearland Campus represents the possibilities of partnerships and how much positive change these kinds of partnerships can create.



MAY 2004

UHCL President William A. Staples, UH System Chancellor Jay Gogue and UHS Associate Vice Chancellor for Planning and University Outreach Ed Hugetz meet with Pearland Mayor Tom Reid, Pearland Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Fred Welch and Pearland City Manager Bill Eisen to discuss higher education needs in the Pearland area.

MAY 2007

UHS Board of Regents approves UHCL's request for the creation of a campus in Pearland.

JULY 2007

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves UHCL's request to develop a new campus in Pearland.

MARCH 2008

UHCL President William A. Staples presents City of Pearland the 2008 UHCL Community Partnership Award for outstanding leadership and partnership.

JANUARY 2009

Pearland City Council approves a design-build contract for construction of a 30,659-square-foot building to house UHCL Pearland Campus in 22,616 square feet and the remaining 8,043 square feet will house the Pearland Economic Development Corporation.

MAY 2009

Construction crews break ground at the future site of UHCL Pearland Campus, approximately one mile south of Beltway 8 on Pearl and Parkway near McHard Road.

AUGUST 2010

UHCL Pearland Campus officially opens to the public with a grand opening and ribbon-cutting event. Classes begin at UHCL Pearland Campus.





PEARLAND CAMPUS

From the first visit community leaders made to the future site of the campus to the first day of classes in August 2010, the creation, construction and fruition of UHCL Pearland Campus has been captured in thousands of images by photographers far too numerous to count. As a university we are fortunate to have so many images from so many historical and celebratory moments.

A special thank you to the photographers who helped to fill these pages with images of UHCL Pearland Campus and its historical premiere semester. Contributing photographers: Bill Baptist, John Gilmore, Brent Goucher, Mark Kinonen, Dion McInnis, Palmer Construction LLC and Joanne Timm.



UHCL Pearland Campus is the result of a great partnership between the City of Pearland and UHCL. UHCL President William A. Staples (l) with Mayor Tom Reid and Pearland Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Matt Buchanan are pleased with the results of the partnership.

Delivering education to the people

Satellite campus supports higher ed needs of Pearland area
by Karen Barbier

Pearland Mayor Tom Reid has vision. It's this vision that has kept him in office as mayor for 25 of the last 30 years. Although he could boast about his good work, the word "I" never appears in his sentences. He attributes the success to a universal "we" that includes not only all of his city council members past and present, but, basically, all Pearland residents.

opportunities to their communities, and this is just one more example of how we are accomplishing our mission."

Pearland and the surrounding communities seem to agree. As of this writing, 530 students are enrolled at the satellite campus bringing the total UHCL enrollment to more than 8,000 – a record-breaking enrollment for the 36-year-old university. With four community colleges located nearby including Alvin, San Jacinto and Houston Community College as well as Brazosport College, Reid and other city leaders knew the university would be a success.

"The addition of UHCL Pearland Campus is just one step in completing the vision of what we have planned for Pearland," says Reid. "We have the opportunity to be a very unique community."

"We were one of the first cities to have a land use plan as part of our charter, and one of the second communities in the area with a water sewer impact fee," says Reid, regarding two important city initiatives that allowed Pearland to be named in 2007 by Forbes magazine as the 34th fastest-growing suburb in the country and ninth fastest in the state.

So, when he and others in the city thought the one thing they were missing was a university, it was only a matter time before they went to work on that initiative. At about the same time University of Houston System leaders, led by then Chancellor Jay Gogue, were looking at ways to "put campuses where the people are," says Reid.

This eventually led to a 2004 meeting between system leaders, UHCL President William A. Staples, Mayor Reid, City Manager Bill Eisen and former Pearland Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Fred Welch. With the May 2007 UH System Board of Regents approval and July 2007 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approval, the real planning for UHCL Pearland Campus began.

"Many of our partners helped to make this happen including Mayor Reid, City Manager Bill Eisen, and the members of the Pearland City Council who along with the Pearland Economic Development Corporation helped move this from an idea to a concept to a brand new facility," says Staples. "This government, business, education partnership speaks to what public universities should and must do in the 21st century."

University friends, faculty, staff, administration and Pearland city leaders celebrated the Grand Opening of the UHCL Pearland Campus in August with a Pearland Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting to mark this historic event.

"The four UH System universities are committed to student success and providing our region with the workforce and the resources necessary to make our economy strong," says UH System Chancellor Renu Khator. "We are proud that UH-Clear Lake has opened a satellite campus in Pearland to serve the residents of that vibrant city and its surrounding communities."

"As we continue to look for opportunities to provide the Greater Houston area with access to comprehensive higher education programs, this new campus is one more step in the right direction. President Staples and his faculty and staff leadership are to be commended for working with Pearland business and government sectors to bring this project to completion, helping that community grow and prosper."

UH System Board of Regents Chair Carroll Robertson Ray concurs.

"The UH-Clear Lake Pearland Campus is the result of a winning partnership that will be extremely beneficial to the residents of the Pearland area," says Ray. "I am delighted to see that the UH System universities continue to find ways to provide educational

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE

Numerous individuals and municipalities played a part in the creation of UHCL Pearland Campus. The City of Pearland donated the 40-acre tract on Pearland Parkway and issued general obligation bonds for its construction. UHCL Pearland Campus will lease 22,616 square feet of the building, with the remaining 8,043 square feet leased by the Pearland Economic Development Corporation.

Construction Project Team members include the following:

Owner: City of Pearland

Program Manager: Huitt-Zollars Inc.

Design Builder: Palmer Construction, LLC

Architect: Studio Red Architects

MEP Engineer: DBR Engineering Consultants

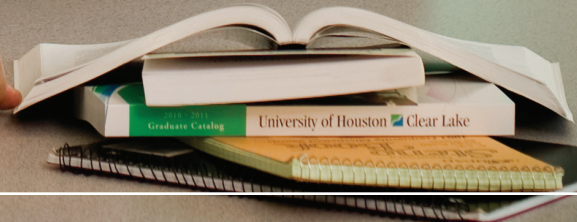
Structural Engineer: Matrix Structural Engineers

Civil Engineer: ESPA Corp.

Landscape Design: Westco

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Barbier



UHCL offers Pearland-area students new opportunities for success

To the nth degree

Students at UHCL Pearland Campus can choose from six undergraduate and five graduate degree programs in the Schools of Business, Education, and Human Sciences and Humanities.

Undergraduate programs include accounting, behavioral sciences, criminology, general business, interdisciplinary studies, and psychology. Graduate students can select from degree programs in behavioral sciences, counseling, criminology, educational management, and psychology.

To learn more, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/pearland> or call 281-212-1700.

graduate student DeAndrea Brown wants her son to follow in her footsteps. The 28-year old Brown understands the value of an education and the importance it plays in creating a successful life, and she plans to urge her 4-year-old to get an education when he gets older so he, too, can find success. Her own personal dreams of attaining a master's degree have become more of a reality with the addition of UHCL Pearland Campus.

"I always planned to get my graduate degree," says Brown, who first learned about plans for the new campus in 2009, "and once I heard about the new campus, I knew I would pursue it there."

A role model for her son, the working mother and Pearland resident enrolled at the new campus to work toward reaching her lifetime goal of helping at-risk teenagers.

"Professionally, I would like to work with juveniles," says Brown, who is pursuing her Master of Arts in Criminology, one of five graduate programs offered at UHCL Pearland Campus. "I have an interest in juvenile justice and delinquency. I hope to make a difference in the lives of juveniles."

Helping youngsters is also the dream of 24-year-old Gustavo Ganzo, who is studying for an education degree at the Pearland campus and plans to be an elementary school teacher of English as a Second Language. Gustavo likes the convenience of attending classes at the new campus, which is located only a short drive from his home in a nearby Houston neighborhood.

"I heard about UH-Clear Lake opening a campus in Pearland during the spring semester by mail, and decided I could get my degree there after learning that the campus location is a five-minute drive from my house and that they offer my degree," says Ganzo, who will take many of his classes at the Pearland campus, but will probably complete some classes at UHCL as well.

Students at UHCL Pearland Campus have access to classrooms and labs with the latest in computer technology as well as on-site enrollment services, financial aid and student support. Palmer Plaza, named in recognition of major donors David and Stephanie Palmer, offers a tranquil setting for study and reflection as well as a landscaped setting for outdoor events.

"Since our first day of class in August, we have had an overwhelming positive response to us being in Pearland," says Director of Campus Operations Kathy Dupree. "Students can do just about everything at UHCL Pearland Campus that they can do at UHCL."

Brown and Gustavo are just two of the more than 500 students who are attending classes at UHCL Pearland Campus. The successful enrollment for the first semester of the new campus promises future growth and development as well as increasing needs for academic programs and student support.

"We plan to keep assessing needs and finding ways to meet them," says Dupree.

For Ganzo and Brown, the campus is already helping them to meet their goals. Both offer advice to those who are considering pursuing a higher education degree, whether at UHCL Pearland Campus or any other educational institution.

"The advice I would give to college students is to take college seriously; always do your best, and you will prevail," says Brown, who will one day share the same advice with her son. "I want him to know that with prayer, he can achieve whatever he wants to as long as he stays focused and does his best."

Ganzo, who admits to having a tough time during the first two years of his college career, says, "My advice is to never give up, no matter what the circumstances are."

Both seem to be living by their own advice, and UHCL Pearland Campus might just be the catalyst to their success.

UHCL Pearland Campus graduate student DeAndrea Brown and undergraduate student Gustavo Ganzo are both happy to be among the first group of students to attend classes at the new campus.



Building
the future

Pearland builder, family hope to make others' dreams come true

by Karen
Barbier

David Palmer and his company, Palmer Construction LLC, not only constructed UHCL Pearland Campus, but he and his wife, Stephanie, created opportunities for Pearland college students with the newly established David and Stephanie Palmer Family Scholarship Endowment.

"The whole difference between construction and creation is exactly this: that a thing constructed can only be loved after it is constructed; but a thing created is loved before it exists." Although English writer G. K. Chesterton penned this quote more than a century ago, it was almost as if he knew David Palmer. As owner and president of Palmer Construction LLC, Palmer has a passion for creating things.

"The most exciting part is when the brand new structure is in the air, and the peak of activity is ongoing," says Palmer. "There is nothing more rewarding than to see the clients' faces as they witness their new facility going vertical into the sky with cranes and hard hats everywhere."

Although Palmer refers only to the client's excitement, one can sense the frenetic energy in his choice of words and his love of construction, which began in 1974 when he was attending University of Houston. An introduction to family friend and local builder Fred Radwonski – who helped build facilities in the Texas Medical Center – led Palmer to change his career path from law to construction (civil engineering). Radwonski convinced Palmer that there would be a good future in the construction industry in Houston.

As history has shown, changing careers was the right move for Palmer and, indirectly, UHCL. His company, Palmer Construction, built the 30,659-square-foot facility for the City of Pearland that houses UHCL Pearland Campus and the Pearland Economic Development Corporation.

"We have always excelled in our teaming skills to develop a project from its grass roots (raw land) to enclosed structure," says Palmer of his construction team. "It is this part, along with best practices, that makes our job so exciting and rewarding in the end."

Palmer's enthusiasm for building is shared with another of his passions: his family. This especially includes his wife and partner through life, Stephanie, an avid volunteer for their church, including serving as a member of the orphanage advisory team. Together, they celebrate the successes of their three children and their children's part in making Palmer Construction a success: Sean, 32, a field engineer and assistant superintendent for the construction company; Adam, 26, a firefighter for the City of Sugar Land and a business administrator for Palmer Construction; and Candace, 29, an author and marketing assistant for the company.

The Palmers' passion for family extends beyond their immediate family to those who live in the place they call home – Pearland – with the establishment of the David and Stephanie Palmer Family Scholarship Endowment. The endowment will provide scholarship opportunities for Pearland residents who attend UHCL Pearland Campus.

"It is so difficult for many of us to complete higher education," comments Palmer. "It is easy to start, but so hard to achieve that final goal."

"Our desire is to provide a means of tangible encouragement to those that the university feels meets their standards."

"Their commitment is personal and professional," says UHCL Associate Vice President for University Advancement Dion McInnis. "They believe in Pearland; they help build Pearland."

During a special premiere event marking the opening of UHCL Pearland Campus, university representatives announced plans to name the outdoor plaza to recognize the family who has done so much to make educational opportunities a possibility in Pearland. Palmer Plaza offers a quiet, park-like setting for students, faculty and staff to relax or study. During fall 2010, the university will install a specially created sundial to recognize the Palmer family.

"Palmer Plaza marks the dedication, beliefs and commitment of a family to a community and its dreams," adds McInnis.

"Through the creation of the scholarship, the Palmers assured educational opportunities would be available to the residents of Pearland throughout the passage of time."

The Palmer family – led by David – has done more than construct a building for Pearland-area residents; they've created educational opportunities for future success.



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A DREAM, A PLAN AND A FUTURE

Pictured, front, from left, are former Knapp Center Coordinator Cheryl Patterson and City of Pearland Public Affairs Manager Mattie Culver. Pictured, back, from left, are State Rep. Randy Weber, Pearland ISD Superintendent Bonny L. Cain and Pearland Councilman Woody Owens. Not pictured is Patricia Reid Robison.

Alumni, in many ways, helped create UHCL Pearland Campus

Taryn Cornelius

UH-Clear Lake alumni already have pretty astonishing résumés. They have launched space shuttles, crossed borders and oceans to deliver medical care, and helped brighten the futures of thousands of students from kindergarten to college. Now there is one more item to add to that resume – they’ve created a university campus.

Pearland Councilman Woody Owens knew something was missing in Pearland. A 1983 graduate from the UHCL School of Business, Owens has watched the population of Pearland soar since 2000 from less than 30,000 residents to almost 125,000. When he heard of Mayor Tom Reid and Pearland leaders’ vision for higher education in Pearland, Owens knew the prospective plan already had a pretty strong foundation.

“We had good grade schools and high schools,” says Owens. “The component that was really missing was higher education.”

Creating a stand-alone university would have taken a minimum of five years, so the city and the university began exploring leasing opportunities. The city agreed to build the facility, leasing it to UHCL for use specifically as an institute of higher education within the city limits of Pearland.

“UHCL Pearland Campus means an opportunity for some to go back to school, and others to go to school without having to leave home,” says Owens. “This is one of the best things we could do in this city.”

“Not many times does an individual get to see something all the way through.”

He plans to stay in Pearland even after his term as councilman is over, and hopes to help develop Pearland-area UHCL alumni events and activities.

More than a decade ago, City of Pearland Mayor Tom Reid said he wanted to bring higher education to Pearland. His daughter Patricia Reid Robison, who graduated from UHCL in 2000, thought that at the time her father was dreaming a little big.

“I was a little skeptical,” says Robison, who encouraged her father’s idea nonetheless. Twelve years after the elder Reid began talking about bringing higher education to Pearland, his dream became a reality, not only for him, but also for the several hundred students who enrolled at the campus in fall 2010.

“UHCL is being very receptive to its customer base in regard to tweaking the curriculum,” says Robison, of the six undergraduate and five graduate programs offered. Program offerings were based on the local areas of need, providing students with courses that could directly answer needs in their local community.

“When they first purchased the land for the university, Dad dragged me out to see it. I remember looking at this piece of land just sitting out there and asking ‘so when are they going to finish the road?’”

The campus is located on Pearland Parkway – a direct line from Houston’s Beltway 8 to a quickly growing city.

Though her days of taking classes are in the past, Robison appreciates that students in Pearland now have the university in such close proximity.

Cheryl Patterson, a 1997 UHCL graduate, describes herself as a cheerleader for UHCL Pearland Campus. As former coordinator at the Melvin Knapp Senior Center, located in Pearland, she is acquainted with a different kind of student than those who fill the halls at UHCL. She hopes the campus’s presence will mean increased opportunities for the “students” she worked with – opportunities

that are conveniently located right down the road.

A year ago, UHCL employee Wanda Honeycutt, now retired, walked into Patterson's office and started talking about the Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs. CLASP sounded like the perfect program to bring to the Knapp Center and that July, Patterson contacted CLASP representatives to find out how the two groups could form a partnership. A few months later the first CLASP mini-courses were hosted at the Knapp Center.

Of the 800 registered retirees who use the Knapp Center, over 100 visit the center daily. Patterson hopes the success of CLASP at the Knapp Center will someday lead to a lifelong learning partnership between the center and UHCL. Similar programs can be found nationwide, allowing senior citizens to take non-credit courses at reduced fees whether alongside degree-seeking students or in courses specially designated for lifelong learners.

City of Pearland Public Affairs Manager Mattie Culver was thrilled when she first heard word that UHCL might be coming to Pearland.

"I wondered why I felt so strongly about it, since I had long since passed the milestone of higher education," says Culver, who graduated from UHCL in 1989 and again in 1997. "Then, it hit me – the excitement stemmed from knowing that others were going to have the opportunity for a life-changing experience, but with the added convenience of a shorter commute."

Culver describes her participation in the creation of UHCL Pearland Campus as "nominal – more along the lines of cheering with all my heart on the sidelines."

Fans like Culver not only encouraged the fruition of UHCL Pearland Campus, but also showed that there was a strong desire to have such an institution in the city.

"It sounds trivial, but the reality is that proximity – our physical, spatial surroundings – can many times drive our choices of where we go and what we choose to do in the time we have allotted to fulfill a want or need."

Another member of that supportive audience is State Rep. Randy Weber of Pearland, who graduated from UHCL in 1977.

"It was a no brainer," says Weber about supporting the legislation that allowed the City of Pearland to allocate funds for the construction of UHCL Pearland Campus.

"As an alumnus, you bet I'm excited to have the campus here," says Weber.

Pearland Independent School District Superintendent Bonny L. Cain, a 1982 UHCL graduate, eagerly welcomed UHCL Pearland Campus to Brazoria County because it not only means an affordable college degree, but also one that is conveniently located to Pearland.

"Pearland Independent School District could be defined as a K-12 district that teaches reading, writing and arithmetic, but that definition barely scrapes the surface," says Cain. "Pearland ISD students need to know the fundamentals, but also must be prepared for the future."

"While pursuing a career in education, I earned my master's degree from the UH-Clear Lake and my doctorate from the University of Houston, so I understand the value of higher education," says Cain. She believes that the campus will bring unlimited opportunities for Pearland ISD students and the city as a whole.

"I am excited to see the dream that began so long ago become a reality," says Cain.

{ and the award goes to... }

A well-deserved round of applause and cheers honored award recipients recognized at the 2010 Alumni Celebration in October.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Cindy Howard, '81 MS

Professor of Biology and Environmental Sciences, UHCL

Lee M. Morin, '09 MS

Astronaut, NASA/JSC and United States Navy

Rebecca L. (Becky) Reitz, '90 BBA

Attorney at Law, Gay & Reitz Attorneys at Law

Marilyn Sims, '88 BS

Attorney at Law, Weycer, Kaplan, Pulaski & Zuber, P.C.

Gregory R. Smith, '84 MS

Superintendent of Schools, Clear Creek Independent School District

Maura Walsh, '83 MA

President, Hospital Corporation of America Gulf Coast Division

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Joyce Delores Taylor, '04 MA, '06 MA, '08 MA

Senior Human Resources Specialist, City of Houston Administration and Regulatory Affairs

EARLY ACHIEVEMENT

James G. Springfield, '91 MHA

President and Chief Executive Officer, JGS Advisory Services, LLC

OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR

Denise McDonald

Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, UHCL School of Education

Want to know more about UHCL Alumni Association award programs? Visit www.uhcl.edu/alumni.



On October 23, UHCL honored nine persons for their dedication and noteworthy actions, both through the university and the community. Pictured, from left, front row, are Denise McDonald, Outstanding Professor Award recipient; Maura Walsh, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient; Marilyn Sims, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient; and Cindy Howard, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. Pictured, from left, back row, are William A. Staples, UHCL president; Joyce Delores Taylor, Leadership Service Award recipient; James G. Springfield, Early Achievement Award recipient; Gregory R. Smith, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient; Lee M. Morin, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient; Rebecca L. Reitz, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient; and Dion McInnis, UHCL associate vice president for university advancement.

1970s

Patricia Potter Wilson, '79 MS, published "Eagle on Ice," a book about Eagle Scout Paul Siple who was chosen from thousands of Boy Scouts to go on an expedition to Antarctica with Commander Richard Byrd in 1928.

Richard Sherman, '76 MS, received a Ph.D. in Foreign Language Education from University of Texas at Austin.

1980s

Lisa Camp, '83 BA, won the 2010 National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians Paramedic of the Year Award.

Anthony Carbone, '89 MS, is an information system security officer for the Department of State in Virginia.

Nancy Hutchinson, '82 BS, was named "Teacher of the Year" by the Gulf Coast Association for the Education of Young Children. She teaches at San Jacinto College South Children's Center and is a Friendswood resident.

Lloyd Potter, '81 MS, was named state demographer by Gov. Rick Perry. The Office of the State Demographer provides census information, population estimates and projections for Texas and information from federal, state and other government sources.

Carla Voelkel, '88 Professional Teaching Certificate in Mid-Management Administration, '83 MS, is assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for Channelview ISD.

1990s

Lloyd Bell, '95 BA, teaches in Humble ISD. He lives with his family in Liberty.

Marc Biehl, '94 MHA/MBA, is the director of business development at Houston Northwest Medical Center.

Steve Christopherson, '98 MS, '81 BS, was appointed to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors. He is a counselor at San Jacinto Intermediate School in Pasadena ISD.

Craig Cordola, '98 MHA/MBA, was promoted to chief executive officer for Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, Houston. Previously he served as Assistant Vice President and CEO of Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital.

Michael Duran, '99 BA, is the principal at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School in Brazoria County.

Pam Edwards, '90 MA, is the new director for secondary curriculum for Cy-Fair ISD.

Alan E. George, '94 MHA/MBA, was appointed CEO of Palestine Regional Medical Center and Palestine Regional Rehabilitation Hospital in Palestine.

Traci Goodwin, '96 MS, '87 BA, was named "Principal of the Year" for Dickinson ISD. She works at McAdams Junior High.

Roland Hernandez, '98 MS, is the chief administration officer for Corpus Christi ISD.

Edwin Kenneth Hutchenrider Jr., '90 MS, is president of Methodist Richardson Medical Center.

Judith Johnston, '96 MS, is the research director for Innovative Analytics & Training LLC in Washington, D.C. She lives in Fairfax, Vir.

John Mafrig, '91 MBA, joined DuPont Danisco Cellulosic Ethanol in Itasca, Ill. as vice president of commercial development.

Steven Martin, '90 BS, received his M.Ed. from Lamar University and is now the assistant principal at Pasadena High School, Pasadena ISD.

Robert McReynolds, '98 BS, graduated from Lamar University with his M.Ed. and is the athletic coordinator at West Brazos Junior High School in Columbia-Brazoria ISD.

Tom Mooney, '93 MS, '87 BS, is the new athletic director for Dickinson ISD.

Becky Morris, '92 BS, is a West Virginia Great Eastern Trail coordinator for the Great Eastern Trail Association.

Anne Payne, '93 MS, is a 10th-grade counselor for Port Arthur ISD. She and her husband live in Orange.

Celeste Aguilar-Polanco, '97 BA, and her husband, Edgar, welcomed twins Victor Evan and Abigail Elena on March 24.

Chris Turner, '98 BBA, is a component coordinator with GE Healthcare in Milwaukee, Wis.

Kathy Windsor, '95 BS, is the new principal at Alvin High School in Alvin.



2000s

Elaine Parker Adams, '00 MA, had her article "School Return Stimulating for Mature Student" published by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Cyndee Crenshaw, '05 BS, married Brad Hitchcock on July 31 in Victoria.

Cullen Dieringer, '08 MS, is assistant principal at Sealy High School in Sealy.

Roy Evans, '07 MBA, is Balfour Beatty Construction's assistant project manager at the Dallas Convention Center Hotel project in Dallas.

Chad Fontenot, '02 BS, was named interim captain for the Alvin Police Department, Alvin. He joined the Alvin Police Department in 1986.

Carolyn Long Harnsberry, '08 BA, is a developmental math instructor at Galveston College, Galveston.

Christina Harris, '07 BBA, joined Re/Max Space Center as a realtor/buyers agent.

Tami King, '05 MS, '93 BBA, was named principal at College Park Elementary School in La Porte ISD.

Heidi Massin, '01 MS, is owner of Massin Consulting Services LLC, a sustainability consulting company.

Tripp Montalbo, '05 MHA/MBA, was named chief operations officer at Huntsville Memorial Hospital in Huntsville.

Deborah Murphy, '06 BS, was chosen as "Teacher of the Year" for West Brazos Junior High School and as "Secondary Teacher of the Year" for Columbia-Brazoria ISD.

Donovan O'Connor, '06 BS, is a recreation specialist for Baytown Parks and Recreation Department. He has been tapped to play a "Beau Gest"-like character in a commercial for Baytown's new water park.

Fatai Oyejobi, '03 MS, is infrastructure and technology supervisor at UHCL Pearl and Campus.

Daniel Reyes, '09 MA, accepted a position as a technical writer/editor for the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C.



Roxane Richter, '07 MA, '96 BA is president of World Missions Possible, an organization she co-founded in 2001. WMP provides medical surgical supplies and aid, disaster relief, and humanitarian assistance to 15 nations. During the period of just three weeks last year, WMP was able to provide care to 900 patients in Ghana.

Amber Sailer, '09 BA, married Bert Olah III, on May 15. She is an audit analyst at Air Products and Chemicals in LaPorte. The couple resides in League City.

Karma Wright Sronce, '08 BA, is working on her Master of Arts in Museum Studies at John Hopkins University.

Monica Stout, '10 MA, has written and illustrated a children's book, "Mandy's Heart," a true story about the plight often faced by abandoned cats.

Lea Ann Turner, '09 MS, is the learning technology manager for Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Bernardo Villegas Jr., '10 Secondary Teaching Certificate, '09 BS, is working as a deaf education teacher at Lee High School in Goose Creek ISD.

Christopher Wood, '02 MS, is the principal at Hogg Middle School in Houston ISD.

Mia Young, '04 MS, was named Channelview ISD's director of career and technical education.

In Memory

John Allred, '78 MBA, passed away August 2010.

Amy Giacchino Bates, '00 BA, passed away November 2010.

Dan Cheney, '07 MA, passed away March 2010.

Chemine Doty Peters, '85 BBA, passed away August 2010.

Ruby Helen Hall Ross, '80 MA, passed away November 2010.

William "Bill" Savage, '87 BS, passed away October 2010.

Submit your items to Class Notes by sending an e-mail with "Class Notes" in the subject line to alumni@uhcl.edu or by completing the online form at www.uhcl.edu/alumni. Be sure to note your full name, class year and contact information with your news item. You also may mail your submission to Class Notes, UH-Clear Lake, Office of Alumni and Community Relations, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., UHCL Box 318, Houston, TX 77058.

{ get involved }

Reconnect with former classmates and professors by getting involved with the UHCL Alumni Association. There are many exciting events and programs happening this year, and you can be part of the action. Make plans to attend the next Alumni Association committee meeting of your choice. For details or to RSVP for a meeting, contact Coordinator of Outreach and Communications Mindi Funderburg at 281-283-2041 or funderburg@uhcl.edu.

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pearland dreams

Taryn Cornelius

Pearland Chamber of Commerce President Carol Artz-Bycek, CCE speaks with UHCL Associate Vice President for University Advancement Dion McInnis. UHCL opened UHCL Pearland Campus in August, making the dreams of upper-level higher education in Pearland a reality for residents.

by dion mcinnis

About a decade ago, I looked over the Houston area from a skyscraper vantage point in downtown Houston when my friend, then a grant officer for Houston Endowment

Inc. said, “What I love about this area is that everyone believes they can make it happen — whatever it is they want to accomplish — if they work hard, it can be done.” I don’t recall if she was looking in the direction of Pearland, but she could have been. No matter which way she faced, the statement would be true. That is the beauty of it. And the truth of it.

University of Houston-Clear Lake was created at the request of a community with a dream — UHCL was established to serve the needs of the NASA community — and later was asked to help bring to reality the dream of Pearland. The individuals at UHCL are pleased and proud to support the dreams of the individuals of Pearland.

Dreams of a community are truly the dreams of those who live and work there.

Unfortunately, no city, organization or university can be all things to all people at all times. Dreams involve decisions and prioritized actions. Of the many elements to select from when mapping out a community’s future, city and university leaders had to choose initial programs and services that could grow with community needs. Finding out where to begin came with listening.

When Pearland City Councilman Woody Owens shared his dream for Pearland, it echoed the spirit of the stories of many others, ranging from Mayor Tom Reid to members of the chamber to parents to singles to...each shared the dream of Pearland being a humane city with quality education, healthcare, and services for people who are born there and remain to live and eventually see their grandchildren

born there. It has been said that if you can describe a dream, you can achieve it. The people of Pearland describe theirs well, which makes it easier for community-minded organizations like UHCL to join in the multiple quests that comprise a community’s dream.

With a clear view of Pearland’s needs, UHCL was able to select course offerings, degrees and services that best fit the community’s requirements and the university’s resources.

Pearland’s clarity and UHCL’s responsiveness made for a perfect marriage of talent, leadership and investment in the community’s individual and collective dreams that are possible with partnership. In August 2010, UHCL Pearland Campus opened its doors and enrollment is already substantially higher than projected. While UHCL cannot offer in Pearland everything that it offers at its campus on Bay Area Boulevard, its services, events, entertainment, non-degreed educational offerings and more can also support Pearland dreams. In various presentations in the Pearland community, I remind audiences that “no matter where you are in life, UHCL is there with you.” This applies to much more than obtaining degrees, and I encourage you to check <http://www.uhcl.edu/community> to see how much the university can do to support who you are and who you’re becoming as part of your personal dream.

Over the decades, the Clear Lake area has grown around the talent, energy, commitment, vision and dreams of the community built around NASA’s Johnson Space Center, and UHCL has been a proud part of the entire process. We look forward to the same in Pearland.

Carpe diem!

Alumni David Disiere and Melissa Summers-Disiere began their story at UHCL when they met on campus three decades ago. As they celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary, they decided to give back to the university that helped bring them together.

"They met in an environment of learning and interaction; their relationship and their family continue in that pattern. And, they hold UH-Clear Lake close to their hearts for a number of reasons," said UHCL Associate Vice President for University Advancement Dion McInnis. "They chose to commemorate their many fond memories from and about the university by sponsoring a tree in Alumni Plaza. It certainly seems fitting."

Supporting UHCL and UHCL Pearland Campus is easy to do with a variety of gift options for strengthening scholarship programs, faculty development and research opportunities, and campus enhancements. Through naming opportunities, university friends can make a lasting impact and pay tribute to family members, friends, professors or businesses. To learn more on how to help ensure the university's future success, contact the Office of University Advancement at 281-283-2021 or gifts@uhcl.edu.

To celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary, alumni David Disiere and Melissa Summers-Disiere sponsored the "Carpe Diem" tree to support efforts dedicated to beautifying the Alumni Plaza landscape.

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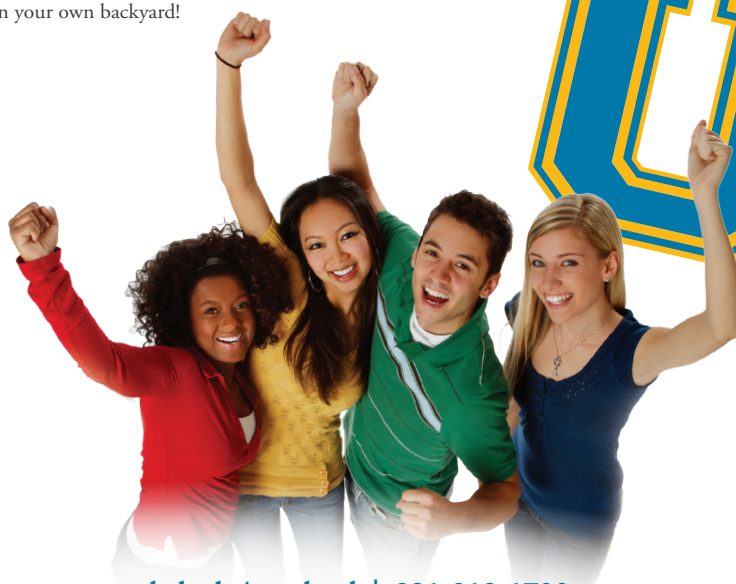
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