



Staff Council
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Staff Council
Awards & Scholarship
Ceremony

Thursday, July 14, 2022
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
Elizabeth D. Rockwell Pavilion

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Welcome

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Staff Council Achievements

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Supporting Student Success

\$13,500

2022-2023 Scholarship aid for UH students

- 1 SC B. Renae Milton Students of Staff Scholarship
- 9 Staff Council Scholarships
- 4 Women Gender Resource Center Scholarships

944

Students served during Finals Mania

FALL 2021 COUGAR FIRST IMPRESSIONS

7,500+

Student inquiries answered

6,400

Cold bottles of water

3,000

Frozen treats

8,500+

Notepads, maps, pens, etc.

1,250+

Students helped at
UH Sugar Land and Katy

2

Days of CFI



Community Outreach Initiatives

35 50-Gallon Bags Sock & Blanket Drive

\$1,000+ Thanksgiving Meals for Senior Citizens

30 Volunteers 3rd Ward Community Clean Up

100 Books Book Drive for Kids

100 Children 31st Annual Spring Egg Drive

64 Kids 5th Annual Take Your Child To Work Day



STAFF COUNCIL'S BOOK DRIVE FOR KIDS
In Partnership with Books Between Kids: May 23rd to June 6th



Staff Council Fosters UH Staff Development, Leadership & Recognition

Workplace Reimagined and Alternative Workplace Arrangement (AWA)
Information Sessions

Launched Staff Council Awards

Launched Staff Affairs Professional Development Series

Staff Council General Meetings host Special Guests

Launched Staff Council Meet & Greet

Staff Focus, Conversations with Staff, and Workplace Conversation Events

Awarded SC Rebecca Szwarc Professional Development Reimbursement

Hosted University System Staff Executive Council Quarterly Meeting

Homecoming Spirit Bell Competition and Welcome Back Tailgate

Our Workplace Reimagined

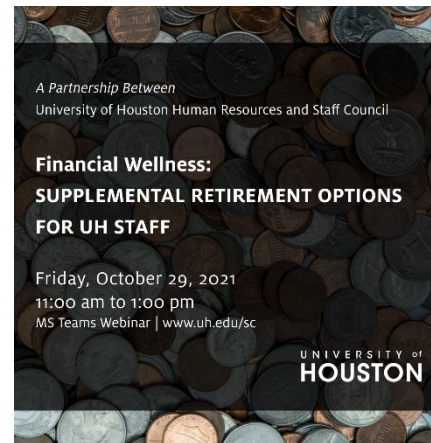
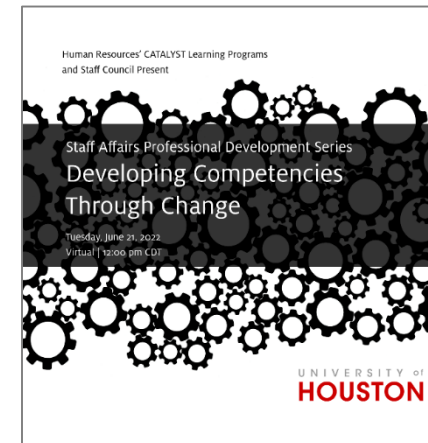


Staff Council
Awards

Service · Training · Advocacy · Networking · Diversity · Sustainability

Recognizing Employee Excellence
at the University of Houston

Nomination Period
May 2nd - 31st



Staff Centered Programs



A Partnership Between
University of Houston Staff Council
Arab-American Educational Foundation Center for Arab Studies

A Workplace Conversations Event

**ARAB AMERICAN WOMEN:
VOICES FROM THE GRASSROOTS**

Thursday, April 28, 2022
12 PM to 1:30 PM CDT

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Four portrait photos of women, likely speakers or organizers for the event, arranged vertically on the right side of the poster.

2022 STAFF FOCUS
Moving Forward Together, Stronger Than Ever
Virtual | January 13, 2022 at 1 PM CDT

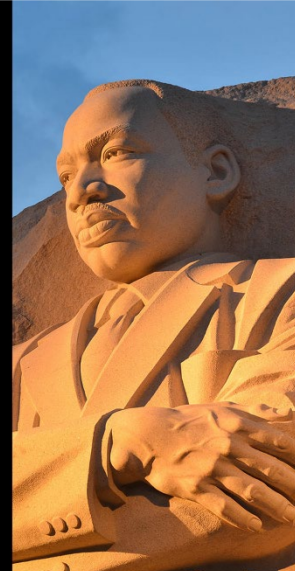
A grid of small portrait photos of staff council members, arranged in a shape that resembles a large arrow pointing to the right.

Spring 2022
Workplace Conversation

CELEBRATING THE
MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. MEMORIAL
AT THE NATIONAL
MALL

1.26.22 / 12PM
VIRTUALLY / RSVP

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A large, golden statue of Martin Luther King Jr., shown in profile, set against a blue sky and a landscape background.

HER 
story

Women in Leadership at UH

WORKPLACE CONVERSATIONS
Webinar: Thursday, March 24th | 12:00pm to 1:00pm, CDT

A group of staff council members sitting around a long table in a dining commons, engaged in conversation and eating. The setting is bright and casual.

**STAFF COUNCIL
MEET & GREET**
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Cougar Woods
Dining Commons

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Staff Council Awards

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2022 Rookie of the Year Award



“Thank you to my colleagues for the recognition and distinction of this honor.”

William Cornelio

Operations Coordinator
Campus Recreation

2022 Optimism Award



Cristian A. Garcia

Senior Recruiter
UH Human Resources

“When I started employment at the University of Houston, exactly 3 years ago, one of my first events as a staff member, was attending a staff appreciation luncheon and at the end, a couple of staff members were being recognized for their work.

I knew one day I wanted to win an award and here I am, 3 years later winning a Staff Council Award.”

2022 High Performance Award



Miranda Vernon-Harrison

Graduate Director of Student Affairs
Cullen College of Engineering

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela

“I want to express my gratitude for being a recipient of the Staff Council Awards. This unexpected recognition of my dedication and efforts is most rewarding!

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our students on a daily basis and seeing them committed to their educational goals is what motivates me. I am truly appreciative of this acknowledgment. Thank you! GO COOGS!”

2022 Impact Award



Brian Hall

Emergency Management Specialist
Office of Emergency Management

"I am so honored and humbled to be nominated and selected for this award. I come from a family of service and being part of the University of Houston allows me to give back in so many ways.

While COVID-19 challenged all of us, I am lucky to be part of a team that worked through each obstacle with ease."

2022 Inspiring Leadership Award



Nina Howard

Student Success Advocate
Undergraduate Student Success Center

“I deem it an honor to be recognized by my peers. I am humbled and appreciative to be a recipient. Thank you and Go Coogs!”

2022 Collaborator Award



Ericka Mellon

Executive Director of Communications
College of Education

“Thank you for the kind recognition! I’m lucky to work with an amazing team and colleagues dedicated to advancing student success, high-impact research, and equity and inclusivity for all.”

2022 Friends of Staff Council Award



Enrique Garza Jr.

Multimedia Designer

University Marketing and Communications

“I’m happy that I was able to help out and use my skills to contribute to the visual language for Staff Council.”

2022 Team Excellence Award

**University Information Technology
Technology Support Services & Enterprise Systems**

Amy Ma

User Services Spec. Lead, TSS

Ivey Davis

User Services Spec. Lead, TSS

Rafael Arroyo

User Services Spec II, TSS

Matthew Harvey

Help Desk Coordinator, TSS

Rene Gonzalez

IT Help Desk Shift Lead, TSS

Maricela Rodriguez

IT Documentation Coordinator II, TSS

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Staff Council Scholarships

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2022-2023 SC B. Renae Milton Scholarship



Olivia A. Goodley
Sociology

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Hope Pacheco

Assistant Dean of Students (Staff)

“The B. Renae Milton Scholarship will help me pursue academic excellence during my 4 years at UH.

Thanks to the scholarship I will have an easier time affording tuition and class fees.”

2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship



Krystle C. Emerson
Senior Library Spec.
UH Law Library

Certificate in Accountancy
C.T. Bauer College of Business

“Thank you for choosing me to be one of the ten recipients to receive the 2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship. This award will help promote my career as a future C.P.A. from the Bauer College of Business Certified Accountancy Program. As a returning student to the University of Houston, I am looking forward to working as an accountant since I earned a B.B.A. in Accounting in 2010. Not only will the scholarship help to further my education, but I will seek out employment as an accountant here at the main campus or anywhere within the UH system.

This scholarship will aid my career goals over the next two and half years, and help with any financial circumstances that may arise as I journey through my courses at the Bauer College of Business Certified Accountancy Program. In addition, I would like to thank Amanda Watson and Emily Lawson for mentioning this scholarship to me. Meanwhile, I relayed this information to my colleague, who is considering going back to school. Thanks so much for your consideration.”

2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship



Sarah Flores

Assistant Director

Student Centers Event Services

Masters of Science in Hospitality Management
Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality
Leadership

“This scholarship will help me with my last semester of graduate school as I complete my journey through my master's program. I took a 5-year break between my undergraduate degree and my master's degree, both of which I will have received from the University of Houston.

This scholarship is incredibly beneficial for my studies and allows me to focus on my education instead of the different aspects that can make an education costly. I will join a handful of family members who pursued secondary degrees, and I look forward to how completing my degree will allow me to better serve the University of Houston students.”

2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship



Judy H. Lam

Business Services Assistant
Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality
Leadership

Certificate in Accountancy
C.T. Bauer College of Business

"It is wonderful to be a part of UH, where there is a lot of support and so many opportunities to receive a little extra help in attaining a further education.

This scholarship will definitely put a dent in the financial burden of completing my post baccalaureate."

2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship



Erika Neal

Advising Assistant

C.T. Bauer College of Business

MED Higher Education

College of Technology

“I am delighted to accept this scholarship for my enrollment in the Fall 2022 semester that will go toward the tuition for my higher education grad program.

This scholarship will help me promote my education by assisting with paying for the cost of my tuition. This scholarship will allow me to not worry about the payment, but focusing on the curriculum.”

2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship



Caroline S. Neary
Senior Research Analyst
Undergraduate Academic Affairs

PHD Higher Education Leadership and Policy Studies
College of Education

“I am very pleased to accept a Staff Council scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year. This scholarship will support me in my study of higher education, which allows me to better serve UH students.”

2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship



Hope Pacheco, LMSW
Assistant Dean of Students
Student Outreach and Support

PHD Higher Education Leadership and Policy
Studies
College of Education

“I am grateful for the opportunity to have been selected as a recipient for the Staff Scholarship for 2022-2023. This funding will help me cover the cost of tuition while I enter my 4th year as a part time doctoral student and allow me to continue my research study as a scholar-practitioner in higher education.

Funding sources for part time students and full time employees is very limited and I appreciate the opportunity to have been selected as a scholarship recipient. It is validating that my educational pursuit is recognized as an employee of UH.”

2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship



Giovanni Rosselli

Director of Alumni Relations
C.T. Bauer College of Business

Master of Public Administration
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

“Staff Council has been there for me every step of the way as I pursue a graduate-level degree from our University of Houston.

I’m less than a year away from realizing my dream and I hope others will read my brief statement and be inspired to pursue theirs. Support IS available to staff. Don’t put it off any longer!”

2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship



Jesus Sanchez

Financial Coordinator I
UIT Business Services

MA History
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

“Thank you for this wonderful opportunity for providing me a scholarship for the Staff Council scholarship at the University of Houston. This scholarship means a lot to me and many others as it will help us attain our degrees and pursue our goals in our desired fields of study.

This scholarship will help promote my education as it will help me during my first years in graduate school in getting my masters in the history program, where I built solid rapports with professors and colleagues. As a first-generation Latino, I’d never imagined I would further my career in my education, and I will be the first in my family to get a masters due to the hard work I put in as an undergrad. Thanks to this scholarship, I will be able to start the program in history this fall.”

2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship



Alice Yang

Coordinator, Honors Mentorship Program
The Honors College

MS Human Resource Development
College of Technology

“I am grateful to be one of the recipients of the Staff Council Scholarship for the 2022-23 academic year. The Staff Council Scholarship will help me pursue my graduate degree in Human Resource Development at UH.

I plan to bring the knowledge gained from my education to my current position and my professional career at the University of Houston.”

2022-2023 WGRC Scholarship



Daniel Chang

Director, Academic Programs
Office of the Provost

MED Higher Education
College of Technology

“In these challenging economic times, everything helps. That being said, aside from the financial support that the Women and Gender Resource Center (WGRC) Scholarship will provide, this honor affirms the direction I am heading in my pursuit of higher education is the right one and the journey has been tremendous.

I am thankful to the WGRC and the consideration committee for their time and consideration.”

2022-2023 WGRC Scholarship



Melissa Nieto
Academic Advisor III
College of Pharmacy

Master of Public Administration
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

“This scholarship means a lot to me because it will allow me to continue to pursue the MPA degree at little to no financial impact or burden for me and my family. Thanks to this scholarship I can focus on completing my studies without having to worry about how I will pay for tuition.

As a full-time staff member, it brings me great joy to be able to work and study at UH and to know that in the near future, I too will be able to help pay it forward to this wonderful community.”

2022-2023 WGRC Scholarship



Cindy Paz

Program Director, Community Health Worker
Initiative
The Honors College

Master of Business Administration
C.T. Bauer College of Business

“I am so excited to be a recipient of this scholarship. This scholarship will help me obtain an MBA with a certification in management and leadership. I hope to continue my work at the University of Houston, leading community projects and interdisciplinary teams.”

2022-2023 WGRC Scholarship



Kirstyn Speich

Life Member Manager, Alumni Relations
UH Alumni Association

MA Mass Communication
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

“Being awarded this scholarship, I am beyond grateful! It allows for me the opportunity to continue my education and overall growth as a person.

It’s going to help me achieve the goals I set for myself, like completing my masters by 30, and I am truly so thankful!”

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Staff Council Leadership

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2021-2022 Staff Council Officers



President
Danesha Allen



President Elect
David Frankfort



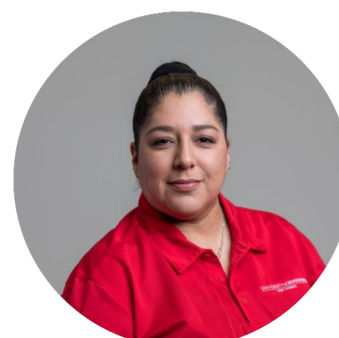
Immediate Past President
Shanequea White



Secretary
Janelle Brown



Parliamentarian
Caleb Prestridge



Treasurer
Elsie Myers



Historian
Karl Hearne

2021-2022 Staff Council Representatives

DaNesha Allen
Shatera Anderson
Gillian Bautista
Tina Blakes
Thomas Brents
Ashley Brown
Janelle Brown
Vicki Cerna-Bell
Jacqueline Chee
Seth Evans
Stefanie Florencio
Diedra Fontaine
David Frankfort
Ron Gonyea

Sabrina Grant
Karl Hearne
Sarah Holloway
Whitney Johnson
Genny Lee
Erica Mahan
Scott Mason
Tracy Markovich
Emily Merrell
Andy Moon
Emory Moore
Elsie Myers
Melissa Nieto
Nam Nguyen

Sharon Pellas
Markenna Pharr
Caleb Prestridge
Fariba Pouraryan
Amber Rangel
Jennifer Rea
Debbie Samuels
Scott Paul
Trina Silva
LaRahia Smith
Marti Trummer-Cabrera
Courtney Washington
Shanequea White

Congratulations to our newly elected Staff Council Representatives!



At-Large
Trina Silva



Academic Affairs
Erica Barreraz-Mahan



Academic Affairs
Seth Evans



Academic Affairs
Elsie Myers



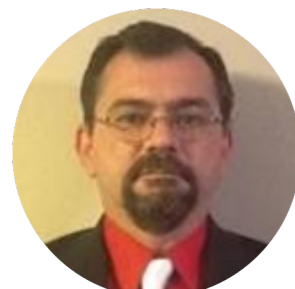
Academic Affairs
Melissa Nieto



Academic Affairs
Shanequea White



Administration & Finance
Jacqueline Chee



Administration & Finance
Ron Gonyea



Administration & Finance
Sharon Pellas



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