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For 40 years, University of Houston-Clear Lake has provided educational opportunities to the upper Texas Gulf Coast. And, for the past 20 years, Egret magazine has kept our constituents – our students, alumni, community friends and even our

faculty and staff – informed of all that has been happening at UHCL. Most recently, we have focused on the second biggest change in the university's history since opening our doors in 1974 when we welcomed approximately 600 freshman and sophomore students for the first time. Our faculty and staff diligently prepared and although we might have experienced a few growing pains, the preparation paid off with a successful first year.

As we continue to look for new and better ways to connect with and to serve our future and current students, as well as our more than 59,000 alumni, community friends, faculty and staff, we have decided to make this our last issue of Egret magazine.

What is next? We will always have good news to share and are looking for the best possible way to share it. Although we will continue to publish a brief newsletter a couple of times a year, our primary focus will be on digital communications. We urge you to stay connected by subscribing to UHCL Hawk E-News and other eCommunications at www.uhcl.edu/ecommunications and by visiting the UHCL Newsroom at www.uhcl.edu/news.

What better way to wrap up 20 years of Egret and celebrate UHCL's 40 years than by offering readers all that Egret does best: present updates on university and alumni news, introduce a few of our exciting new freshman students and highlight the top milestones of the past 40 years.

Thank you for sharing in the success of Egret and the university.

Best regards,

William A. Staples

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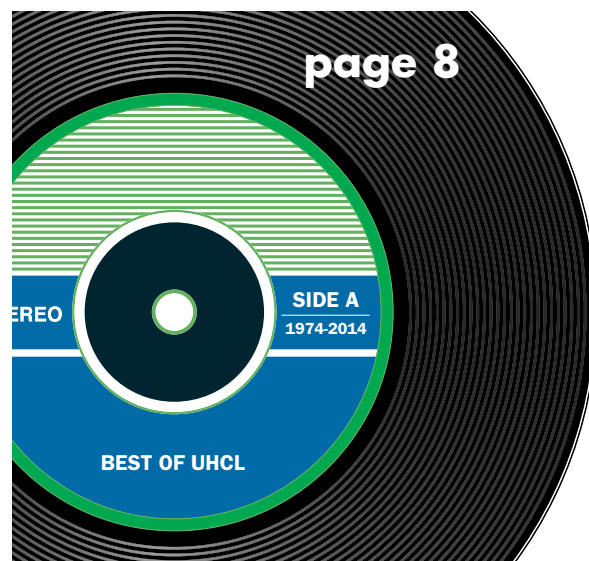
ON THE COVER: Fall 2014 marked the beginning of a new era at UHCL as freshman students joined the university for the first time. Approximately 254 students from 70 high schools enrolled.

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UHCL LAUNCHES NEW DOCTORAL PROGRAM

January 2015 marked the launch of UHCL's second doctoral program, a Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction degree with a STEM or science, technology, engineering and mathematics focus.

Offered through the university's School of Education, the new degree's emphasis is generating interest and excitement not only within the traditional K-14 field of education, but also among professionals involved in informal education sectors such as zoos, museums and education-related STEM industries such as Tietronix Software Inc., a local software engineering firm.

The software engineering company supports not only the aerospace and medical industries, but education as well through development of interactive websites, distance learning, simulations and educational games. Two of its employees were among the first to apply following UHCL's announcement of the new offering.

Monica Trevathan, Tietronix's director of education technology, defines the new doctorate as a "perfect fit" for her current work. Trevathan serves as both proposal writer and principal investigator on two federal grants that include developing innovative educational gaming applications and tools to enable engaging learning experiences that help empower students to become scientists and engineers.

"We're developing a game (for middle school robotics) that is a hybrid between a video game and a graphic novel — a comic book — that teaches students about programming skills, the engineering design process, and the math and science that goes behind robotics. It's really fantastic," she says. "With this degree I expect to strengthen the work that I'm doing in proposal writing and in conducting educational research. I don't think I would have found a greater fit with any other degree."

Educational Specialist Paulette Crawford, a chemical engineer and former secondary mathematics teacher, is passionate about discovering new ways to engage more students in STEM-related activities, especially girls.

"I was always the only female engineer most of the time," Crawford explains. "This is going to give me the opportunity to learn more teaching techniques to engage students, particularly girls."

She acknowledges gratitude for her many experiences including working as an engineer, and says she has been blessed in her endeavors but also recognizes that if she had been given an opportunity to learn in a different way, things would have been even better for her.

"That's why I'm excited about this degree aimed at STEM curriculum and instruction. It's absolutely perfect for me and also perfect for our country and where we are when it comes to STEM-related initiatives."

The degree program, which requires 54-credit hours and follows a cohort model, includes two to three courses per semester with evening meetings. To learn more, contact School of Education Director of Student Relations David Benz at benzda@uhcl.edu or 281-283-3614.



Jean Rudnicki

Tietronix's Director of Education Technology Monica Trevathan and Educational Specialist Paulette Crawford were among the first to apply for admission to the new Doctor of Curriculum and Instruction program at UHCL. Pictured (l to r) are Trevathan, Jana Willis, associate professor of instructional design and technology and teacher education, Crawford, and Sue Brown, associate professor and chair of the curriculum and instruction program.

NURSING PROGRAM GIVES RNs MORE OPTIONS

Registered nurses can take their career to the next level through the new Bachelor of Science in Nursing now being offered at UHCL Pearland Campus.

The program gained approval in 2013 from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, with classes beginning in fall 2014. It allows registered nurses to sharpen their managerial and leadership skills and to advance as nurse managers in health care organizations. The program is didactic, which means that the clinical aspect of nursing will have already been completed before attending UHCL.

"Adding the Bachelor of Science in Nursing strengthens the university

and its School of Human Sciences and Humanities," says UHCL School of Human Sciences and Humanities Dean Rick Short.

"We look at the educational needs in the area and seek to answer those needs by providing top-notch educational opportunities; this one creates a new career pathway for nurses who have already completed their licensure and received an associate degree."

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook notes that employment of registered nurses is expected to grow 26 percent between 2010 to 2020 which indicates a faster than average pace for all occupations.

In other data, the handbook indicates that registered nurses with at least a bachelor's degree in nursing will have better job prospects.

In addition to support from local community colleges, UHCL also received encouragement from local hospitals.

"I congratulate UHCL for receiving approval," adds Clear Lake Regional Medical Center CEO Stephen K. Jones Jr. "This will have a significant positive impact in the Clear Lake area. I have been a supporter of this project for some time, and it is great to see this vision realized. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will have a profound effect on the workforce in the region and, most importantly, be positive for the tens of thousands of patients treated in our local hospitals annually."

For more information about the BSN, call the School of Human Sciences and Humanities' Office of Academic Advising, 281-283-3334.

FLOW-CAL INC. HONORED FOR PARTNERSHIP

Recognizing the role that community partners play in assisting students, UHCL President William A. Staples presented the 2015 Community Partnership Award to Flow-Cal Inc. during the president's annual Report to the Community breakfast. UHCL alumnus and Flow-Cal President and CEO Michael Squyres accepted the award.

"Michael Squyres is a great example of an alumnus supporting UHCL," said Staples. "He has always been committed to UHCL and this community."

A privately owned gas and liquids measurement software development company whose products are driven by the needs of the hydrocarbon measurement industry, Flow-Cal has had a close relationship with UHCL since 1995 when Squyres founded Flow-Cal. UHCL alumni make up 38 percent of Flow-Cal's workforce. In 2013, Flow-Cal further showed its commitment to UHCL by sponsoring a charter Interview Room in the university's Office of Career Services.

Staples explained that Flow-Cal has helped UHCL students in their career development. Representatives from the company have participated in job fairs, mock interviews and more. They have financially supported FOCUS 2, an online

career planning tool in UHCL's Office of Career Services.

"At Flow-Cal, we feel very fortunate to have UHCL as a neighbor, essentially just across the street, and UHCL is near and dear to our hearts," said Squyres. "Most recently, UHCL has made the most significant and exciting change since its inception – becoming a four-year university, which greatly benefits the community and Flow-Cal. Not only does our continued relationship with the school provide quality interns and quality staff, but it also helps us attract remote talent by offering convenient access to advanced degrees."

During the presentation, Staples discussed the university's transition in 2014 from an upper-level to a four-year university.

UHCL NAMED AS 2015 MILITARY FRIENDLY® SCHOOL

UHCL has been designated a 2015 Military Friendly® school by Victory Media, a veteran-owned company that recognizes the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country dedicated to ensuring the success of military students in the classroom and beyond.



"Being named a Military Friendly® university is definitely a designation of which we are most proud," says Capt. Wendell M. Wilson Office of Veteran Services Coordinator Trisha Ruiz. "Since joining UHCL, I've been dedicated to building an office with a team who can become go-to contacts for veterans returning to school."

Deciding factors for the designation include whether or not an institution has on-campus veteran representatives to assist veteran applicants with financial aid and benefit questions, an office established as a resource for veteran students and their dependents, student organizations to represent student veterans, career and counseling services and more.

UHCL's Capt. Wendell M. Wilson Office of Veteran Services meets these standards and is committed to making each veteran's college experience a successful one.

"I feel personally responsible to help each and every veteran and dependent reach their educational goals," says Jay Hernandez, UHCL school certifying official.

For more information about the Capt. Wendell M. Wilson Office of Veteran Services, visit www.uhcl.edu/vso or call 281-283-3071.

LIBERTY BELL REPLICA MAKES A HOME AT UHCL

"Freedom" and "liberty" are not words that UHCL Associate Professor of Legal Studies James Benson uses lightly. Although these words might be hard to solidify for some, for Benson, freedom and liberty are real and concrete. And, for those who have met Benson, they would not only know of his passion for those words, but would also add honor to the list.

During two special celebrations in fall 2014, UHCL revealed and dedicated a replica of the Liberty Bell.

"Dr. Benson has been the champion of this project," says UHCL President William A. Staples.

Those who know Benson would expect him to react with modesty when receiving such high praise.

"It's not the university's bell," emphasizes Benson, speaking to all who attended the events. "It's your bell, and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for making this possible."

A Houston-based software developer, Flow-Cal has been a community friend to UHCL for several years. Pictured is Flow-Cal President and CEO Michael Squyres (front, center) with some of the UHCL alumni who work at Flow-Cal.





The UHCL Liberty Bell Project's principal goal is to develop constitutionally literate students who understand the historical roots and continuing relevance of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Several national reports noting a decline in civic education propelled Benson into action.

"How did we get away from teaching the civics and history lessons that students need?" asked Benson. "And, how can UHCL respond to this?"

That's when Benson approached the university's Office of University Advancement. The rest has become a part of UHCL history.

Now permanently housed in the UHCL Bayou Building North Lobby, the full-scale replica was created by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London, England, which cast the original Liberty Bell in 1752.

Benson and his wife, Susan, not only provided the impetus for the project, but also offered financial contributions. Alumni and others soon followed their lead and offered gifts of \$1,000 or more. Either contributing on their own behalf or in honor or memory of someone, 50 female honorees were named Belles of the Bell and male honorees received Men of Honor distinction.

Learn more about supporting the Liberty Bell Project by calling 281-283-2021.

UHCL President William A. Staples (r) offered his appreciation to Associate Professor of Legal Studies James Benson (l) and his wife, Susan.



Karen Barbier



Chris Kuhlman

UHCL PRESIDENT HONORS PHILANTHROPY, LEADERSHIP

Recognizing the gifts of university friends, UHCL President William A. Staples hosted his annual President's Cabinet dinner, which includes the presentation of awards.

Staples presented the 2015 President's Cabinet Leadership Award to UHCL Associate Professor Emerita Patricia Potter Wilson and her husband, Capt. Wendell M. Wilson.

"When I think about the Wilsons," said Staples. "Two things come to mind: 1.) They are highly devoted to education; and 2.) Their dedication and service is remarkable."

In addition to their extensive volunteer service throughout the community and contributions to UHCL, the Wilsons

created the Dr. Patricia Potter Wilson School of Education Outstanding Students Scholarship Endowment.

In 2014, the Wilsons showed their patriotic spirit by supporting UHCL's Liberty Bell project. Later that year, UHCL's Office of Veteran Services

Sandra Mossman and her husband, Gary Mossman (l), and Patricia Potter Wilson and her husband, Wendell M. Wilson (r), were honored.

honored Wendell's service in the U.S. Air Force by renaming the office the Capt. Wendell M. Wilson Office of Veteran Services. Recently, UHCL dedicated the Pat and Wendell Wilson Park because of their support of park space.

Staples also recognized Sandra and Gary Mossman's support with the 2015 President's Cabinet Philanthropy Award.

"What the Mossmans have done at UHCL is create the Dr. Sandra Mossman Endowed Professorship in Educational Leadership, which will provide a professor selected by the university with support for travel, research, outreach and more."

Superintendent of CCISD 2003-2008, Sandra Mossman worked in several positions before becoming superintendent including as a counselor, principal, and more. Gary Mossman refined his engineering skills by beginning his career as president and co-founder of Southwest Specialty Chemical Co. and retiring as president of Dixie Chemical Co. He currently serves as chief operating officer and director of PLxPharma.

Sandra Mossman has been honored with numerous awards including the George B. Carlisle Distinguished Service Award from the Clear Creek Education Foundation. Meanwhile, Gary Mossman has been active in many professional organizations including having served on the board of directors for several of them.

NOTEWORTHY

■ For the first time in its history, UHCL presented 40-year service awards during the 37th annual Faculty and Staff Awards Ceremony. Honorees included Professor of Literature John Gorman, Professor of Psychology David H. Malin, Professor of Mathematics Frank F. Matthews and Professor of Management and Public Policy Grover Starling. Top faculty awards included the President's Distinguished Service Award to Faculty Chair and Professor of Management Information Systems Naveed Saleem, the President's Distinguished Research Award to Professor of Mathematics Liejune Shiau, and the President's Distinguished Teaching Award to Associate Professor of Psychology Beth Hentges. Additionally, the Outstanding Lecturer Award was presented to Kathleen Garland, lecturer in Environmental Management in the School of Business, and the Outstanding Adjunct Award to Christine Callahan, adjunct faculty member in the School of Education. Senior Academic Advisor Leticia Sanchez-Retamozo received the 2015 Hugh P. Avery Prize – The President's Distinguished Staff Service Award. Staff Merit Awards were presented to Director of Career Services Chuck Crocker, Coordinator of Library Instructional Services Susan Steele and Scheduling Assistant Tiffany King.

■ The Continuous Improvement Commission of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation continued NCATE or the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education accreditation for UHCL's School of Education at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels. The next accreditation visit will take place in spring 2021.

■ UHCL's School of Business has maintained its business and accounting accreditations by AACSB International–The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. AACSB Accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business and accounting education, and has been earned by less than 5 percent of the world's business programs.

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

■ Assistant Professor of Special Education Elizabeth Beavers was honored by the International Council for Exceptional Children with the organization's first-ever Division of Early Childhood Award for Mentoring.

■ Assistant Professor of Psychology Amanda Johnston and Assistant Professor of Social Psychology Desdemona Rios were named Mieszkuc Professors for 2014-15. The professorship was established in 2003 by university friend Ben Mieszkuc to memorialize his wife, Marilyn.

■ Professor of Fine Arts Sandria Hu received a Fulbright Specialist grant to spend three weeks with undergraduate and graduate students and faculty at the University of Veracruz in Xalapa, Mexico, where she offered workshops on the printmaking technique chine collé.

■ Associate Professor of Industrial Hygiene and Safety Magdy Akladios has been appointed as a member of the 2015-16 ABET Applied Science Accreditation Commission.

■ Professor of Mathematics Liejune Shiau received a 2015-16 Fulbright award to Germany from the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

RESEARCH AND GRANTS

■ BIO-WEST/Texas Water Development Board awarded \$85,000 to George Guillen, executive director of the Environmental Institute of Houston and associate professor of biology and environmental science, for "Brazos Basin Environmental Flow Standard Validation & Integration of River Flows & Brazos Basin Estuary Response." Guillen also received year two, \$557,523, and year three, \$696,008.29, of a multi-year award totaling \$1,253,531.29 from the San Marcos/Edwards Aquifer Authority for research titled, "Increase Abundance & Integrity of Aquatic Plants in San Marcos River from Spring Lake Dam to Wastewater Treatment Plant."

■ Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County and Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services awarded \$127,000 to Dorothea Lerman, director of the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities and professor of psychology, for "Project ABA-SkIP: Applied Behavior Analysis Services."

■ Jana Willis, associate professor of instructional design and technology and curriculum and instruction, received \$77,372 from Tietronix Inc. and the U.S. Department of Defense for a proposal titled "To Provide Technical Development & Research Services to DARPA."

■ Bay Area Houston Advanced Technology Consortium granted a \$101,260 award to Associate Professor of Computer Science and Computer Information Systems Andrew Yang, the executive director of UHCL's Cyber Security Institute, for his proposal "Developing a Cybersecurity Curriculum in Network Management & Security for Certification Program."

■ Associate Professor of Industrial Hygiene and Safety Magdy Akladios received \$74,441 from a subcontract with Texas Southern University through the National Science Foundation to "Provide Students with Improved Research & Educational Opportunities."

IN MEMORY

The UHCL community mourned the deaths of the following faculty and staff.

■ Donald E. McMahan, who served as lead purchaser/stockroom clerk, joined UHCL in 1998 and retired in 2014. He passed away in December 2014.

■ Ashley Packard, professor of communication and digital media studies, passed away in November 2014. An internationally recognized authority on digital media and communication law, she joined the university in 1997.

■ Jackie Rasberry, who served as the School of Education's field experience coordinator and later as director of the Center for the Professional Development of Teachers, passed away in July 2014. She worked full time for 13 years before retiring in 2001.

■ Robert Schuhmann, charter faculty member and founding dean of the then-named School of Sciences and Technologies, passed away in May 2015. A physiologist with a distinguished career in the application of engineering and applied sciences to the medical field, he retired from UHCL in 1989.



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UHCL'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH RECOGNIZED For the fifth consecutive year, UHCL has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to community service. An estimated 2,123 UHCL students participated in some form of community service during 2013-14.

PROFESSOR SCULPTS LEGACY ART "Bridges/Mosty," a sculpture series by retired Professor of Fine Arts Nick de Vries, is on permanent display between the Arbor Building and the Arbor North Building as a representation of the time that de Vries spent as a professor and founding faculty member in the Applied Design and Visual Arts studio program.



OFFICE NAME HONORS VETERAN, COMMUNITY LEADER In fall 2014, the Office of Veteran Services became the Capt. Wendell M. Wilson Office of Veteran Services, honoring the longtime university friend. UHCL created the office in 2013 to serve the needs of student veterans. The name establishes a permanent legacy paying tribute to Wilson's distinguished service in the U.S. Air Force and his leadership and service to UHCL, the Bay Area Houston community and members and veterans of the Armed Forces.

ANNUAL SERVICE DAY BENEFITS STUDENTS, COMMUNITIES

More than 80 students, staff, faculty and alumni volunteers helped in nine service projects throughout the Houston-Galveston area during the annual Day of Service, presented by UHCL's Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement program.



UHCL NAMES, DEDICATES PARK FOR LONGTIME SUPPORTERS

In May 2015, UHCL hosted a special ceremony to mark the dedication and naming of the Pat and Wendell Wilson Park. Through a legacy gift from the Wilsons and a vision to protect the university's natural setting, the enhanced park includes a native garden inspired by UHCL Associate Professor Emerita Patricia Potter Wilson and her husband, Capt. Wendell M. Wilson.



GRAD STUDENT TREKS TO SAUDI ARABIA ON PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

Graduate student Michael Bustamante received a Saudi Arabia Exchange Fellowship, an opportunity sponsored by the National Council on U.S. – Arab Relations in collaboration with the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission to the U.S. and the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Higher Education. One of only 10 American college students chosen to participate in this year's program, Bustamante had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to study abroad for two weeks and then bring that experience back to the UHCL community.

UHCL PEARLAND CAMPUS RECEIVES TREE CAMPUS USA RECOGNITION For its commitment to urban forest management, UHCL Pearland Campus was honored with 2014 Tree Campus USA recognition. Tree Campus USA is a national program created in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation and sponsored by Toyota to honor colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION WELCOMES NEW DEAN Mark Shermis joined UHCL's School of Education in fall 2014 when he was named the new dean of the school. A former dean for the College of Education and professor of Educational Foundations and Leadership and of Psychology from the University of Akron in Ohio, Shermis is involved in the research of automated essay scoring systems – the ability of computers to evaluate written work.



CENTER FOR EXECUTIVE EDUCATION MOVES TO THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER Citing a growing need in the Texas Medical Center and the energy corridor, UHCL's School of Business moved the Center for Executive Education to the Texas Medical Center, home of the university's Healthcare Administration program. Since most of the Healthcare Administration courses are held in the evening, the space will provide a great place for the center to expand its classes, which are completed during the day.

SANDWICHES BRING IN MONEY FOR UHCL CENTER Jersey Mike's Subs in League City donated its opening day sales in July 2015 to the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. Joshua Singletary, district director of operations and development for Carpo Restaurant Enterprises/Jersey Mike's Subs division, said the gesture was "a personal thing," and added that founder and CEO of Jersey Mike's Subs, Peter Cancro, has a vision of giving back to the community. The sandwich shop, for the first four days it was open, also allowed customers who brought in a special coupon to get a free sub with a \$2 donation to the center.



FATHER FOLLOWS IN DAUGHTER'S FOOTSTEPS Although he started college many years ago, Manuel Diaz found that life and his full-time job slowed him down a little...so much so that his daughter, Julie Rhoads, sailed through and finished a year before him in May 2014. Diaz does not mind, though. He's a proud dad. Both received their Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering.

ART STUDENTS GAIN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE Graduate art student Amber Kaiser and undergraduate art student Kevin Cromwell gained valuable international experience during the spring 2015 semester. They offered critiques and presented workshops during a spring break trip to the University of Arts in Belgrade, Serbia, and exhibited their work at Universidad de Veracruzana in Xalapa, Mexico. The universities in Serbia and Mexico are part of UHCL's International Arts Consortium and both students are proud to say that they have participated in every consortium event either as an artist, art student or even an instructor for the last three years.



Check out "Short Takes" each week on www.uhcl.edu/news to find out what's happening at UHCL.

CONNECT:



UHCL's Top 40

Forty is fabulous! And, for UHCL, it also means we are getting younger. Skateboard-riding, skinny-jeaned freshman and sophomore students arrived in fall 2014 and managed to blend in with the minivan-driving, briefcase-carrying upper-level students who were already here. They are coming to a university that is constantly changing to meet the needs of the communities it serves. Whether it is adding academic programs, exploring new ways to teach or establishing centers of excellence, UHCL continually strives to be better and do better.

Creating a Top 40 list to highlight the significant changes and historical moments of any organization is never easy. Indeed, it can become a monumental task, when sifting through the myriad accomplishments and distinctions of the many students, alumni, faculty, staff, administrators and university friends who have shaped UHCL into a student-centered, community-minded and partnership-oriented university.

**Here's to the
next 40 years!**

SIDE A
1974-2014

BEST OF UHCL

1970s

University of Houston at Clear Lake City

1. **1974:** UHCL, known as University of Houston at Clear Lake City, welcomes more than 1,000 students and 60 faculty in 1974, stemming from the 1971 passage of House Bill 199 by the 62nd Texas Legislature to authorize the establishment of UH/CLC.



3. **1976:** What would a 40th birthday special be without including an important fact about "40"? The number of alumni reaches 40 in 1976, the same year the first formal commencement ceremony is held in Atrium II of the newly constructed Bayou Building. Sen. A.R. Schwartz serves as the keynote speaker. In addition to increasing the number of alumni that year, UH/CLC also promotes eight of its faculty for the first time.



2. **1974:** It becomes clear to administrators, including founding Chancellor Alfred R. Neumann, who had been serving as chancellor for the two previous years to help establish the new university, that its one building, the Arbor Building, could not hold everyone. On May 1, 1974, UH/CLC breaks ground on the Bayou Building. The new building is added through Senate Bill 2, introduced by Sen A.R. Schwartz and Rep. Hawkins Menefee, which authorized the sale of \$40 million in tuition bonds to fund the construction.





4. **1976:** Curtain call? In 1976, UH/CLC's Bayou Building auditorium (now known as the Bayou Theater) becomes the perfect venue for musical groups such as the Houston Symphony, which presents the inaugural performance in the new facility. Further confirming the university's commitment to the arts, university students debut their own literary magazine called Bayousphere.

5. **1977:** Meet me at the sculpture out front? In 1977, world-renowned Spanish sculptor Pablo Serrano visits the university to supervise the placement of "Spiritus Mundi" on the front lawn of the Bayou Building. The bronze sculpture, cast in Madrid, Spain, symbolizes the juxtaposition and tension within every pairing in life. Known by a variety of informal names through the years, its actual name means Spirit of the World.



UHCL LEADERS



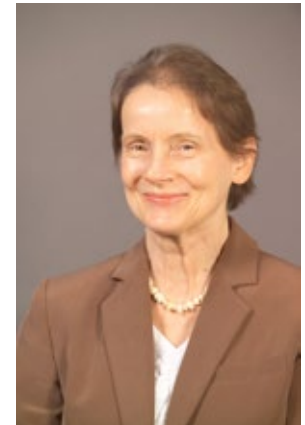
Alfred R. Neumann

Chancellor
(1974 – 1982)

Founding Chancellor Alfred R. Neumann welcomed approximately 1,069 students to UH/CLC in fall 1974. With 60 faculty and 76 staff, the fledgling university offered 15 bachelor's degree and 15 master's degree programs in the Schools of Human Sciences, Professional Studies, and Sciences and Technologies. First classes at the new campus were held in what is now known as the Arbor Building, with the Bayou Building opening in 1975. UH/CLC's library included approximately 185,000 books and 15,000 subscriptions donated by other libraries throughout the state. The library would be named the Alfred R. Neumann Library in 1983 shortly after Neumann's retirement in 1982.

6. **1978:** Faculty make a name for themselves at UHCL and beyond. Professor of Literature Gretchen Mieszkowski becomes the first UHCL professor recognized as a Piper

Professor. Beginning in 1958, the Piper Professor Program has recognized outstanding professors from public and private colleges and universities in Texas based on nominations by each college or university. Only one other UHCL professor has been named a Piper Professor – Professor of Economics William Rice in 1986.





7. 5,518

1978: A record-breaking 5,518 students register for classes in fall 1978. UH/CLC boasts three schools including Human Sciences, Professional Studies, and Sciences and Technologies.

Created at the request of NASA's Johnson Space Center, UH/CLC has maintained a great relationship working closely together to continue the pursuit of life beyond earth. In 1976, astronaut Thomas K. Mattingly placed flags flown to the moon in a time capsule on campus. The university has partnered with the space agency through the years. Among the university's alumni are 10 astronauts who have traveled

to space including Bruce McCandless II (pictured), who made the first untethered free flight of the Manned Maneuvering Unit in February 1984; Guion S. Bluford, the first African-American in space in 1993; and Bernard Harris Jr., the first African-American to walk in space in 1995.



Courtesy of NASA

Did you know that in 1979 Professor Rosemary Pledger became dean of what was then known as the School of Professional Studies? This distinction makes Pledger one of the first women to serve in that capacity at an American university.



8. 1979: Again realizing the importance of growth and space, construction of the Developmental Arts Building (now known as the Delta Building) is completed, housing a dance studio, gymnasium and more. That same year, the UH/CLC Dance Collective was formed, and theater professor Robert Everding established the Houston Shaw Festival in honor of playwright George Bernard Shaw.



1980s



9. 1981: Alumni numbers grow and in response to this growth, UH/CLC forms the Alumni Association after a task force led by faculty recommend the creation of the association. Alumnus Micheal Reeves serves as its first president. The association continues today serving more than 59,000 alumni with an executive council that is appointed by UHCL President William A. Staples.

■ And the winner is ... In 1986, Professor of Fine Arts Sandria Hu became the first American artist selected for a Fulbright Scholarship to teach in



Czechoslovakia, now the Czech Republic. Hu went on to receive Fulbright Scholarships several other times including 1992-1993, 2002 and 2009 for travel abroad opportunities in Mexico, Slovakia and Austria. Numerous other faculty have also taken their teaching skills to international locales through the Fulbright program including Associate Professor of Criminology Everette Penn, Associate Professor of Geography Jeffrey Lash, Associate Professor of Healthcare Administration Mary Ayadi and Professor of Management Lou White. Other UHCL professors honored as Fulbright Scholars include Betty Slade Yaser, Esther Yao, Grady Perdue, Nick de Vries and Kevin McNamara.

■ Art, art and more art. It is art that brings UHCL into the national spotlight in 1980 when artist Judy Chicago brings her controversial "The Dinner Party" to UH/CLC and approximately 36,000 visitors stop by the university to see it. In 2011, the university's Women's Studies and Art and Design programs host "Setting the Table," a behind-the-scenes exhibit of "The Dinner Party," highlighting themed drawings, test plates and maquettes from the original installation.



10.

Faculty Senate

1981: Just as enrollment grows, so do faculty numbers. The Faculty Senate formed to make recommendations to the UHCL president concerning matters of interest to the faculty. Later, staff gets more involved and, in 1987, they create the Support Staff Council. In 1990, the Professional and Administrative Staff Association is established after the support staff and professional/administrative staff decide to form separate organizations in order to provide distinct representation for the varying interests of the groups. Finally, in 1995, the Support Staff Council changes its name to the Support Staff Association.



11.

1983: A rose by any other name ... University of Houston at Clear Lake City becomes University of Houston-Clear Lake after Gov. Mark White signs into law a bill officially changing the name.

1984: UHCL alumni celebrate the university's 10th anniversary and inaugurate its annual Bayou Ball. At the gala, UHCL alumni Marilyn K. Wiley and Elizabeth Finck Leibfried (who is pictured with 1984 Alumni Association President Micheal Reeves) receive the first Distinguished Alumni Awards. Since that time, the UHCL Alumni Association has honored many others including, in 2004, the Leadership Service Award that was later renamed the Marilyn S. Sims Leadership Service Award. Its first recipient, The Honorable Marilyn Lunney, later receives the Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2005, Cris Curnutt Daskevich is honored with the first Early Achievement Award and by 2006, retired School of Science

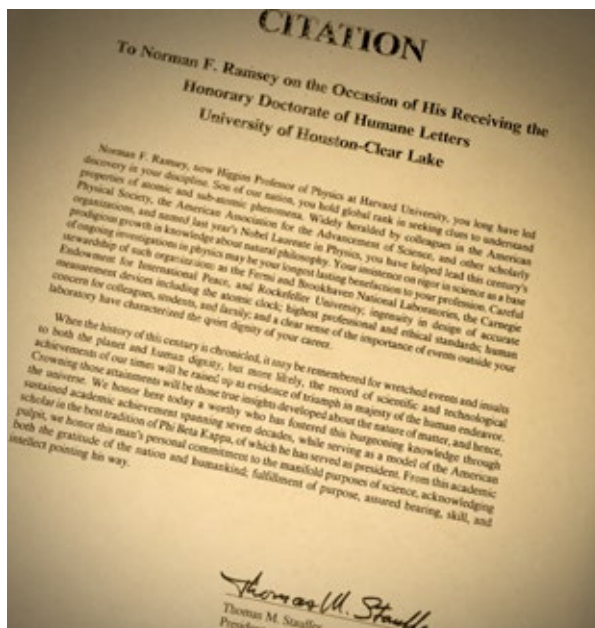


and Computer Engineering Dean Charles McKay is honored with the first Outstanding Professor Award. To further honor alumni, UHCL dedicates Alumni Plaza in 2006, which includes a Distinguished Alumni Fountain and Distinguished Alumni Wall.

12.

1984: Under the leadership of UHCL President Thomas M. Stauffer, faculty and their research meet a major milestone in the university's history when they surpass the \$1 million mark in grants and contracts for the first time.

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14.

1984: NASA's Johnson Space Center Director Gerald Duane Griffin is recognized by UHCL President Thomas M. Stauffer with the university's first honorary degree, the Doctor of Humane Letters, during the fall commencement. JSC Director Aaron Cohen receives an honorary degree during the spring 1989 ceremony, and Harvard University Higgins Professor of Physics Norman F. Ramsey is honored with one in 1990.



15.

1987: UHCL opens what would be its first art gallery, located on the second floor of the Bayou Building. Ming porcelains are among some of the first exhibitions. Although the second-floor exhibit area would eventually close, the Art Gallery takes a step up – or rather a step down – when it is relocated to the first floor in 2006 in a renovated 440-foot glassed-in corner of the Bayou Building, prime real estate catching the eye of all entering through the main entrances.

Art Gallery takes a step up



Thomas M. Stauffer

**Chancellor/President
(1982 - 1991)**

After the retirement of Chancellor Alfred R. Neumann, Thomas M. Stauffer served as chancellor and president of University of Houston at Clear Lake City. Within a year, Gov. Mark White signed into law a bill officially changing the name to University of Houston-Clear Lake. With approximately 6,392 students enrolled in fall 1984, the university expanded to include four schools: Business and Public Administration; Education; Human Sciences and Humanities; and Sciences and Technologies. More than 35 student organizations formed during the first decade of the university. By fall 1984, UHCL's academic offerings included 31 bachelor's degree and 26 master's degree programs.

1989: Recognizing the dedication of all who strengthen the university, UHCL honors Selma Neumann, wife of founding Chancellor Alfred

R. Neumann, with its first Presidential Medal. A second is presented in 1990 to Robert B. Young, president of Lockheed Engineering and Sciences Co. In 2012, Barrios Technology President and CEO Sandy Johnson, a UHCL Distinguished Alumna, accepts the medal of distinction.



1990s



1990: How much does UHCL contribute to the community? An Economic Impact Assessment completed by Associate Professor of Economics Robert Hodgin indicates that in the early '90s UHCL contributes more than \$22 million into the local economy.

17.

1991: Located on a wildlife preserve, UHCL recognizes the importance of the environment and creates the Environmental Institute of Houston to address regional issues.

Two years later, UHCL partners with University of Houston to expand the range of research and training available to the region's environmental constituents. Run jointly by the two universities until 2012 when the institute returns solely to UHCL, it continues to build partnerships in research, education and outreach. EIH community programs include School Habitats and Summer Nature

Camps for local school children. Additionally, it hosts Texas Envirothon, the largest high school environmental competition, providing an integrated educational experience to enhance students' knowledge and environmental literacy.



18.





1992: UHCL, under the leadership of President Glenn A. Goerke, receives major kudos when Texas State Comptroller John Sharp presents the state's first "Breaking the Mold" award to the university for innovative leadership and good stewardship of state dollars. That same year, IBM selects UHCL for one of eight Total Quality Management awards, with UHCL receiving the largest award of \$2 million.

19.



21. **1993:** School of Human Sciences and Humanities Professor David Malin and School of Natural and Applied Sciences (now known as School of Science and Computer Engineering) Professor Sadegh Davari, recipients of the first patents at UHCL, are honored with the Figment Awards from the Office of Sponsored Programs. Malin and University of Texas Health Science Center's Malcolm Skolnick work together on research that involves a new chemical structure and its potential use in drug dependency and pain control, while Davari collaborates with researchers from Texas A&M University for a patent on work that studies the acceleration of the speed in which computer networks process and transfer information.



1992: New vistas? UHCL increases its acreage when the U.S. Department of Education grants 37 acres of natural land, expanding the campus to 524 acres, adding to the 487 acres of land originally donated by the Friendswood Development Company for the creation of the university.

20.

22. **1993:** UHCL President Glenn A. Goerke

welcomes Gov. Ann Richards and other state agency officials, thrusting UHCL into the spotlight when the university hosts "Capital for a Day." Community residents visit with agency representatives who set up offices in the university's Bayou Building and discuss concerns in a town hall meeting with the governor and other government leaders.



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Glenn A. Goerke

**President
(1991 – 1995)**

In 1991, President Glenn A. Goerke took the reins, ensuring UHCL's continued success. By fall 1994, UHCL welcomed 7,228 students who could choose from 38 bachelor's degree and 46 master's degree programs housed in four schools: Business and Public Administration; Education; Human Sciences and Humanities; and Natural and Applied Sciences. In 1994, the university's faculty grew to 417, with the staff count expanding to 360. Students were able to stay active through more than 50 student organizations covering a broad range of interests. The university endowment grew from \$7,824 in fiscal year 1984 to past the million dollar mark at \$1,847,938 for fiscal year 1994.

1994: It's all about the green, blue (and black) when UHCL unveils its new official logo, which graphically reflects the image and identity of the university, and is based on input from faculty, staff, students and alumni in a series of focus groups. UHCL's final logo design includes a square-shaped mark that captures, in abstract form, the Texas upper Gulf Coast; green and blue colors that symbolize natural environmental elements; and the university name typeset in Garamond Book Condensed, a contemporary version of a traditional font. In 2014, UHCL begins celebrating

these colors weekly with blue and green Wednesdays, urging the university community to wear clothing reflecting those colors.



**University
of Houston
Clear Lake**

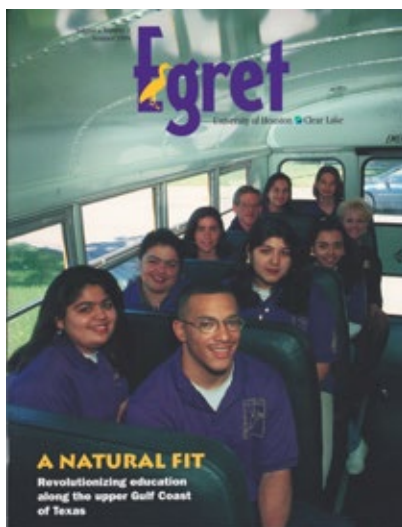


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1993-1994: To celebrate its 20th anniversary, UHCL hosts festivities throughout the academic year culminating with the unveiling of "Academic Laurels," a commemorative quilt on permanent display in the Bayou

Building. The quilt, which ultimately receives first place in the Group Quilts category at the 1994 International Quilt Festival, includes stitches by then Gov. Ann Richards and handiwork from two of UHCL's first ladies including the inspirational leader, project coordinator and first lady at the time, Joyce Goerke, and current first lady, Darlene Staples. Judy Cloninger, a nationally known quilt designer and wife of UHCL charter faculty member Dale Cloninger, is the designer of the quilt. Other quilters involved with "Academic Laurels" include UHCL staff Judy Chapmon, Naomi Dunaway, Janice Fisher, Diane Johnson, Jan Just, Anna Lowery, Pat Pate, Loretta Poston, Mary Ann Shallberg and UHCL Distinguished Alumna Elizabeth Leibfried, wife of Professor Ted Leibfried.

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25.

1994: UHCL launches Egret magazine. Magazine editors Dan Bowen and Theresa Presswood explain that the native egret is a fitting symbol of the university's natural surroundings. In a style reflecting the environmental essence of the university, Egret magazine is designed to inform and inspire readers.

Egret magazine



26. **1995:** Commuter school? Not for everyone. UHCL opens its first on-campus housing facilities, the University Forest Apartments. Privately owned, the complex offers residents a chance to swim and play tennis during study breaks as well as online connectivity to the university's computer network system.

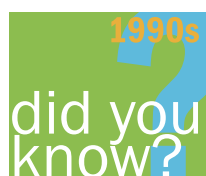
1999: Faculty stay busy with research and then Associate Professor of Chemistry Ramiro Sanchez, now deceased, develops an air-purification process to rid toxins from the environment. Meanwhile, in the School of Human Sciences and Humanities, Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience David Malin develops a vaccine which, in laboratory studies, is proven to reduce the effects of nicotine on the central nervous system.



- ABC, 1-2-3, Do Re Mi ... UHCL student and future teacher Gayla Rhoads became the first graduate of UHCL's Galveston Area Teacher Education Recruitment and Retention or GATER² program in 1994. The program is just one of several in the Success Through Education Programs created by UHCL's



School of Education to help students graduate from high school, move on to the local community college, and



transfer to UHCL before returning to the original school district to teach. Although Rhoads originally returns to teach in Galveston ISD, she has since returned to get her master's degree and now serves as a resource teacher in Pasadena

ISD. Other STEP partnerships that have been added include the Baytown Area Education Recruitment and Retention program or BAER², a collaboration between three high schools in Goose Creek Consolidated ISD, Lee College and UHCL; the HomeGrown Teacher Project, which includes an agreement with Galena Park ISD, San Jacinto College North and UHCL; and the Pathway to Teaching Program, which transitions students from Houston ISD's Austin High School, Houston Community College and UHCL.

- UHCL welcomed national journalist Linda Ellerbee on Nov. 7, 1991, and acclaimed author Joyce Carol Oates on Oct. 26, 1993. Can you name some of the other famous people who have visited UHCL? Here is a list of a few: former congressman Ken Bentsen, former first lady Barbara Bush, former Gov. William P. Clements, actor Danny Glover, director Frank Capra, feminist artist Judy Chicago, columnist Leon Hale, "Forrest Gump" writer Winston Groom and social and political activist Gloria Steinem.



2000s



28. **2000:** As the university prepares to move into the next century, its spring 2000 semester credit hours skyrocket to a record high of 58,787. International student enrollment grows by 27 percent, with UHCL welcoming its first two transfer students from the American-Bangladesh University in Dhaka Bangladesh and its first three students from the Universidad Tecnológico de Santiago, Dominican Republic. Having come a long way since its first international agreement in 1985, UHCL now has an international student population that represents 16 percent of the student body.

student enrollment grows by 27 percent

2002: Strengthening the opportunities offered to students, UHCL's School of Education partners with Clear Creek Independent School District (led by CCISD Superintendent and UHCL alumna Sandra Mossman) to transform McWhirter Elementary School into a professional development laboratory school where UHCL field-based courses are to be housed. A second agreement in 2014 results in the Deer Park ISD's Parkwood Elementary School also becoming a professional development laboratory school, which offers School of Education students another opportunity for best practice learning experiences. Like McWhirter, it provides ongoing professional development for educators.

29.



30. **2003:** University friend Ben Mieszkuc memorializes his wife, community leader Marilyn Mieszkuc, by establishing the Marilyn Mieszkuc Memorial Professorship in Women's Studies Endowment, the first privately funded professorship at the university.





2003: Reaching out to all ages, UHCL launches the Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs and its “Visions In Our Midst” Distinguished Speaker Series. While originally designed to offer educational opportunities to seniors in the area, the series becomes popular among community members of all ages. Retired Galveston County judge and UHCL alumna Marilyn Lunney (later named a UHCL Distinguished Alumna and honored as the first recipient of the Leadership Service Award) is the visionary behind the series and still serves as chairwoman of the all-volunteer committee. The first session in the now long-running series is a brown bag luncheon titled “Inspiration Behind the Space Heroes – A Conversation with NASA Wives” with experiences of NASA’s Johnson Space Center wives Bobbie Frank, Patty Leetsma, Jean Buchli, Dana Puddy and Lunney. Although not able to attend, Lee Kerwin shares her thoughts through a letter. CLASP continues as a monthly lecture series.

31.

2004: Celebrating and honoring the gifts it has received, UHCL presents its Community Partnership Award to Houston Endowment Inc., which began its tradition of scholarship support at UHCL in 1974 with a \$10,000 gift. Since that time, Houston Endowment has presented UHCL with many scholarship and programmatic gifts including a \$1.5 million challenge grant in 2000 that becomes the largest gift of its kind for the university and propels the university into the Discovering Opportunities campaign. Participating in the initiative, 784 university friends enhance 50 existing endowments and create 47 new ones.

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33.

2004: More space for more students? Definitely! The three-story, 160,000-square-foot Student Services and Classroom Building includes a one-stop Student Assistance Center, where students can enroll, register for classes, pay fees and find financial aid and scholarship opportunities. The building also houses a Writing Center, the Office of Student Life, Office of the Dean of Students and the Fitness Zone (now known as Campus Recreation).



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2005: Providing even more educational opportunities, the School of Science and Computer Engineering adds an engineering division, complementing the school's other divisions of natural sciences and computing and mathematics. The addition of the new division comes just three years after the school receives approval to change its name from Natural and Applied Sciences to Science and Computer Engineering. The addition of the engineering division highlights the school's undergraduate computer engineering degree and graduate computer, systems, and software engineering degrees. Meanwhile, in 2005, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the School of Business and Public Administration name change to the School of Business, which more accurately reflects the school's mission, programs and curriculum.

34.



William A. Staples

**President
(1995 – present)**

President William A. Staples steered UHCL through a period of growth and opportunity as it transitioned to a new millennium. Enrollment grew to 7,785 by fall 2004 and reached an all-time high of 8,665 in fall 2014, with students taking classes at UHCL's Clear Lake, Pearland and Texas Medical Center campuses as well as courses online. Along with 822 faculty and 560 staff, Staples welcomed UHCL's first freshman class in fall 2014 to the Schools of Business, Education, Human Sciences and Humanities, and Science and Computer Engineering. By fall 2014, academic offerings included 39 bachelor's degree, 45 master's degree and two doctoral programs. An endowment of \$23,343,081 with support from more than 59,000 alumni helped with university expansion.



2005: What better place for a future hospital administrator to study than in the Texas Medical Center? UHCL receives approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to begin offering the joint Master of Healthcare Administration/Master of Business Administration in the Texas Medical Center. UHCL opens its doors for business at 2151 W. Holcombe Blvd. in spring 2007.

35.

**Master of
Healthcare
Administration/
Master of
Business
Administration
in the Texas
Medical Center**

37.

2008: Ready to assist families of children with autism spectrum disorders, UHCL establishes a Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities under the direction of Professor of Psychology Dorothea Lerman, adding individualized training for children with autism spectrum disorders through a partnership with Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County.



CADD
CENTER FOR AUTISM AND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The collaborative initiative is funded by a \$1.25 million grant from the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services. By 2015, CADD has served more than 700 families, trained more than 300 current and future professionals, and

initiated over 60 research projects with more than \$3 million in funding through donations, grants and contracts.



36.

2006: Doctor who? For the first time, UHCL adds a doctoral program to its roster of degree programs. The Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, led by Associate Professor of Educational Leadership Lawrence Kajs, prepares educational leaders to take the next step in their career by providing extensive development in educational leadership and administrative practices. Eight years later, in 2014, UHCL gains approval for its second doctoral program – the Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a science, technology, engineering and mathematics or STEM-related focus.

■ Did you know that in 2006 former NASA administrator Aleck C. Bond donated 40 years of documents to the UHCL Johnson Space Center History Collection, housed in the university's library? In 2001, UHCL's Alfred R. Neumann Library signed an agreement with NASA's Johnson Space Center to house correspondence, reports and more than 1,000 oral history tapes and transcripts documenting the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs. The collection has continued to expand and now includes approximately 1.5 million NASA documents detailing human space flight.

■ Did you know that in 2010, for the first time, UHCL was designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities? The designation means that Hispanic students at UHCL make up 25 percent or more of the university's undergraduate enrollment. Ranked 96 in the Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education's 2010 Top 100 Total Bachelor's Degrees Granted, UHCL has moved to 93 in 2015.

■ All rise. In 2012, court was in session in UHCL's Mock Trial Courtroom, which is located on the first floor of the Bayou Building. With furniture from the Fort Bend County 400th District Court, the courtroom gives legal studies students a more realistic learning environment. Associate Professor of Legal Studies James Benson worked for ten years to get the mock courtroom and used that same



2000s
did you know?

dedication to get a replica of the Liberty Bell added to UHCL's student entrance area in 2014. The bell is an exact duplicate and was created by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London, England, which cast the original bell in 1752. Benson's continued passion of history and patriotism also played a role in helping create the annual UHCL Veterans Day Celebration.

2010s

UHCL opens its second campus

38.

2010: With much local support and approval by the state, UHCL opens its second campus. UHCL Pearland Campus officially welcomes its first students in fall 2010 with an enrollment of 530. The 30,659-square-foot modern facility built by the City of Pearland offers 22,616 square feet for use by UHCL and 8,043 square feet by the Pearland Economic Development Corporation. The campus includes classrooms, a library, a student lounge, teaching labs and a faculty suite.





39. **2013:** Welcome Hunter the Hawk! UHCL students, faculty, staff, alumni and community friends gather to celebrate the official naming of Hunter the Hawk at the I Heart UHCL celebration in fall 2013. The naming of the UHCL mascot is the last step in a five-phase process that began in 2010 and included input from all UHCL constituencies. In 2012, UHCL unveils the Hawk Mascot logo art before introducing the costumed character at UHCL's annual Chili Cook-Off in spring 2013.



40. **2014:** UHCL may be celebrating its 40th birthday, but instead of getting older, it gets younger when it welcomes freshman and sophomore students for the first time. Approximately 600 freshmen and sophomores bring UHCL's total enrollment to an all-time high of 8,665. The transition to a four-year university had begun in 2011 when Texas Gov. Rick Perry signed Senate Bill 324 as presented by State Sen. Mike Jackson. Similarly, House Bill 706 as presented by State Rep. John Davis had been approved by the Texas House of Representatives. The first semester is a success, and persistence rates show 89 percent of first-time-in-college students returning to UHCL in spring 2015.

Into the future



2076: UHCL designees will open the Clear Lake Area Bicentennial Time Capsule that was buried July 20, 1976. Area government agencies, organizations, businesses and NASA's Johnson Space Center provided contents for the capsule.

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Like finding that special brooch or a long-ago letter from a great-great aunt in your mother's jewelry box, discovering old photographs and finding historical mementos about a university can serve as a reminder of our past and as inspiration for our future. UHCL's 40 milestones may miss what some see as important information. We hope not, but would love to hear from you if you think it has. Email egret@uhcl.edu and we'll add it to our online extras.

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By Rachel Hobson

FRESHMAN FACES OF UHCL

Some chose UHCL for the small class size, others for the convenience of staying close to home and some were swayed by offers of new scholarships. Whatever the reason, members of the first freshman class made history as they forged personal growth and academic excellence in the university's 40th year.

In the following pages, 12 freshmen share their highlights as students at UHCL, like making new friends while living on campus; their struggles, like finding classrooms on the first day of school; and their surprises, such as having their minds opened to new ideas, opinions and cultures. They have learned what study methods work best for them, made the transition from being on their own to becoming part of a campus community, and discovered the hard way, like freshmen at universities across the country, that staying up too late can have negative consequences for 8 a.m. classes. What was their first day of college like? What song will always remind them of their first year at UHCL? How many shows can they binge watch on Netflix during a study break? Read on to enjoy a slice of life from UHCL's first freshman class.

AMY GREEN

Hometown: Houston

What are three words that describe your first year at UHCL? Fun. Enlightening. Inspirational.

How would you describe living on campus? Living on campus is an enjoyment, because I'm so close. I can go to the computer lab and stay all night if I need to, and then come home. And then, on top of that, I made friends with my neighbors.

What was the best thing you did to prepare for coming to UHCL? Getting used to being independent. You have to be on top of your schedule. You have to worry about you. Nobody else is going to get you out of bed in the morning. You have to get your own self out of your bed and fix your own breakfast, so it's a lot of independence. I sort of weaned myself off of the mommy thing in a way. I was like, "Oh mom, I can do this. Yeah."

What has been your favorite class at UHCL so far? Philosophy 1301 with Dr. [Keith] Parsons. He was

awesome. He made me think. I never really buy books; I rent them, but this time I thought, "Let me buy these books, because I feel like I'm going to use them again later on in life. So I bought all five books. I read all five books, and it's like so much intellectual enlightenment of the mind."

What is your best study tip or trick that you use? Read at night, but do all papers mid-day. If you have a break between classes, write as much as you can, because that's when the engines in your head are going off and everything creative is coming out.

Where is your favorite place to study? The computer lab in the Student Services and Classroom Building. The little click-clack of all the [computer] keys makes you want to do more, give more!

What's the one thing you tell your non-UHCL friends about UHCL? This is a good place for me. This is a good school. If you want to work, you can work. If you want to meet



AMY GREEN

Inspirational.

new people, you can meet new people. If you want to experience other ways of thinking or different lifestyles, you can do that. It's a prime opportunity, and you're close enough to [home] that you can just come back [to visit].

What's a song that will always remind you of your first year at UHCL? "Ain't it fun" by Paramore.

What made you choose to come to UHCL? Well my dad is an alumnus from here, and he's a supervisor at the VA hospital downtown, and he was like, "You know, you should apply." And I was like, "OK, dad, for you, I'll apply."

Major: English Literature



New.

SANDY SAMAN

SANDY SAMAN

Hometown: League City

What are three words that describe your first year at UHCL? Education. Exciting. New.

What was your first day at UHCL like? It was eventful. It was fun. I actually slept in accidentally and missed a big chunk of my class.

I met my professor afterwards during her office hours so I guess it worked out for the best because I met her in person and we got to talk. Then, for the rest of the day, it was a lot of fun. I really, really liked it. It was a great start.

What was the best thing you did to prepare for coming to UHCL? For

college in general, I took classes in high school. For UHCL, I went to so many [recruitment] events. I felt welcomed, so that's a big reason I decided to come here.

What is your best study tip or trick that you use? Start preparing way in advance. That just makes me feel at ease when I'm studying and not rushed. I have a lot of time to look things up.

Where is your favorite place to study? Computer Lab.

What's the one thing you tell your non-UHCL friends about UHCL? It's giving me the experience that I wanted.

What's the most interesting thing you've learned in a class at UHCL? I would say it wasn't so much having to do with education, but a professor kind of opened up to us and it was amazing to hear that story and seeing them in front of us, that they have come such a long way and they're here now teaching us so it felt like a privilege. I went home and I was really excited. I told

my family part of their story and it felt like a privilege to be in their class.

Do you have any advice for future Hawks? Make sure to always stay on top of your work, and then right after you finish your work, go join organizations. Get involved as much as you can. This college has so much to offer, but you won't know about it unless you get involved.

What made you choose to come to UHCL? It had the whole package: education, scenery, welcoming, scholarships, etc.

What has your first year experience at UHCL been like? Great. I've gotten involved on campus and have learned so much already. I'm enjoying it so far.

Major: Biology

Student Organizations: Pre-Health and Science Association, Tri Beta Biological Honor Society, Chemistry Club, ROW Adventures, UHCL Christian Fellowship, Hawk Leadership Institute



**ERIC
YANEZ**

Friendships.

ERIC YANEZ

Hometown: Pasadena

What are three words that describe your first year at UHCL? Making memorable friendships.

What was the best thing you did to prepare for coming to UHCL?

I came to Orientation and Hawk Launch. That is where I met all of my friends that I talk to now. We were on the same team [at Hawk Launch], and it was fun. If I hadn't gone to that event, I probably wouldn't have talked to them, so I'm really glad that I went to Hawk Launch.

What has been your favorite class at UHCL so far? Intro to Philosophy. I like that it makes me question life.

What is your best study tip or trick that you use? I like food, so I motivate myself when I'm writing an essay, "When you finish this paragraph, you can have this piece of candy. If you finish two paragraphs, you get two pieces of candy. If you finish a third, you get

three pieces of candy. It just keeps me motivated to keep eating."

Where is your favorite place to study?

I usually just go to the Student Life study rooms. If I see my friends in there, I go in and we study together. Sometimes, if I don't see them, I'll just study by myself, because alone time is also good. The rooms are [mostly] soundproof. It's peaceful.

What's the one thing you tell your non-UHCL friends about UHCL?

I exaggerate, but I tell them that there are hawks everywhere, that we have our mascot on campus. We do, I've seen them.

What's the most interesting thing you've learned in a class at UHCL?

I volunteer for Orientation and New Student Programs, and they have taught me how to handle conflicts and how to become a leader.

Student Organizations: Orientation and New Student Programs, Hawk Guide, The Wingspan staff, The Signal staff, Hawk Futbol Club



**KARA
BURGE**

Educational.

MADISON HASTINGS

Hometown: Clear Lake

What are three words that describe your first year at UHCL? Fun. Easy-Going. Accepting.

What was your first day at UHCL like?

It was pretty exciting. I actually made about eight or nine friends on the first day of school, and I really liked all my teachers.

What was the best thing you did to prepare for coming to UHCL?

Really good high school preparation. Organized myself, had the supplies. Came to Hawk Premier and Orientation.

What has been your favorite class at UHCL so far?

Social Psychology with Amanda Johnston. I really enjoy her class and the way she teaches.

What is your best study tip or trick that you use?

I overestimate how long it is going to take me to complete the work. The best way to make sure you have enough time to get everything done is to assume it's going to take twice as long to get everything done.

Where is your favorite place to study?

I really like the library. I spend a lot of time in the common areas and in the atria.

What's the one thing you tell your non-UHCL friends about UHCL?

They need to come here. Our teachers are better. The information is not easier, but

the way we're learning it is a lot easier than the way their teachers are teaching it. The campus is awesome.

What's the most interesting thing you've learned in a class at UHCL?

I really like the way that [Dr. Michael McMullen] has taught us mediation skills, and how he's also teaching us how to better interact with the people around us through the skills we have to know for the class. That's really interesting to me.

What made you choose to come to UHCL?

I toured the campus and loved the new art facilities in the Arbor Building. I took art classes from Mrs. [Mary Ann] Boykin in the Arbor Building for several years when I was little.

Family members who have attended UHCL:

My mom, Dr. Kay Hastings, received her Bachelor of Science and her Master of Science from UHCL. She also was a faculty member in the School of Education.

What has your first year experience at UHCL been like?

Great. I love all of my classes. The faculty members teaching my classes are wonderful, and I have made a lot of new friends.

Major: Behavioral Sciences

Student Organizations: The National Society of Leadership and Success

Other interests, talents or hobbies:

Painting, drawing and music.



**MADISON
HASTINGS**

Accepting.

KARA BURGE

Hometown: Clear Lake

What are three words that describe your first year at UHCL? Encouraging. Fun. Educational.

What was your first day at UHCL like? I was really nervous, because I didn't know what to expect and who I was going to meet. After my first class, all of those feelings just kind of faded, because I met people with similar interests and we started talking. By lunchtime, I was already sitting with a group of people that I had met earlier in the day. By the end of the day, I was

feeling really happy and excited for the rest of the semester.

What was the best thing you did to prepare for coming to UHCL? I went to Hawk Launch, and I would definitely recommend it for any future students. I met people there, and we got to exchange schedules, so on the first day, I knew, "Oh, I know that one girl I met at Hawk Launch. She's going to be [in my class]." It just made me feel a little bit more comfortable.

What is your best study tip or trick that you use? Don't wait until the last minute. Don't procrastinate,

because it's easier and you'll feel a lot more confident if you start studying [for a test] two weeks before instead of three days before.

Where is your favorite place to study? The library. I go there at least four times a week.

What's the one thing you tell your non-UHCL friends about UHCL? I usually say it's smaller, and I love that, because it's more personal. I like how it's easy to get around from place to place and it's not too overwhelming once you get the hang of where your classes are.

What's a song that will always remind you of your first year at UHCL? The very first day I was coming [to UHCL], I was thinking about that song, "Best Day of My Life" by American Authors.

What has your first year experience at UHCL been like? This first year has been great. I have grown so much since my first day at UHCL. I have met great friends through my classes, and I really like how you can get to know the professors, too.

Major: Social Work

Student Organizations: Social Work Student Organization



JOSHUA
ZAMARRON

Challenging.

JOSHUA ZAMARRON

Hometown: Houston

What are three words that describe your first year at UHCL? Great. Hectic. Challenging.

What was the best thing you did to prepare for coming to UHCL? Doing scholarship applications early. Whenever I found out the timeframe they were offered here, I did them immediately. That really helped out.

What has been your favorite class at UHCL so far? Molecular Genetics. There's just a beauty to it. It's an art, really.

What is your best study tip or trick that you use? Study immediately after the class.

Where is your favorite place to study? Library.

What's the one thing you tell your non-UHCL friends about UHCL? The small class size. I have a friend who goes to [a larger university] and his organic chemistry class had about 400 people in it. I couldn't imagine doing that.

What's the most interesting thing you've learned in a class at UHCL?

By far, back to molecular genetics, it has to be DNA replication and transcription and translation. Those things are just incredible.

Do you have any other fun stories about your time at UHCL, or advice for future Hawks? I'm the youngest one in all my classes, so everyone kind of looks at me like their younger brother, and that's very nice. They've been very supportive. They're very encouraging people. For advice, I would say get involved – in your classes especially. Your classmates are your study groups.

What made you choose to come to UHCL? Low cost, small class size and close to home.

What has your first year experience at UHCL been like? Challenging. Very different from a junior college.

Major: Biology

Other interests, talents or hobbies: Musician and "shadower" of local area doctors.

MADISON STULTS

Hometown: Baytown

What are three words that describe your first year at UHCL? Blue. Green. Hawks.

What was the best thing you did to prepare for coming to UHCL? I was prepared by my coursework in high school. I took a lot of AP courses and they are similar to the classes here.

What has been your favorite class at UHCL so far? Intro to Psychology. Getting to learn about the inner workings of your mind. It's intimidating at times, but it's interesting.

What is your best study tip or trick that you use? Mine has to do with writing. You draft a paper and you step away from it for a day, or a couple hours even. You come back to it and you're able to make a more refined draft after that, after you've had awhile to rest your brain.

Where is your favorite place to study? Library. I like to get deep

into the rows of books where no one ever goes. It's quiet.

What's the one thing you tell your non-UHCL friends about UHCL? The deer. They never believe me either, because you don't expect it here in a college atmosphere, but it's a great aspect of campus.

Do you have any advice for future Hawks? This school is a great opportunity for maturing, cultivating and learning how to think and talk and write, especially write. It's a great opportunity to expand your horizons and meet people you don't typically meet and stuff you need to learn before you get out into the real world.

What made you choose to come to UHCL? My mom and dad went here, and I've heard good things.

What has your first year experience at UHCL been like? It has been, and continues to be, a maturing process.

Major: Communications

Student Organizations: Music Club, Hawk Leadership Institute



MADISON
STULTS

Hawks.

Rollercoaster.

HAYLEIGH WALLINGSFORD

HAYLEIGH WALLINGSFORD

Hometown: Friendswood

What are three words that describe your first year at UHCL?

An emotional rollercoaster.

What was your first day at UHCL like? I was really stressed out at

first – very scared. I guess the thing that just made it a whole lot better was the fact that I came here with my best friend and on our first day, our first class was together. So, no matter what happened, even if we ended up not being able to go to class because we couldn't find it, we were going

to be together so it didn't really matter. We got to class and it was Dr. [Diana] Bowen's class. She's so sweet, just an amazing professor. I've learned a lot from her.

What is your best study tip or trick that you use? Flashcards. No matter what. And I think most of the reason why is because you're re-writing the information, but sitting there and making yourself flip the card over and remember what's on the other side of the card, it's almost exactly like taking a test. That's the best way that I've learned.

What's the one thing you tell your non-UHCL friends about UHCL?

That we have a beautiful campus. It's next to a nature reserve. We've got trees everywhere, there are so many places to sit out on campus. It's just a really nice campus.

Do you have any advice for future Hawks? Get involved, because you don't want the time that you spend

here to be wasted by you just getting through your classes. A lot of what you do here is determined by the people you know, and the people that you spend your time with. If you spend your time with good people who you're involved with, doing things on campus with them, then you're going to have a good year, and you're going to have somebody to complain with, even. Get involved. Make friends. Don't try to just get through, because that's not the way to do it.

What made you choose to come to UHCL? Cost and proximity.

What has your first year experience at UHCL been like?

Great. The second semester is definitely better than the first.

Major: Biology

Student Organizations: Music Club

LAUREN IBANEZ

Hometown: Friendswood

What are three words that describe your first year at UHCL?

Eye-opening. Independent. Calm.

What was your first day at UHCL like? It was a bit overwhelming, but when I got home I realized that it was a lot, but I really liked it.

What was the best thing you did to prepare for coming to UHCL?

Went to Hawk Launch, and that was good. I'd also been to UHCL for some of the art programs that would come up, so I was familiar with the place.

What is your best study tip or trick that you use? I like to get somewhere where it's really quiet, and I'm just surrounded by the material I need to study, and I just get down into it.

Where is your favorite place to study? I really like outdoors on campus. I don't go out as much as I'd like to, but I really like the outdoors, so I like to be at least somewhere where I can see the outdoors.

What's the one thing you tell your non-UHCL friends about UHCL?

I feel like it's a very comfortable place. It's very calm. I hear friends who are at huge colleges, saying things like, "Oh, I was late and I had to take the bus, and I'm running around," and I think, "I don't have to do that." It's really peaceful here.

What's the most interesting thing you've learned in a class at UHCL?

I've never seen so many opinions before now, and that's definitely something I've not seen anywhere.

What made you choose UHCL?

Location, and I heard that it was a very nice college from various friends and family.

What has your first year experience at UHCL been like? It has been very good. I find UHCL to be a comfortable setting, and I enjoy work here with fellow students as well as professors.

Other interests, talents or hobbies:

I love to draw, paint and read. I have high hopes to become an illustrator or storyboard artist. I read and watch movies a lot.

LAUREN IBANEZ

Eye-opening.

JOSE BERLANGA

Hometown: Pasadena

What are three words that describe your first year at UHCL? Clean.

Chill. Calm.

What was your first day at UHCL like? It was calm, because I came a

few days earlier to check where my classes were. The instructors were really nice. I was lucky on the first day. I got the "cool" teachers, so it was a pretty chill day.

What has been your favorite

class at UHCL so far? My Texas Government Class with Dr. William Houston. He's amazing. I like how we do lectures, and how we just hear each other's opinions. Sometimes it gets heated, but it's just interesting to see how other people view a certain argument or certain idea.

What's the one thing you tell your non-UHCL friends about UHCL? I always tell them that I really like it, because it's so small. I feel like

A portrait of Makayla Ellis, a young woman with long brown hair and glasses, wearing a grey UHCL polo shirt, sitting in front of a green textured background.

**MAKAYLA
ELLIS**

Enlightening.

MAKAYLA ELLIS

Hometown: Pearlrand

What are three words that describe your first year at UHCL?
Stressful. Enlightening. Fun.

What was the best thing you did to prepare for coming to UHCL? My best friend and I went to the Hawk Premier, and we just fell in love with the campus and heard about the new Hawk Scholarship, which was awesome. We got a glimpse of what the school was like then. I worked hard in high school, so I was used to the learning environment, but I feel like nothing really prepares you for it until you're in it.

What's the one thing you tell your non-UHCL friends about UHCL? I love it here. I love the campus. I tell them that everyone who works here is definitely here to help the students, and you can feel that when you talk to people. It's always positive.

What's the most interesting thing you've learned in a class at UHCL?
How to discuss issues in a way that you actually get something out of it, instead of it becoming an argument.

What's a song that will always remind you of your first year at UHCL? "Crazy" by Kat Dahlia.

If you won a \$20 million dollar lottery today, how would you spend it? I would not spend it. I would put it into a bank until I knew what I wanted.

Do you have any other fun stories about your time at UHCL, or advice for future Hawks? I remember, when my friend and I started here, we were really gung ho about trying to find a place where we fit in and so we went to club meetings and stuff, but then our communications professor, Dr. [Diana] Bowen, gave us a chance to get extra credit by going to a lecture about the Syrian War. We did it because we thought it was going to be extra credit, we weren't planning on actually enjoying it, but we got there and it was so interesting. I actually learned something, and I enjoyed it. I felt like I really had that "college experience."

What made you choose to come to UHCL? Beautiful campus, great people.

What has your first year experience at UHCL been like?
Amazing and stressful!

Student Organizations: Music Club

Other interests, talents or hobbies:
Singing.

GUADALUPE SICLLA

Hometown: Pasadena

What are three words that describe your first year at UHCL?
I love UHCL.

What was your first day at UHCL like? Confusing. It was my second time at the campus, so I was kind of everywhere, trying to get all my classes and stuff.

What was the best thing you did to prepare for coming to UHCL? In my high school, we had a college help center, it was called Rayburn U. I did my FAFSA, I did my applications early, I got everything done early, and it helped me out a lot. I came to Hawk Launch, and it was fun. That's where I met [my new friends] and we ended up having all of our classes together, and we were on the same team [at Hawk Launch]. It was just really fun.

What is your best study tip or trick that you use? Flashcards. I love flashcards.

Where is your favorite place to study? The third floor [of the Bayou Building]. We go to one of those tables, and we talk about what happened in lecture, or we review the exam.

What's the one thing you tell your non-UHCL friends about UHCL? It's very "homey." It's small, and we get a lot of stuff done.

What's a song that will always remind you of your first year at UHCL? Taylor Swift's "Shake it Off."

What made you choose to come to UHCL? I truly love the campus. It is very small and "homey."

What has your first year experience at UHCL been like?
Pretty amazing. I enjoy being in college.

Major: Education

Other interests, talents or hobbies:
I like to volunteer. I play tennis and the violin.

Love.

A portrait of Guadalupe Siclla, a young woman with long dark hair and glasses, wearing a plaid shirt, sitting in front of a green textured background.

**GUADALUPE
SICLLA**

Calm.

A portrait of Jose Berlanga, a young man with glasses and a grey baseball cap, wearing a grey t-shirt, sitting in front of a green textured background.

**JOSE
BERLANGA**

you have that connection with your professors. By the first week, my professors already knew my name. At my school, our professors actually know our names and there aren't 200 of us in each class.

What's a song that will always remind you of your first year at UHCL? I don't know why, but "Classic" by MKTO. I put it on my iPod each time I come to school, because I really like that song.

What made you choose to come to UHCL? The small size of it. The teacher-student ratio.

What has your first year experience at UHCL been like? Loved it. It went smoother than expected.

Major: Business Management

Other interests, talents or hobbies:
I'm a writer. I enjoy writing poetry and short stories.

Alumni Association leadership looks to the future

By Jenny Howard



UHCL Alumni Association leaders are reaching out to the new generation of students who have joined the university community this year.

Leading this change is Dwayne Busby, executive director of development and alumni relations. A lifetime resident of the Clear Lake area and a graduate of nearby Clear Brook High School, Busby joined the UHCL team in January 2015.

As part of his high school's first freshman class, Busby is familiar with the transitioning experience of freshman students.

"I feel like I'm coming full circle because we just welcomed our first incoming freshman class at UHCL this past fall, which is very similar to my experience at Clear Brook High School," Busby says. "It is my pleasure, as a product of CCISD, to be able to give back to the Bay Area community, which gave me such a strong foundation for success."

During his first year at UHCL, he is exploring ways to strengthen alumni relations and fundraising initiatives.

"Now that UHCL is a four-year university, it's important to think about the impact on our outreach programs for future alumni," says Busby. "I joined UHCL to lead an awesome team in addressing both fundraising and alumni relations initiatives. This blended approach will benefit our students, our university and, of course, our alumni."

The Alumni Association Executive Council comprises alumni who have been appointed by the president of the university. Most recently, the council named new officers for the 2015-2016 academic year, which included welcoming Carla Bradley as communications officer, a position that opened after Patrick Cardenas was elected vice chair.

Alumni leaders want to make sure that the association is well known and available to students, especially freshmen and sophomores unfamiliar with a university atmosphere. They maintain a constant presence through such activities as hosting Alumni Coffee Tables, participating in the annual Chili Cook-Off and other university events.

"The 2015-2016 AAEC members, like last year's members, have proven to be strong leaders with contagious excitement for the coming year," says Tracy McKinley, who was vice chair on the 2014-2015 council and will now serve as chair. "Members have contributed much time during the summer months planning activities and working out details of new initiatives. As chair, I am most excited to witness the AAEC working together to make things happen."

In addition to creating a welcoming atmosphere for current students, the AAEC aims to support alumni through career networking and other benefits, as well as increasing awareness of new programs at UHCL.

"I am still very active on campus as a student alumna, and would like to use my skills to attract younger alumni to participate in our events and initiatives," says current AAEC Communications Officer Carla Bradley, who joined the AAEC last year and plans to finish her graduate degree this summer. "One really great initiative we launched during the past year has been our off-campus network gatherings where we invite all alumni to meet AAEC members and let them know they can always reach out to us and get involved again with UHCL."

Randall Garcia, who, like Bradley, got involved in 2014-2015, hopes to give all alumni a reason to be proud of their alma mater by making the UHCL program in the Texas Medical Center more visible to Houstonians.

"I hope to bring more visibility and recognition to the medical center campus and students," says Garcia. "Many of our alumni are in executive positions, not only in the Texas Medical Center, but also throughout the country."

AAEC members encourage all alumni to stay connected with their alma mater. For more information or to get involved with the UHCL Alumni Association, visit www.uhcl.edu/alumni, call 281-283-2021 or email alumni@uhcl.edu.

In January 2015, UHCL welcomed Executive Director of Development and Alumni Relations Dwayne Busby (standing, right) pictured here with members of last year's Alumni Association Executive Council including Johnny Galaviz (standing, left), Joyce Delores Taylor, Patrick Cardenas and Tracy McKinley (seated, left to right).

2015-2016 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

OFFICERS

Tracy McKinley, Chair, '12 BS

Patrick Cardenas, Vice-Chair, '07 BS, '09 MA

Carla Bradley, Communications Officer, '11 BA

Johnny Galaviz, Past Chair, '07 BBA

MEMBERS

Mark Andersen, '07 BS, '07 MS

Tonia Britz, '01 BBA

Eva deCardenas, '90 BA

Coretta Duplessis, '14 MA

Luci Fuller, '94 BS

Randall Garcia, '88 BS, '96 MBA, '14 MHA

Brandy Gates, '98 BBA, '04 MBA

Hemanjan Padhy, '10 MS

Tiphaine Justice, '12 BS, '12 MS

Veronica Kreuder-Longoria, '08 BA

Shawn McCann, '02 MA

Justin Medellin, '14 BS

Madeline Nugent, '91 BBA

Amanda Schoolcraft, '11 BS, '11 MS

Jennifer Serrano, '14 MBA

Nina Valverde, '04 BBA

Vicki Villareal Lenio, '92 BS, '03 MS, '15 EdD

Fay Watson, '89 BS, '92 MS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HONORS ALUMNI, PROFESSORS

UHCL Alumni Association celebrated the accomplishments of UHCL's distinguished alumni and professors at the 2014 Alumni Celebration last fall.

Those honored at the celebration include Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Carolyn Lightfoot and Kevin Wooten, Alumni Leadership Award recipient Ann Hammond and Outstanding Professor Award recipients Ken Black and Stephen Cherry.

"Each of the honorees has had a positive impact on the community and beyond, sharing their talents with their companies, students and communities," says Associate Vice President for University Advancement Rhonda Thompson.

UHCL alumni play an important role, both on campus and off, and each year the Alumni Association strives to honor those who have served the community through award programs such as the Distinguished Alumni Award, Marilyn S. Sims Leadership Service Award, Early Achievement Award and Outstanding Professor Award.

For nomination information, visit www.uhcl.edu/alumni or contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 281-283-2021 or alumni@uhcl.edu.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

The Distinguished Alumni Award honors UHCL graduates who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments and careers have brought credit to the institution.

CAROLYN ANN LIGHTFOOT

A past-president of the UHCL Alumni Association, Carolyn Lightfoot has used her education and experience to become a leader in the educational and technological community.

Lightfoot received her Master of Arts in Instructional Technology from UHCL in 1990, and went on to finish her doctorate at University of Houston in 2000. As founder and program chair of Lee College Innovations and Learning Technology Conference, Lightfoot works to promote a greater understanding of innovative approaches, techniques and instructional methodologies to educators.

She has presented many lectures on technology in the classroom and workplace and has taught numerous technology-based courses at Lee College, Houston Community College, San Jacinto College and the University of Houston's College of Technology. She currently serves as the chief information officer at Lee College and has held positions at NASA Johnson Space Center and Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production. Lightfoot has been awarded with the Association for College and University Telecommunications Administrators Institutional Excellence in Information Technology Award, the NASA Johnson Space Center Group Achievement Award for Ground Systems/Software Production Facility Support for Space Station Freedom-Johnson Space Center, and the EDUCAUSE Jane N. Ryland Fellowship. Lightfoot has volunteered her time in past years to develop workforce computer-based training curriculum for the citizens of Riley Chambers Community Center in Crosby, Texas. Says Lightfoot, "God has placed so many special people in my life and I am extremely blessed to be able to encourage and mentor students from all walks of life."

KEVIN C. WOOTEN

Kevin Wooten began making history with UHCL when he first stepped on to campus in 1974 as one of the university's first students. Following his graduation, he served on the original UHCL Alumni Association board of directors and helped establish the organization's charter and bylaws.

Wooten received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 1976 and his Master of Science in Psychology in 1978 from UHCL, then attained his doctorate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at Tulane University in 1991.

A professor of management and human resource management and chair of administrative sciences, Wooten began teaching at UHCL as an adjunct faculty member in 1980. He has served on the adjunct faculty at Tulane University, Rice University, the UT Health Science Center, and the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, where he also serves as the consulting co-director of tracking and evaluation for the UTMB – NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award. He co-founded the UHCL MBA for Physicians program. His research in the field of business management has resulted in more than 45 peer-reviewed publications, numerous book chapters, and a book. Wooten has been recognized with the 2014 UHCL President's Distinguished Research Award and the 2011-2012 UHCL Faculty Fellowship, as well as a six-time nominee for the Minnie Stevens Piper Teaching Award.

"I am very appreciative to be acknowledged by the university community, as many others are equally worthy. I hope to continue to provide services to the university for years to come," says Wooten.



UHCL Alumni Association hosted the 2014 Alumni Celebration in October and presented the Distinguished Alumni, Marilyn S. Sims Leadership Service and Outstanding Professor Awards. Pictured (l to r) are Marilyn S. Sims Leadership Service Award recipient Ann Hammond; Outstanding Professor Award recipients Professor of Decision Sciences Ken Black and Assistant Professor of Sociology Stephen Cherry; and Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Kevin Wooten and Carolyn Lightfoot.

MARILYN S. SIMS LEADERSHIP SERVICE AWARD

The Marilyn S. Sims Leadership Service Award honors alumni who have contributed to the university community through his/her leadership and service.

ANN HAMMOND

While Ann Hammond's business degree equipped her for her 40-year career with NASA, her passion to help others strengthened the community and included volunteer work with organizations such as Bay Area Turning Point, Clear Creek Independent School District, Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families, the Assistance League of the Bay Area, Communities in Schools and many others. Hammond has received the Bay Area Alliance's Community Champion Award,

Bay Area Alliance's Volunteer of the Year Award and National PTA Life Achievement Award. Since attaining her Bachelor of Business Administration in 1982 from UHCL and through her role as a trustee for the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees, she has continued to support the university including championing support for the university's four-year initiative and the opening of the Professional Development Laboratory School.

OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR AWARDS

The Outstanding Professor Award is presented to a professor (current at the time of the nomination) who has made a difference to students both inside and outside of the classroom.

KEN BLACK

Joining UHCL in 1979, Professor of Decision Sciences Ken Black has seen the university grow and evolve into the institution that it is today welcoming its first freshman class. Black's commitment to his students led to him being named the UHCL Beta Alpha Psi Professor of the Year and the UHCL MBA Association Outstanding Graduate Business Professor, as well as being selected the UHCL nominee for the Minnie Stevens Piper Award. Other accolades include the UHCL President's Distinguished Teaching Award and the Decision Sciences Institute Outstanding Educator Award. In the area of research and publication, Black has published 20 journal articles and presented 30 professional papers. His textbook, "Business Statistics for Contemporary Decision Making," is in its eighth edition.

STEPHEN M. CHERRY

Assistant Professor of Sociology Stephen Cherry's passion for education draws students each semester to his class who praise him as "motivating." An alumnus of UHCL, having received his Master of Arts in Sociology in 2000, Cherry returned to UHCL in 2009 as an assistant professor. In 2006, Cherry received the Society for The Scientific Study of Religion Distinguished Article Award. He is the author of "Faith, Family, and Filipino American Community Life" and co-editor of "Religious Movements Across Borders: Sacred Service." He was awarded the Meritorious Service Key Award by the UHCL Office of Student Life in 2010. In 2014, he was named the Minnie Stevens Piper Award nominee and was a recipient of the President's Distinguished Teaching Award.

1970s

Laura Hodges, '78 MA, published her third book, "Chaucer and Array: Patterns of Costume and Fabric Rhetoric in The Canterbury Tales, Troilus and Criseyde and Other Works."

Steve Selzer, '77 MS, is interim chief executive officer at Andalusia Regional Hospital, Andalusia, Alabama.

1980s

Dawn Blaylock Allen, '87 MBA, '85 BBA, is the national design, proposal and production services manager for KPMG LLC, Houston.

Helen M. Baxter, '84 MS, retired from Harris County Department of Education. She works as a substitute teacher in the Humble ISD.

Laura Coslet, '87 BS, retired from private practice as a general dentist. She is the founder of the General Dental Practice Residence program at Marian Hospital in Santa Maria, Calif.

Robert McDonald, '88 BS, is vice president at Ameriprise Financial, Houston.

Gus David Oppermann, '88 MBA, is managing partner at Wheat Oppermann PLLC, Houston.

Rachel Orozco, '85 BS, is the library director at the Smith Public Library, Wylie.

Lynn Richardson, '85 BA, published "A 2015 Calendar: A Tool for ESL Teachers."

Joseph Rozman, '82 BS, retired from the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. During his service, he was awarded the Air Force Accommodation Medal, Defense Medal and Global War on Terrorism Medal.

JoAnn Medina Scholtz, '80 MS, is a professional certified coach for the Medina Scholtz Group, Austin.

Margaret Symmank, '89 BA, published a novel, "Lower than the Angels."



Louise Worthington, '84 MS, received an Ed.D. from Bowie State University in Maryland. She is a school principal in Montgomery County, Md.



1990s

Julie Atchison, '91 BBA, is a senior auditor for Texas General Land Office.

Kenneth Bass, '90 BBA, teaches religion and philosophy courses at Central Texas College in Killeen.

Linda Ritchey Burch, '92 MS, published "Growing up Borderline: A Mother's Memoir."

Stacey DeLoach-Jackson, '99 MA, is the college and career counselor at Del Valle High School, Del Valle.

Pete Gracia, '91 MS, has been promoted to senior lecturer at Texas A&M University at Galveston.



Clement Gray, '91 MA, is chief operations officer for The Isis Project Community Development.

Catherine Kelsey, '97 MHA/MBA, is business development director for Victory Medical Center, Houston.

Michael Kinney II, '92 BS, works for Baker Hughes as director of finance-Gulf of Mexico.

Kim Eric Moore, '90 MS, is a program manager/aerospace engineer for Earth and Space, an applied sciences small business based in Houston.



Michael Nestor, '96 MA, is vice president of organizational development and change, for Bayer Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.



Curtis Pietsch, '94 BS, '91 BS, is a business analyst for NRG Energy.

Patricia Porter, '95 BS, is the 2015 president of the Texas Association of Mediators.



Staci Smith, '92 MA, is a senior specialist for Crum and Forster Enterprise, Fairmont Specialty.

Kimberly Cain Spinks, '93 MS, '88 BS, is senior vice president and trust investment officer for Texas Bank Trust, Longview.



Carolyn Sunseri, '93 BA, vice president of administration for South Land Title LLC, was elected to the Galveston City Council – District 6.



2000s

Elaine Adams, '00 MA, was appointed to the Communications Committee of the African American Methodist Heritage Center. She continues to make presentations about the biography she wrote of her great grandfather, The Reverend Peter W. Clark: Sweet Preacher and Steadfast Reformer, which was selected as a Louisiana Notable book by the Louisiana Library Association.



Fabiola Avena, '09 BS, teaches bilingual kindergarten at Goose Creek ISD, where she was recognized as Bilingual Teacher of the Year for the 2014-15 school year.



Katherine Becker, '06 MHA/MBA, '03 BS, is an administrator at University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB Health) School of Nursing.



Sylvia Chapa, '01 BS, was promoted to chief of police for College of the Mainland in September 2014 and was recognized as the college's Employee of the Month in May 2015.

Jody Cone, '06 BS, and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their son, Judah Taylor, in July 2014. Jody teaches kindergarten for Goose Creek Consolidated ISD.

Jayne Curry, '07 BS, is a permanent substitute instructor for Barbers Hill ISD, Mont Belvieu.

Jamie Davis, '05 MA, '03 BA, teaches composition classes at San Jacinto College.

Charity Ellis, '02 BS, and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their second son, Rhett Miro, in July 2014. They are independent distributors with AdvoCare International.

Elinor Farmer, '04 BBA, lives and works in Sydney, Australia.

Lisa Fisher, '01 BS, is a licensed chemical dependency counselor for Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery Center.

Melanie Grote, '07 MS, works for Pearland ISD as an advanced academics specialist.

David Kahn, '05 MA, is a school psychologist for Galena Park ISD.

Steven Reeves, '07 BS, works for The Cenikor Foundation as a licensed chemical dependency counselor intern.

Thomas Reyes, '02 BBA, is a project estimator for Triad Electric and Control, Deer Park.

Amrit Sadani, '00 MS, is a senior manager for Capgemini U.S. LLC.

Rebecca Thompson, '03 MA, '01 BS, married **Cathryn Councill**, '97 BS, in March 2014.

Sundar Srinivas Vadrevu, '04 MS, is a lead functional configurator for Home Depot in Toronto, Canada.

Helen Melissa Ziegler, '05 MA, was named a fellow of the Medical Fitness Association. She works for the University of Southern Mississippi as an instructor of human performance and kinesiotherapy.

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Doug Arvin, '12 MBA, works for

University of Cincinnati Health System as system vice president-strategic and operations finance.

Nikita Aware, '13 MS, is a research technician III with Baylor College of Medicine, Houston.

Derek Bird, '14 MS, '12 BS, works as an internal auditor II with Waste Management.

Paul Bradt, '12 BS, published his book, "Arduino Heat Transfer Science Fair Projects."

Khyati Buddhadev, '13 MS, is a lab assistant at Omega/Biochem Laboratories, N.J.

Mya Carroll, '11 BS, is the CEO and founder of Phoenix Women's Outreach Inc., Houston.

Amber Criswell, '12 BA, teaches literature for Houston ISD.

Robyn Dohrmann, '10 MA, '08 BA, is an adjunct professor at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

Connie Fuentes, '13 BS, works for Houston Community College as a program adviser for business, technology and industry.

Angela Hatami, '13 BS, works for JPMorgan Chase as an assistant branch manager.

Saiteja Irukulapati, '14 MS, is a developer at Premier IT Solutions.

Manisha R. Lakkadi, '14 MS, is a clinical SAS programmer at Intone Networks Inc., Fort Worth.

Emily McGovern, '12 BS, is a constituent event coordinator at University of Houston.

Alan Mansfield, '12 BS, is a store planner for Stage Stores.

Prashanth Manne, '12 MS, is a quality analyst for SQLN Systems.

Jessica Middleton, '13 MA, received the



Pathfinder Award at the Governor's 2015 Criminal Justice Volunteer Service Award program. She is also an adjunct in the UHCL criminology program and was one of 16 individuals recognized for their work with convicted offenders.

Angela Molen, '10 BS, is a visiting lecturer of mathematics at UHCL.

Mohan Krishna Seemakurthi, '14 MS, is a programmer analyst for Andhus Technologies Inc., Itasca, Ill.

Samuel Vineet Daby Solomons, '13 MS, is a business analyst at Empyrean Benefit Solutions Inc.

Melissa Woodard, '10 BS, is a child nutrition financial analyst for Brazosport ISD.

KanthiSri Yarlagadda, '14 MS, is a Java developer for Cybersoft Communications.



In Memory

Dennis D. Bennett, '80 MBA, passed away March 2015.

David Braun, '86 BBA, passed away February 2015.

Kirk Edwards, '83 BS, passed away June 2014.

Elizabeth "Betty" Leibfried, '79 MA, 1984 Distinguished Alumna, passed away May 2015.

Margaret Lonero, '77 MA, passed away April 2015.

Johneva "Jackie" Rasberry, '83 MS, passed away July 2014.

Judith "Judy" Rodriguez Sanchez, '88 MS, passed away May 2015.

Charles Seaman, '90 MA, passed away June 2014.

Judith A. Thomas, '94 MA, '89 BS, passed away May 2015.

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**August 29 –
September 19**

GMAT Review hosted by Center for Executive Education, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Registration required. 281-283-3120.

September 10

“NASA Mission Control – Panel Discussion by the Unheralded Men Who Manned the Consoles in Mission Control” with Jerry Bostick, Chuck Deiterich, Maurice Kennedy, Jay Greene, Bill Gravett, Chuck Lewis and Milt Windler scheduled to attend. CLASP event, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bayou Building, Garden Room. 281-283-2021.

September 12

Art School for Children and Young Adults fall classes begin. Registration required. 281-283-3344.

**September 12 –
October 10**

GRE Review hosted by Center for Executive Education, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Registration required. 281-283-3120.

September 16
“Piñata Bash” for Latino Heritage Month activities, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Field near Student Services and Classroom Building. 281-283-2575.

September 23

“Stolen Education” documentary screening, 4-6 p.m. Student Services and Classroom Building Lecture Hall. 281-283-2575.

September 25-26

comiCulture, “Dead/Un-dead: Visualizing Mortality in the Graphic Arts.” 281-283-3311.

September 30

Gulf Coast Job Fair, 1:30-4 p.m. Bayou Building, Atria I and II. 281-283-2590.

October 3
Fall Open House, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Student Services and Classroom Building. 281-283-2500.

October 7

Gallery Talk with Bernadette Torres, 6 p.m. Bayou Building, Art Gallery. 281-283-3311.

October 9

“Haydn’s Surprise Symphony” concert by Mercury: The Orchestra Redefined, 8 p.m. Bayou Building, Bayou Theater. Ticket prices to be announced. 281-283-2560.

October 12

Foreign Language Program class sessions begin. Registration required. 281-283-3033.

October 12-16

UHCL Spirit Week. 281-283-2560.

October 14

I Heart UHCL Day. Celebrate your UHCL Hawk spirit no matter where you are. 281-283-2560.

October 15

“Exploring Ancient Ruins in Honduran Mosquitia Jungle with Laser Mapping,” by Juan Fernandez. CLASP event, 5:30-7 p.m., Bayou Building, Garden Room. 281-283-2021.

October 17
Alumni Celebration. Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Pkwy. 281-283-2021.

November 5

Opening Reception for 14th Houston Area Community College Student Art Exhibition, 5-7 p.m., Bayou Building, Art Gallery. Exhibition will be on display through Jan. 7. 281-283-3311.

November 5

“Discussion: Adm. Chester

W. Nimitz and Guadalcanal” by Peggy Hill. CLASP event, 5:30-7 p.m., Bayou Building, Garden Room. 281-283-2021.

November 7

Hawk Premier, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Student Services and Classroom Building. 281-283-2500.

November 11

Veterans Day Celebration. Bayou Building, Atrium II. 281-283-3071.

November 13 – January 15, 2016

Spring 2016 Open Registration. 281-283-2500.

November 14
UHCL Pearland Campus Open House, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 1200 Pearland Pkwy., Pearland. 281-283-2515.

November 17

Global Expo celebrating different cultures, noon – 5 p.m. Bayou Building, Atrium II. 281-283-2575.

November 19

Fall Teacher Job Fair. Open to the public. Noon – 2:30 p.m. Bayou Building, Atrium II. 281-283-2590.

November 19

Admissions Preview, 6-7:30 p.m. Student Services and Classroom Building. 281-283-2500.

November 20

“Brahms’ Hungarian Dances” concert by Mercury: The Orchestra Redefined, 8 p.m. Bayou Building, Bayou Theater. Registration required. 281-283-2560.

December 3

“The Ike Dike: A Coastal Barrier System Protecting Houston & Galveston Region from Hurricane Storm Surges” by Col. Leonard Waterworth. CLASP event,

5:30-7 p.m., Bayou Building, Garden Room. Registration recommended. 281-283-2021.

December 5

Campus Visit Day. Student Services and Classroom Building. 281-283-2500.

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