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UH SYSTEM ACHIEVEMENTS

■ The UH System continues to successfully accomplish our mission of serving the higher education needs of our growing region and Texas. Projected UHS enrollment for Fall 2012 is 65,655, a 1.8% increase from Fall 2011.

University of Houston
40,600 (+2.0%)

UH-Clear Lake
7,415 (0%)

UH-Downtown
13,180 (+2%)

UH-Victoria
4,460 (+2%)

It is worth noting that UHV now has a total on-campus enrollment of 1,000 students, which is double the number two years ago.

■ College affordability is a serious priority of the Board of Regents and the UH System. The UH System now offers a published $10,000 degree at UHCL. However, the question we asked ourselves is: how many students, with or without a published $10,000 degree, pay out-of-pocket cost of less than $10,000. The results are impressive.

- Out of all those students who entered UH as freshmen and graduated in 2011, a quarter (25.8%) paid less than $10,000 for tuition and fee.

- At UHD, out of three of the most recent freshman cohorts (students who entered as freshmen and graduated from UHD), 27% did not have any out-of-pocket cost and 42% paid less than $10,000.

This has been made possible due to the support of the federal government (Pell Grants), state government (Texas Grants), and our own donors. Also, you may recall that there has been no tuition increase at UH and UHCL this year.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ACHIEVEMENTS

■ UH and Insperity Services, L.P., have entered into a 10-year corporate sponsorship agreement to name the business and classroom building under construction near Melcher Hall and Cemo Hall. In recognition of the company's $8 million gift to UH, the facility will be named Insperity Center. Scheduled to open November 29, Insperity Center will house Bauer College of Business classrooms, general purpose classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, and the nationally ranked Cyvia and Melvin Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship. Insperity Services, L.P. is a Houston-based company that for 25 years has been providing U.S. businesses with human resources, productivity, and administrative processes solutions.

■ UH has been selected as one of 10 universities nationwide to be included in the rollout of the Global Environment for Network Innovations, a prestigious National Science Foundation project. UH's participation will enable research innovations that will shape the technical infrastructure of future internets. Other universities selected for participation include Clemson, Duke, Georgia Tech, Northwestern, New York University, and Princeton.

■ Three UH assistant professors are among a small group of researchers statewide who have been awarded grants from the Norman Hackerman Advanced Research Program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in support of basic research by early-career investigators. Only 12 researchers, from a pool of 270 proposals, were awarded grants. UH awardees are Jeff Rimer and Gila Stein, assistant professors of chemical and biomolecular engineering, and Yuhong Wang, assistant professor of biology and biochemistry. Each received a two-year, $80,000 grant.

■ New admissions standards approved by the Board of Regents went in effect this Fall at UH. Yet, a record number of qualified students applied, and a record number chose UH over other competitive schools. The average SAT of entering freshmen has jumped to 1134, a figure that is within the range of public Tier One universities nationally. Interestingly, our transfer applications also increased significantly, an indication that our efforts to build stronger pathways for community college students are successful.

■ Student housing is at 100% occupancy! It proves that there was unmet demand for residential student experience within Houston.

■ Finally, the UH Law Center is taking the lead in offering one-on-one clinical service to all UH System students in applying for the opportunity offered by the Dream Act. UH Law Center faculty members are also taking the lead in assisting the community with several information sessions.

UH-Clear Lake Achievements

■ UHCL's Police Department, led by Chief Paul Willingham, received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement this spring. Less than 4 percent of law enforcement agencies in the nation hold accreditation, and only 1.3 percent of campus police departments hold this honor.

■ Community service and outreach continue to be a focus of UHCL's School of Education. Recently, the school hosted 100 students, educators, and mental health professionals during its "Collaborating to Meet the Needs of English Language Learners" conference. Sonia Nazario, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of "Enrique's Journey," was keynote speaker. In related news, the school received a $1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to improve classroom instruction for English learners with an emphasis on math and science.

■ The Library and Information Science program received $463,856 from the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program for a project to recruit and educate 15 teachers to become school librarians. The project will train these teachers to work more effectively with children in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs. The three-year project will begin in fall 2012.

UH-Downtown Achievements

■ The U.S. Department of Education has awarded UHD a grant of $3.2 million over five years under the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program. The funds will be used to implement summer bridge programs, college success programs, supplemental instruction and tutoring workshops and mentoring and engagement activities for students.

■ The Dr. Yung-Fa Chang Endowment for Student Grants-In-Aid has been established with a $2 million gift from the Taiwanese entrepreneur. Dr. Chang is a businessman and philanthropist involved in international air and sea shipping ventures and is the founder and group chairman of Evergreen Group, which operates Evergreen Marine and EVA Airways. The grants will provide support for students with financial need and academic ability.

■ The *Texas Higher Education Journal* has named UHD third in Texas among four-year public institutions of higher education for graduating African-American students, based on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 2012 Higher Education Almanac.

UH-Victoria Achievements

■ UHV's downward expansion will enter its third year, with enrollment breaking records. Fall freshman enrollment in Victoria stands at more than 260, and should rise to an all-time high of 275 or more. Together with returning sophomores and rising juniors, UHV now has more than 500 underclassmen on the Victoria campus who were not there two years ago, when total on-campus enrollment stood at only 451. By adding freshmen and sophomores, UHV has more than

doubled the headcount in Victoria in just two year. The School of Arts & Sciences, which houses the general education curriculum, has more than tripled the number of face-to-face classes since Fall 2009. Overall, UHV's total population should surpass last fall's 4,373 enrollment record.

■ UHV is witnessing a building boom. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board gave final approval in July for construction of the Academic & Economic Development Building, the first new academic building on campus since the late 1990s. Ground is set to be broken in early 2013 on this 63,000 sq-ft facility, budgeted for $13-plus million. The building will house the School of Business Administration, the Small Business Development Center, and related career and internship services. Ground will be broken this month on Jaguar Suites, UHV's first all-new residence hall– an $11.2 million facility for sophomores. When completed in time for Fall 2013 registration, UHV will have three residence halls and more than 600 beds for freshmen and sophomores. UHV's second residence hall, Jaguar Court, comes on line this month.

■ UHV will kick off its 40th anniversary celebration this month, a year-long series of activities centered on student life to commemorate the university's founding in 1973. At the Fall Convocation later this month, UHV will introduce "jaX the Jaguar," its new mascot, who will appear at sports events and games as well as community functions. Chancellor Khator will be on-hand for the convocation and will lead groundbreaking ceremonies for Jaguar Suites.