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UH PLACES NINTH IN NATION AFTER FIRST WEEK OF RECYCLEMANIA

Houston, February 1, 2010 – The results are in, and the University of Houston placed ninth in the nation after the first week of a nationwide recycling contest called RecycleMania.

This is UH’s second year to compete in RecycleMania. Last year, UH placed 72nd among 518 schools which participated across the nation.

UH also placed third in Texas last year, behind only two smaller campuses.

The University of Houston is excited about these early results, and looks forward to continuing to heat up the competition.

“I am so excited that the university started out in the competition in such a great way,” said Emily Messa, Assistant Vice President of University Services and head of the UH Green Initiative. “The challenge for us as a community will be to maintain this high ranking by ensuring that we utilize the recycling bins appropriately and encourage other members in the community to do so as well. I know that we can do this – because when Cougars come together as a team, they can accomplish anything.”

With help from students, faculty, and staff, UH is confident of having what it takes to win the competition. Maria Honey, Marketing Manager for University Services said, “Ranking ninth overall on week one is a great accomplishment, but in order for UH to stay in the top ten throughout the competition, every student must do their part. Keep recycling Cougars!”

For more information about RecycleMania and how to get involved, visit www.uh.edu/recyclemania.
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