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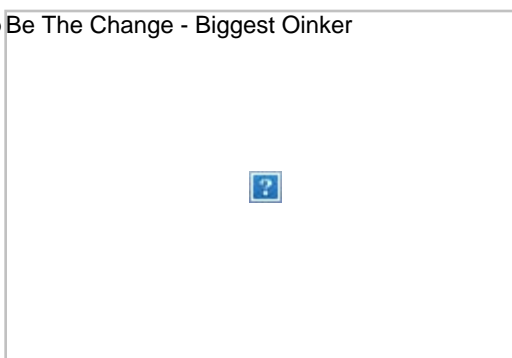
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November 2012: Anyone can "Be The Change" at UHCL

Sometimes the concept of philanthropists conjures up mental images of wealthy folks of the "blue blood" type on yachts or in mansions. At UHCL, we also celebrate those of the "blue pig" variety. Philanthropy is the noun of caring for the welfare of others, often demonstrated by donations of money.

Philanthropists are the people who do such things. National Philanthropy Day falls on November 15. But who are the philanthropists? There are many, and among them...our students.



Oct. 17 was I Heart UHCL day on campus. Many activities were held, including decoration competitions and other fun things to help others convey their appreciation of, and affection for, UHCL. Among those activities was the "Be The Change" student giving initiative titled "Biggest Oinker – Pack on the Pounds." Student organizations competed to fill blue piggy banks with money. The team with the heaviest sum of money at the end of the event wins a private reception with UHCL President William A. Staples. (Pictured are participants from members of various teams.) Proceeds are dedicated to campus beautification projects.

Giving in whatever way one can, for the benefit and welfare of others, is both laudable and appreciated. Whether a "lead gift" on a major fundraising campaign, or a grassroots contribution through a program such as "Be The Change," personal generosity plays a key role in how people support each other and causes that matter to them. On I Heart UHCL Day, it was clear students care about their campus and that UHCL matters to them.

To all who donate to make UHCL the great place it is; to all who contribute to support the dreams of students or the vision of the university; to all who give so others can succeed...thank you.

PS: Don't forget to attend UHCL's [Veterans Day Celebration](#) Nov. 11. The event gives you an opportunity to honor veterans who gave so much to support all of us.



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