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October 2012: UHCL celebrates you

The three planks of higher education are teaching, research and service. Those elements sit at the core of the purpose, mission and programming at colleges and universities. At University of Houston-Clear Lake, we choose to celebrate and honor those in and out of the classrooms whose lives include those three elements. We do so with awards; we do so with celebrations; and, we do so with events. Two of them are coming up very soon.

On Oct. 6, the university's Alumni Association honors alumni and professors whose careers and service stand apart by presenting the [Distinguished Alumni](#), [Early Achievement](#) and [Outstanding Professor](#) Awards. This year's [Alumni Celebration](#) will be held at Space Center Houston. The nomination and selection process belongs to the alumni, providing an important endorsement by them for their professors and their peers. I hope that you can join us.

UHCL honors veterans and their families during the annual [Veterans Day](#) event on Nov. 11, which is our way of paying tribute to the service and sacrifices of those in the military and their families. As we say often, "Every era, every generation, every war...we're glad you're back." Organized by the Office of University Advancement and many volunteers, the event will honor all, while spotlighting those from the Vietnam War Era. The event includes the Bluebonnet Motor Pool display; keynote speaker Capt. Robert Naughton, U.S. Navy, retired, and former POW; a Huey helicopter landing; and, an open microphone opportunity for attendees to share their thoughts. The festivities begin at 3 p.m. in UHCL's Liberty Park located next to the Student Services and Classroom Building.



In the business and busyness of implementing teaching, research and service, it is critical to pause in order to honor those around us. UHCL proudly does so.



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