
PROVOST'S FIVE-YEAR IMPACT REPORT

2013–2017



ALWAYS MOVING THE NEEDLE

It has been five years since my appointment as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and I take pride in the great strides that the University of Houston has taken to transform itself into a world-class institution for higher education. From overseeing the establishment of the UH Graduate School, the Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy, the Foundations of Excellence initiative, and Houston GPS, to the implementation of student success initiatives such as UHin4 and the Provost Summer Read program, I have continued to build upon this foundation of academic excellence in 2017-18.

The University of Houston does not call itself the Powerhouse for nothing. The past five years have shown us that through hard work, dedication, and perseverance, anything is possible. And that possibility is what drives us to keep moving the needle.

Paula Myrick Short

*Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Houston System
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Houston*

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST SUCCESS INITIATIVES

2014

2015

2013

Cougar Chairs
Leadership Academy
Foundations of Excellence
UH Graduate School

Director, Center for ADVANCING
UH Faculty Success
Exploratory Studies
Inside Track Coaching
Passports for Coogs
Provost Summer Read Program
Provost Visiting Scholars
Program
UHin4

Cub Camp
Faculty Recruitment, Retention,
Equity and Diversity
Future Faculty Fellowships
Houston Guided Pathways to
Success
Provost's Prize for Creative Writing
Provost Service Learning
Scholarship
Student Success Collaborative
Travels with Shasta



The first graduating class from the Cougar
Chairs Leadership Academy



Provost Paula Myrick Short with Byron Pitts,
Provost Summer Read Program author



Cub Camp student leaders welcomed 200
participating freshmen in 2015.

2016

College Performance-Based Funding
College Strategic Planning Process
Dual Career Program
Faculty Competitive Salary Initiative
Faculty Grievance Policy
Hobby School of Public Affairs
Kathrine G. McGovern
College of the Arts
Non-Tenure Track Faculty Policy
Postdoctoral Fellows Association

2017

ACES Institute
Data Science Institute
EAB Guide App
Faculty Café
Faculty Engagement and
Development
Global Citizens Credential
Open Textbook Network

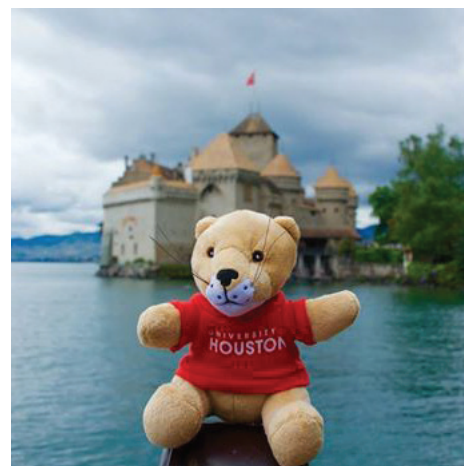
Since joining the University of Houston in 2013, Provost Paula Myrick Short has established a number of initiatives in support of the President's goals. These initiatives benefit faculty, students, and the university by focusing on academic quality and student success, ensuring a positive learning and working environment, recruiting and maintaining top-quality faculty, and increasing national and international prominence.



Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts opens; permanent endowment benefits arts students, faculty, and community outreach.



The rollout of the ACES Institute strives to enhance real-world learning experiences for students while addressing community needs.



Travels with Shasta tracks our mascot's travels abroad. He spent a day at Lake Geneva.

A photograph of three graduates in black caps and gowns. The woman in the foreground is looking upwards with a hopeful expression. The man behind her is smiling, and the woman to the right is looking forward. They are all wearing yellow stoles.

PREPARE GRADUATES WHO WILL CHANGE THE WORLD

Whether it is incoming freshmen, transfer students, or graduating seniors, student success has always been the top priority for Provost Short. The university has worked tirelessly to implement a variety of initiatives and programs that encourage timely graduation as well as strategic academic planning.

76%

Completed application rate
fall 2017

47%

FTIC students completing 30+
credit hours annually
2017

6,749

Bachelor's degrees awarded
2017



61%

Freshman acceptance rate
2017-2018



85%

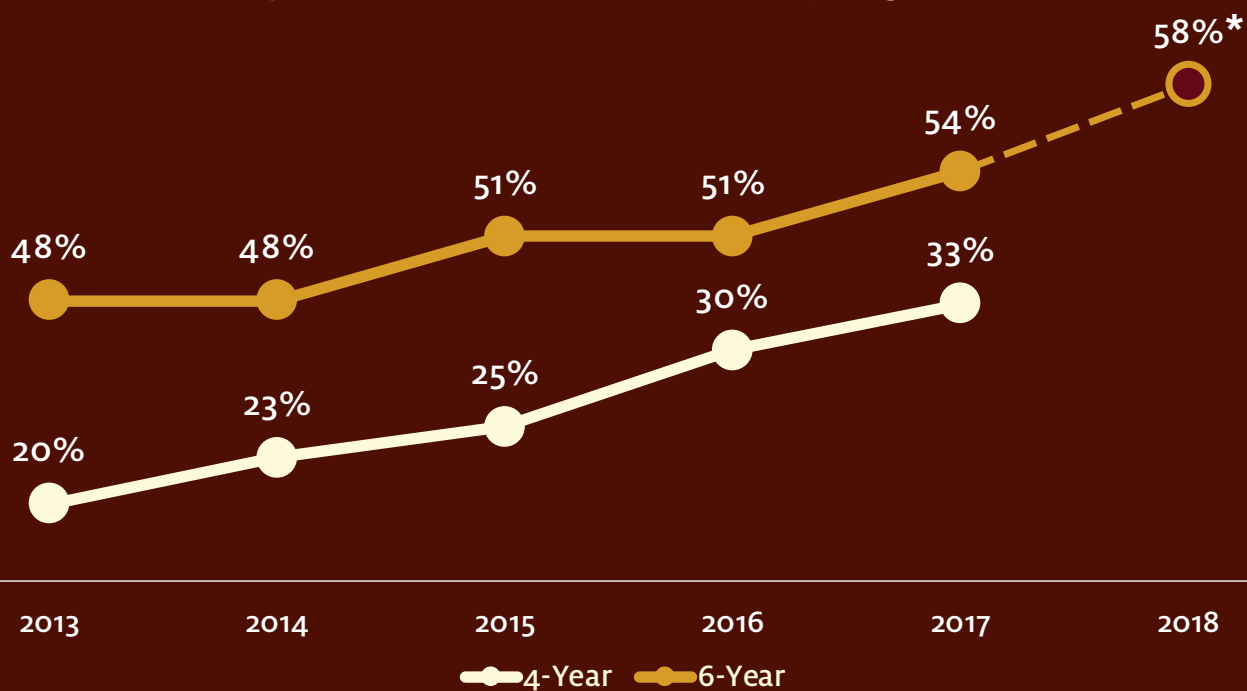
1-year retention rate of FTIC
students
fall 2017



▲ 17%

Increase of Bachelor's
degrees awarded
2013-2017

4-Year and 6-Year Graduation Rates, 2013-2018



**The 6-year graduation rate for 2018 is currently a projection.*

UHin4

The University of Houston is committed to offering a world-class education without breaking the bank. The UHin4 program was created to simplify the process for students to earn both a high quality and affordable education within four years.



67%

of students in the fall 2014 FTIC cohort completed 90 hours by the end of their third year, compared to the prior three-year average of 59%.



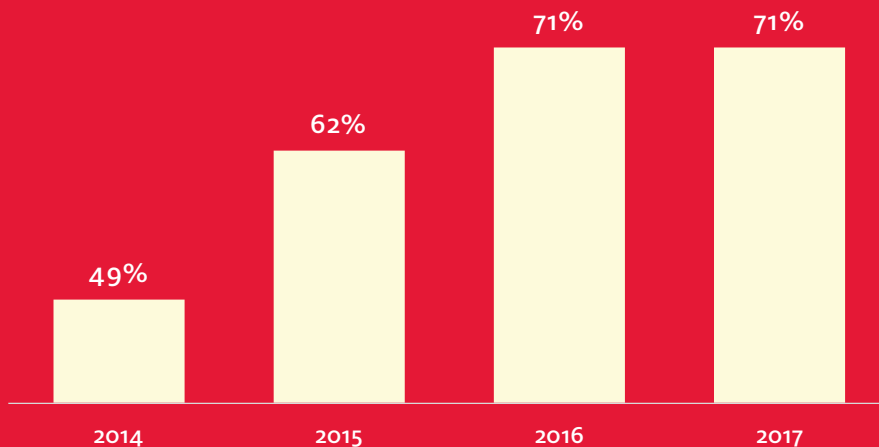
2017

Program earns Star Award from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

▲ 22 pts

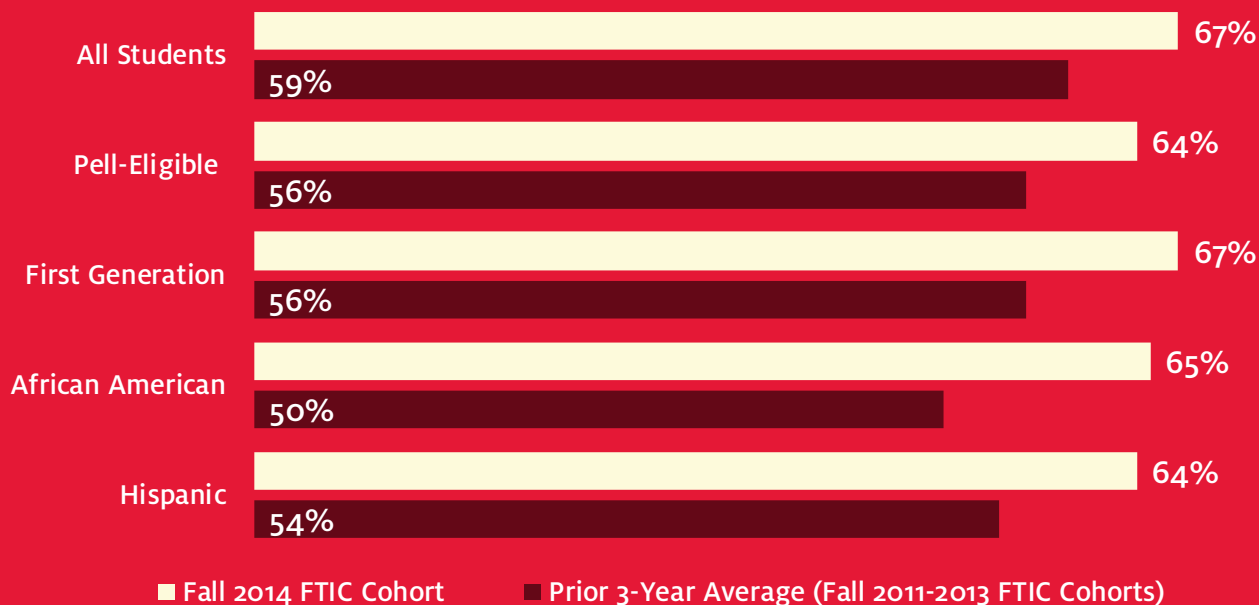
With each subsequent year, UHin4 has seen increased participation by the incoming FTIC cohorts, rising 22 percentage points since its inception.

Incoming Freshmen Participating in UHin4



Since the program's inception in 2014, more FTIC students are on track to graduate in four years, particularly students in underserved populations.

Students Completing 90 Hours by End of Third Year





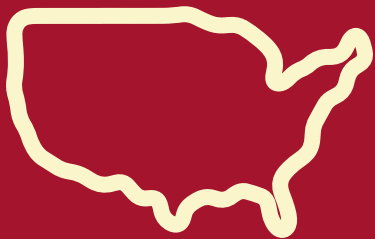
HOUSTON GPS

Houston Guided Pathways to Success, or Houston GPS, is an integrated system of cohesive, interdependent strategies that are designed to increase and accelerate student completion and smooth two-year to four-year college transfer while improving educational quality for Houston-area students.



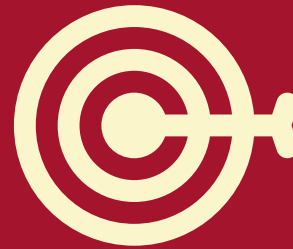
11 INSTITUTIONS

College of the Mainland
Houston Community College System
Lone Star College System
San Jacinto College District
Texas Southern University
University of Houston
University of Houston-Clear Lake
University of Houston-Downtown
University of Houston-Victoria
Victoria College
Wharton County Junior College



1ST

Regional collaboration chosen to be
a member of the Complete College
America Alliance of States



1 GOAL

Increasing completion rates in the
region through streamlined pathways
and seamless transfer from 2-year to
4-year institutions.



300,000+

Students within the region that could
potentially benefit from this program

CUB CAMP

Cub Camp is a supplemental first year transition program designed to bridge the gap between initial course enrollment and the beginning of the first fall semester. Students engage in purposeful activities that allow for a deeper understanding of UH culture and tradition, promote successful transition into college life, and identify and cultivate vital support systems.



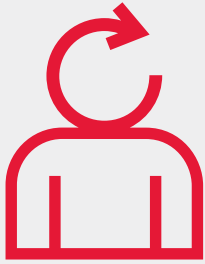
92%

of campers leave Cub Camp
feeling proud to be a Coog!



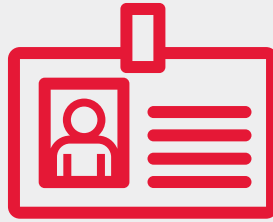
▲ 50%

Increase in freshman
participants in Cub Camp,
2015-2017



42%

of current camp counselors
are previous participants



69

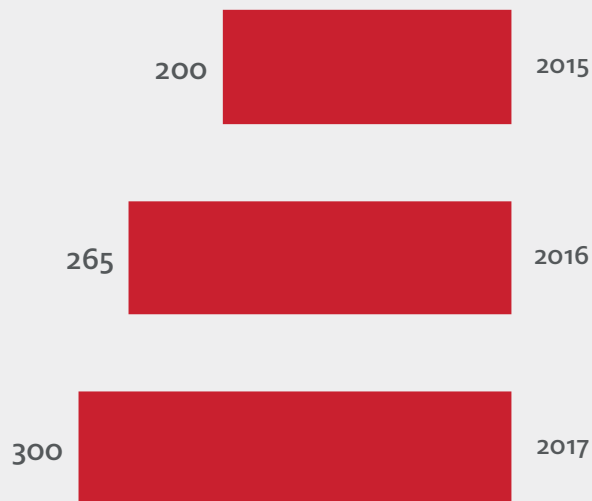
Student staff members help
plan and execute Cub Camp



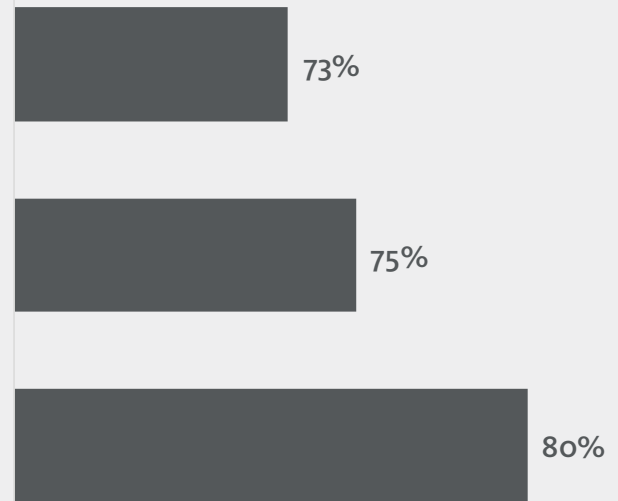
96%

of campers return to UH after
their first semester

Cub Camp Attendance



Percent of Participants vs. Registered



Cub Camp: student run, student led. This program brought to you by the Office of the Provost.



SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Provost Paula Myrick Short funds a number of scholarships to support the success of our students, including the Provost's Service Learning Scholarship, the Houston Early Research Experience (HERE), and the Provost's Undergraduate Research Scholarship (PURS).

**PROVOST'S
SERVICE LEARNING
SCHOLARSHIP**

**HOUSTON EARLY
RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE**

**PROVOST'S
UNDERGRADUATE
RESEARCH
SCHOLARSHIP**

Students who participate in the Bonner Leaders Program are eligible for this scholarship.

\$107,500

Total funding disbursed
fall 2015-fall 2017

73

Total awards
fall 2015-fall 2017

Students receive \$1,000 for successfully completing the HERE program in May. The associated scholarship is disbursed the following fall.

\$55,000

Total funding disbursed
fall 2016-fall 2017

55

Total awards
fall 2016-fall 2017

Talented UH juniors and seniors receive a \$1,000 scholarship to conduct a one-semester research project with UH faculty mentors.

\$330,000

Total funding disbursed
spring 2013-fall 2017

33

Total awards
spring 2013-fall 2017



PROVOST SUMMER READ

The Provost Summer Read Program is built around a common book that is read over the summer by all first-year students. Once students arrive on campus for the start of the fall semester, they participate in a meaningful dialogue with faculty and peers.



14,040

Students who had the book in
a course



12

Unique courses that included
the book in 2016 and 2017

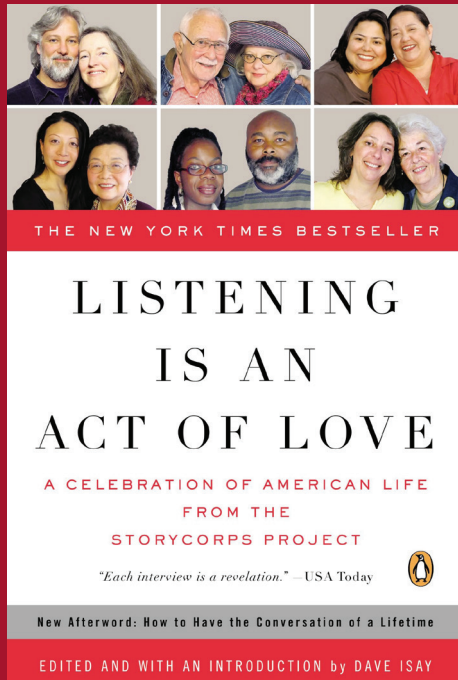


24,500

Books given away since
program started in 2014

Listening is an Act of Love: A
Celebration of American Life from the
StoryCorps Project by Dave Isay

2016



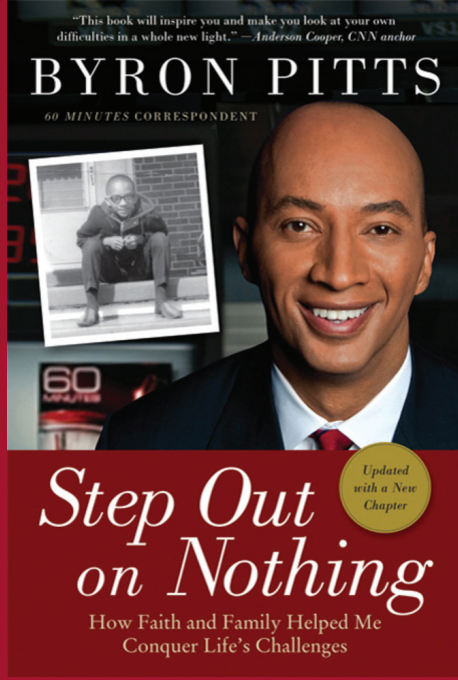
Hidden Figures: The Story of the
African-American Women Who Helped
Win the Space Race
by Margot Lee Shetterly

2017



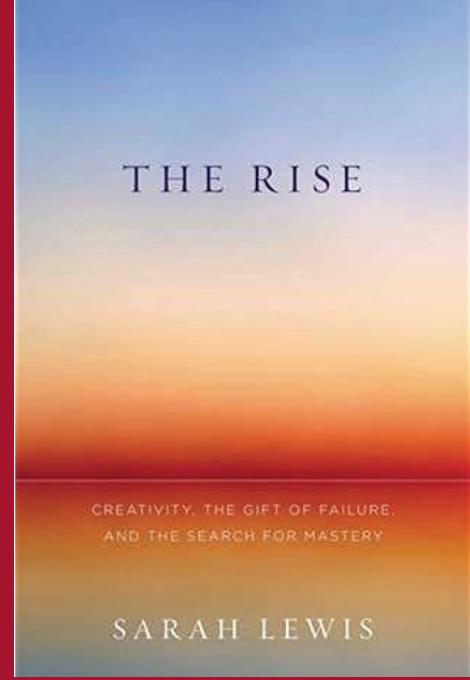
Step Out on Nothing: How Faith and
Family Helped Me Conquer Life's
Challenges by Byron Pitts

2014



The Rise: Creativity, The Gift of Failure,
and The Search for Mastery
by Sarah Lewis

2015



BUILD & RETAIN A DIVERSE, WORLD-CLASS FACULTY

University of Houston faculty members are leaders in their fields and regularly make things happen — in the lab, in society, and around the world. Closer to home, faculty work with students to open up new worlds and new possibilities.



28

National Science Foundation
CAREER Award winners
since 2012

18

National Academies of
Sciences and Engineering
members since 2012

11

National Academies of
Inventors fellows since 2012

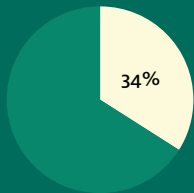
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Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

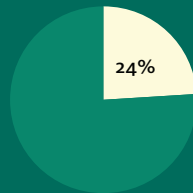
COMPETITIVE SALARY INITIATIVE

The overall goal of this three-year initiative is to begin the process of adjusting the nine-month academic salaries of our tenured and tenure-track faculty members to more accurately reflect an individual faculty member's sustained performance, while also ensuring that in aggregate UH faculty salaries are recognized as being nationally competitive with other Tier One institutions.

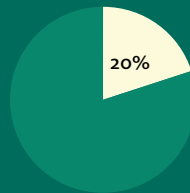
Faculty below 95%
of national average
as of Sept. 1, 2015



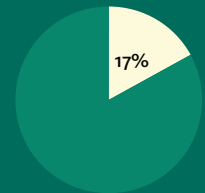
Faculty below 95%
of national average
as of Sept. 1, 2016



Faculty below 95%
of national average
as of Sept. 1, 2017



Projected faculty below 95%
of national average upon CSI
completion



2016

\$826,906
funds disbursed during
first cycle:

244 faculty
received the maximum
annual salary
increment available

63 faculty
had salaries increased
to 95% of the national
average

2017

\$804,083
funds disbursed during
second cycle:

207 faculty
received the maximum
annual salary
increment available

36 faculty
had salaries increased
to 95% of the national
average

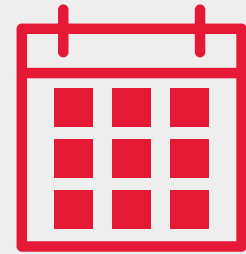
2018

With the third and
final cycle currently
underway, CSI projects
that 17% of faculty will
remain below 95% of
the national average.

Faculty who were
eligible for the CSI
in all three years are
projected to receive a
total salary increase of
\$9,250.

FACULTY CAFÉ

The Faculty Café is designed to encourage and promote *Esprit De Corps* amongst UH faculty members. This dedicated space on campus facilitates and encourages individual and group faculty interactions and “collisions” in an informal setting.



9

Events during spring 2017

17

Events during summer 2017

23

Events during fall 2017



267

Faculty members attended webinars, workshops, and presentations in fall 2017



Professional
Development

229

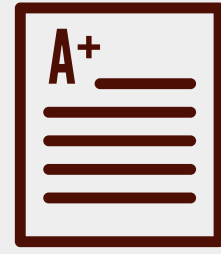
Faculty memberships with the
National Center for Faculty
Development & Diversity



Mentoring

9

Faculty graduates from the
inaugural 12-week UH Faculty
Success Program



Teaching &
Instruction

366

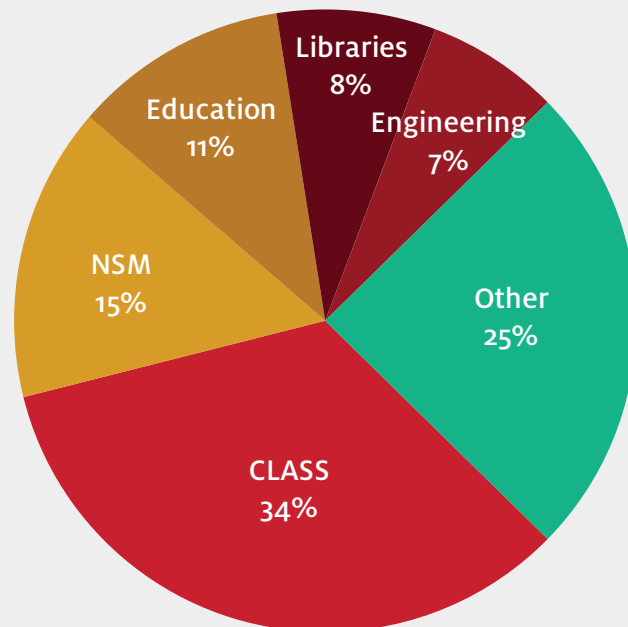
Webinars and teaching
resources added to University
of Houston inventory

Visits to the Faculty Café



7,871

Total faculty visits to the
Faculty Café
(as of Feb. 2018)





COUGAR CHAIRS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy (CCLA) was established in 2013 to cultivate and develop leaders across all academic departments. The one-year program prepares participants to step into departmental leadership roles to support UH's strategic plans, specifically recruiting, retaining, and nurturing the leadership of outstanding faculty.



119

CCLA graduates from
four cohorts, 2014-2018



24%

of CCLA graduates
have moved into
leadership roles








UH ADVANCE

Provost Short serves as the Director of the Center for ADVANCING UH Faculty Success which, created with a \$3.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation, is working to increase the number of women and women-of-color faculty members in STEM/SBS fields, as well as make sure they have opportunities to move into leadership roles.


Faculty Climate Survey Participation Rates

34%  **50%**
2015 2017

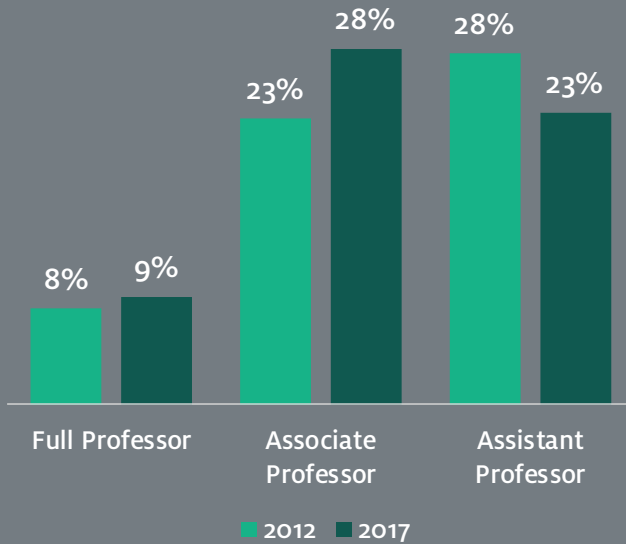
Applicant Pool Changes in STEM/SBS

 **46%** Hispanic applications
 **24%** African-American applications
 **32%** Overall increase in applications

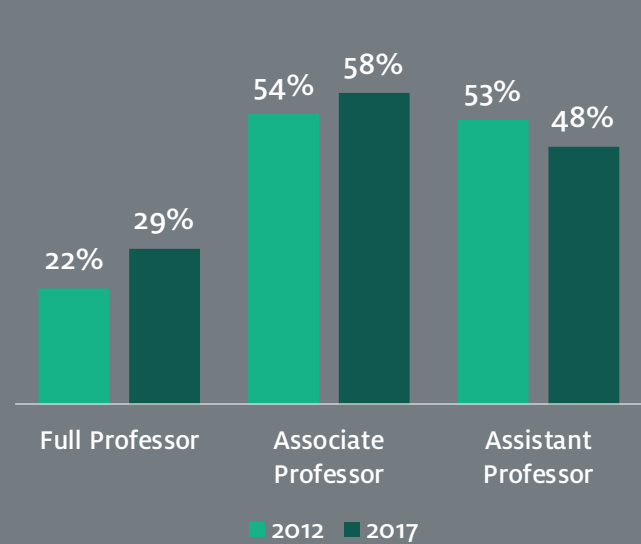
Percentage of Women Promoted to Full Professor

8.3%  **45%**
2014/2015 and 2015/2016 promotion cycles 2016/2017 promotion cycle

Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)



Women in Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS)



Number of Hispanic and African-American Tenured and Tenure Track Faculty



EXPAND GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Provost Short leads the University's efforts to be a globally recognized institution of higher education by infusing a comprehensive and systemic approach towards globalization within the colleges and centers. Major efforts have been made to integrate the global social, legal, economic, political, and technological dimension across the curriculum.



4

Fulbright Scholarships
awarded to UH students, with
2 alternates since 2013

18

Scholar and Specialist
Fulbright Scholarships
awarded to UH faculty
since 2013

23

Gilman Scholarship awardees,
2013-2017

▲ 64%

Increase in International
Education Fee Scholarships
since 2015



800+

Students went abroad
in 2017



3,843

International students
enrolled at UH in 2017



3,565

U.S. Passports distributed
through Learning Abroad
since 2015

63%

Increase in faculty-led
programs abroad
since 2013

104

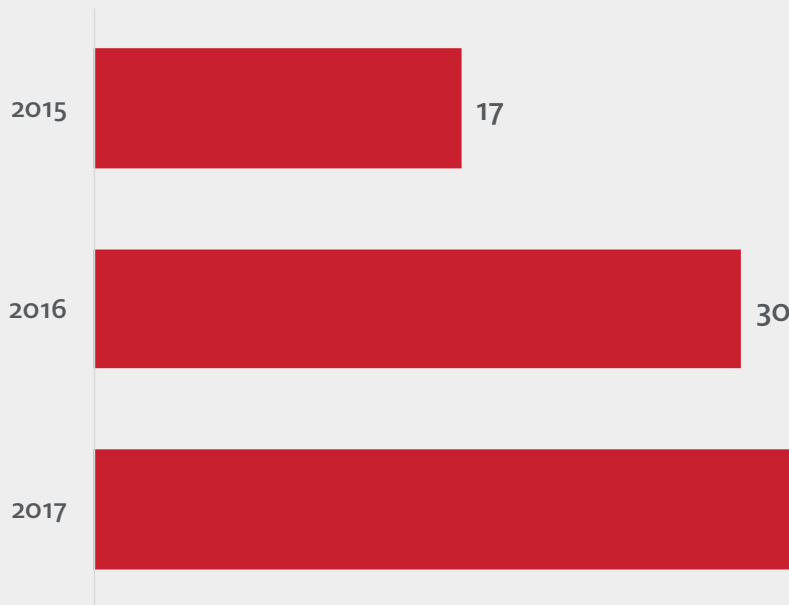
International strategic
partnerships across four
continents

A portrait of a woman with dark, wavy hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark blazer. The background is slightly out of focus, showing what appears to be a whiteboard with some diagrams and a computer monitor.

GLOBAL FACULTY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Global Faculty Development Fund was established to further faculty involvement in the globalization process of the university. Funded by Provost Paula Myrick Short, the initiative was designed to increase both the assortment and quality of UH's global programs by helping faculty to defray the costs of engaging in innovative global activities.

Number of Faculty Awarded



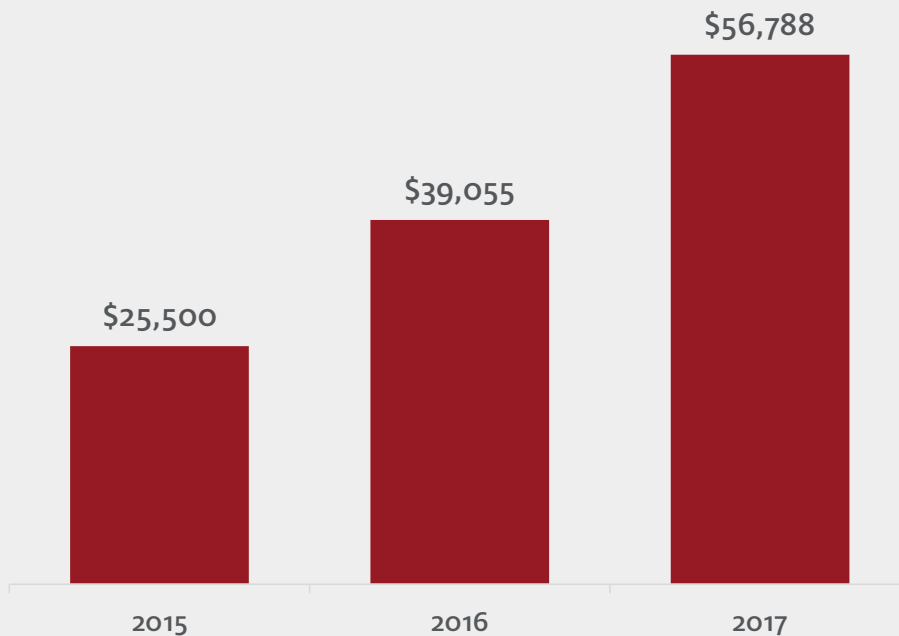
▲ **153%**

Increase in number of faculty awarded

27

Number of countries visited by faculty using the Global Faculty Development Fund

Amount Distributed



▲ **123%**

Increase in amount distributed

\$1,348

Average faculty disbursement 2015-2017

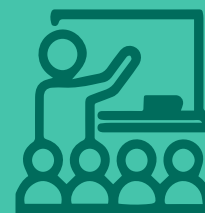
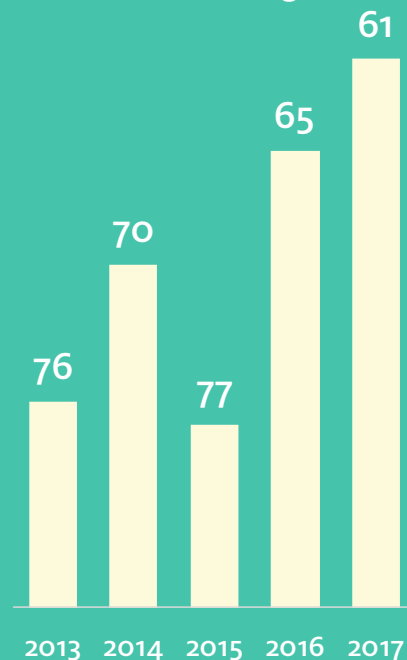
INCREASE NATIONAL PROMINENCE

The University of Houston continues to mark its success against national values, including the number of publications and citations by faculty, the number of postdocs, and the student-to-faculty ratio.



UH Libraries increased in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) rankings by 15 spots over the past five years, from #76 in 2013 to #61 in 2017.

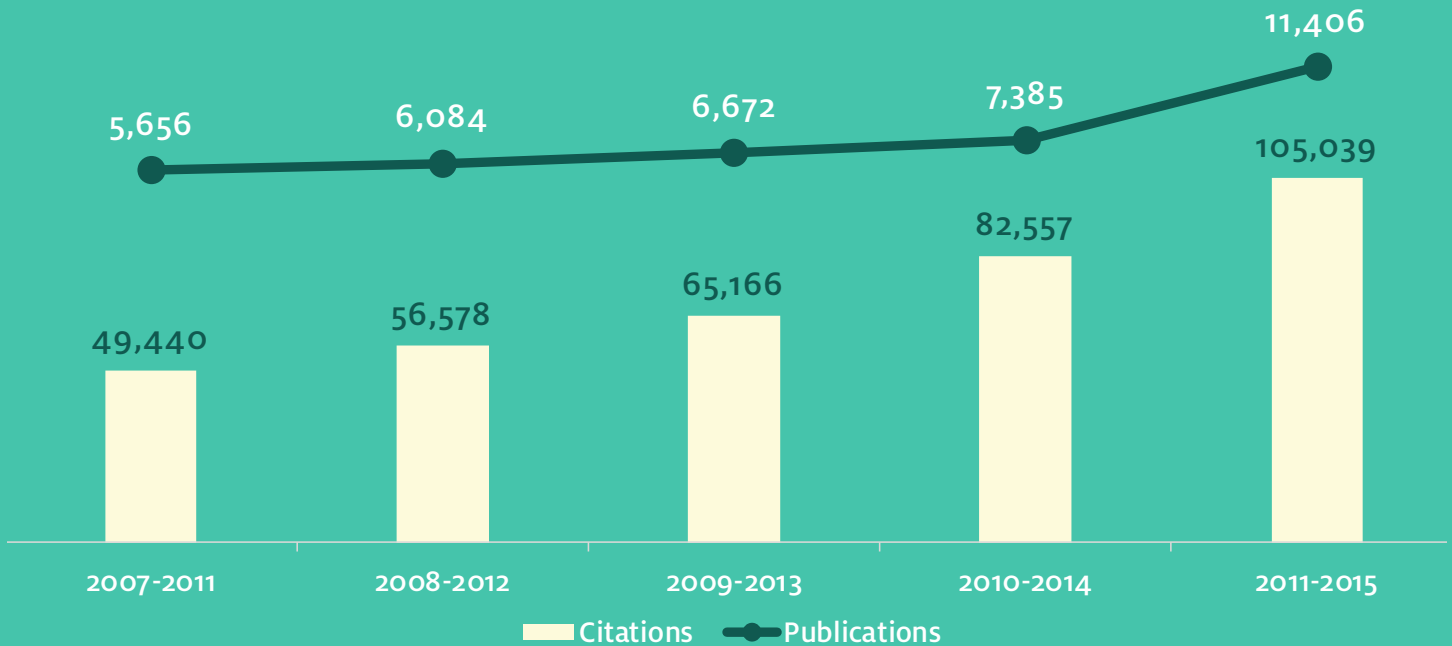
ARL Rankings



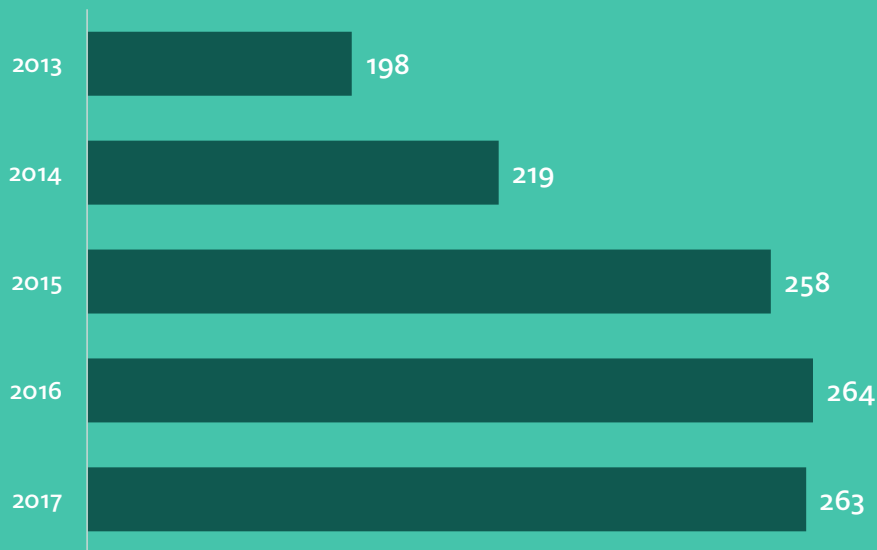
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Student-to-faculty ratio

Publications and Citations



Number of Postdoctoral Appointees



▲ **32%**

Increase in postdocs
2013-2017

369

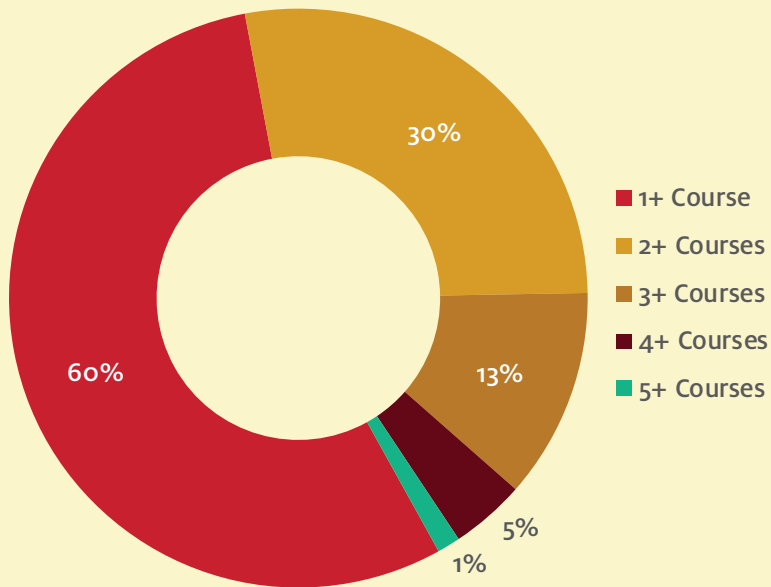
Number of doctorates
awarded
2017-2018



ONLINE AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The University of Houston offers a wide variety of undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs both online and through hybrid, session, and Weekend U options.

Undergraduate Students Taking Online Courses, Spring 2018



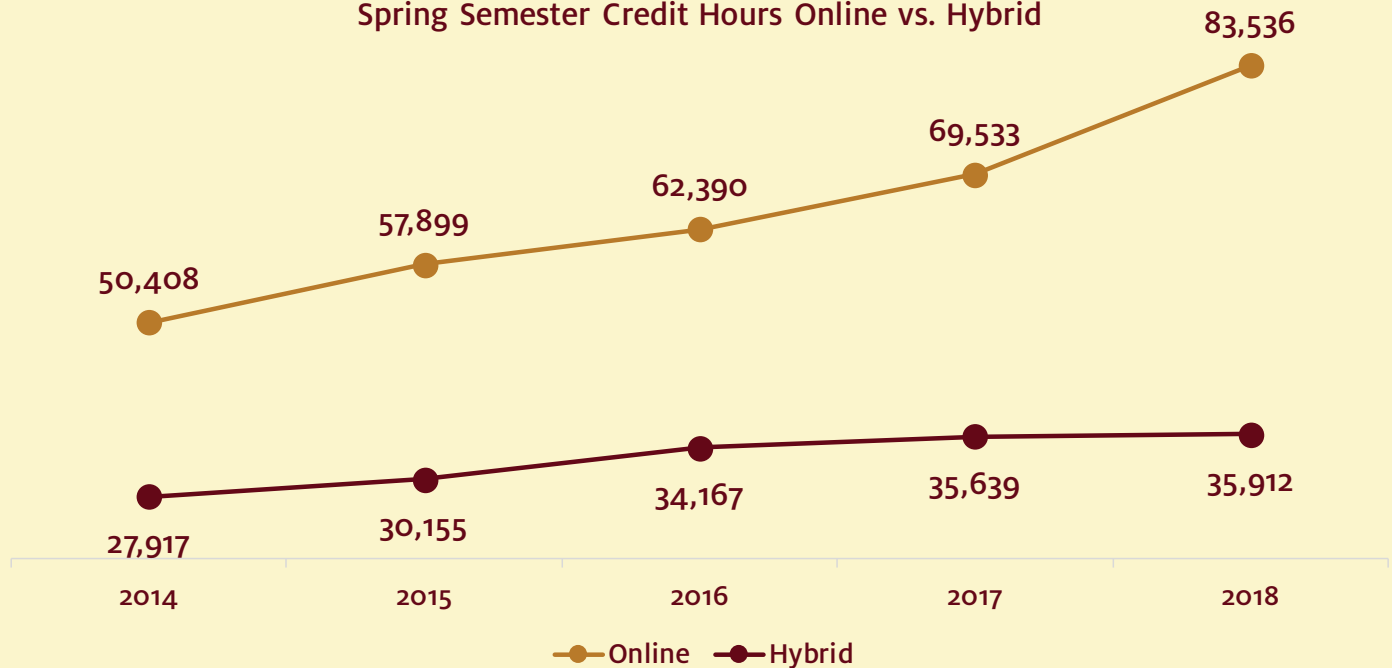
60%

of undergraduate students
took at least one online or
hybrid course, spring 2018

▲ 20%

Increase in online semester
credit hours (SCH),
spring 2017-2018

Spring Semester Credit Hours Online vs. Hybrid





COLLEGIATE SUCCESS

The University of Houston has an outstanding reputation for student success, teaching, research, and innovation. UH has dedicated, internationally-recognized faculty members committed to helping students pursue their path of learning. With 15 academic colleges, an interdisciplinary Honors College, cutting-edge research centers, world-class libraries, and state-of-the-art facilities, Cougars have the learning resources they need to excel.

CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Provost Short provides academic and fiscal support for the following centers and institutes:



Advancing Community Engagement and Service (ACES) Institute



Data Science Institute



Inter University Program for Latino Research



UH Texas Education Research Center

NEW COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

Since becoming Provost in 2013, Dr. Short has overseen the development of three new colleges and schools:

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Established in fall 2016, the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts received a \$20 million gift endowment from the John P. McGovern Foundation. As a result of this gift, the college became the first college named after a student and after a woman, Kathrine G. McGovern.

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Previously a part of the University of Houston-Victoria, the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs under the College of Nursing moved to the University of Houston in 2014 and was reclassified to a college in March of 2017. The College of Nursing has a 100% pass rate for the past three years in its NCLEX-RN licensing examination.

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Founded in 2016, the Hobby School of Public Affairs was named for former Texas Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby and expands on the existing educational and research programs of the Center for Public Policy. The school offers a Master's of Public Policy degree and a dual degree with the Master's of Social Work.



NATIONALLY RANKED PROGRAMS

The University of Houston continues to receive national recognition for the caliber of its educational offerings from leading publications such as *U.S. News and World Report*, the *Princeton Review*, and leading academic and industry publications.

#1

Most cited optometry faculty publications:
UH College of Optometry
*National Institutes of Health and
UC Berkeley*

#2

Best law school for Healthcare Law
U.S. News and World Report
2019

#31

Best Full-Time MBA Program:
C. T. Bauer College of Business
Bloomberg BusinessWeek

3

Higher Education Excellence in Diversity
(HEED) Awards for UH, UHLC, and
College of Nursing
INSIGHT Into Diversity

#5

Best law school for
Intellectual Property Law
U.S. News and World Report
2019

#66

Best Part-Time MBA Program:
C. T. Bauer College of Business
U.S. News and World Report
2019

#5

Best Online Graduate Education Program
U.S. News and World Report
2019

#19

Best law school for Hispanic students:
UH Law Center
preLaw

#85

Full-time MBA
U.S. News and World Report
2019

TOP 7%

Nation's four-year colleges for giving
students a return on investment
The Princeton Review

#13

Top Graduate Petroleum
Engineering Program
U.S. News and World Report
2019

#44

Top Pharmacy Programs
U.S. News and World Report
2019

#24

Top Graduate Social Work Programs
U.S. News and World Report
2019

#2

Bauer College's Cyvia and Melvyn Wolff
Center for Entrepreneurship
The Princeton Review and Entrepreneur

#41

UH Department of Earth and
Atmospheric Sciences
*Shanghai Academic Ranking of
World Universities*

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN



Architecture Students Exhibit in Germany for Aedes Architecture Forum

University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design students traveled to Berlin, Germany for the renowned Aedes Architecture Forum to exhibit their innovative designs in “Houston: Genetic City.”

A collaboration between Pritzker Prize-winning architect Thom Mayne and UH, students tackled issues involving Houston’s current energy infrastructure, changing real estate and density, and lack of zoning to present possible solutions for developing the city’s future.

Points of Pride:

WINNER


Claude Reyes
Siemens Student Design
Competition
2017

LEADER

Dean Patricia Belton Oliver
featured in *Houston CityBook’s*
“Leaders and Legends”

\$5,000

Michael L. Dillion
First Place Winner
Bienenstock Competition 2017



KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

UH Alumnus Wins Silver at Prestigious Van Cliburn Piano Competition

University of Houston Moores School of Music (MSM) alumnus Kenny Broberg won silver in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. The Cliburn, which takes place every four years in Fort Worth, has the power to launch the careers of finalists and medalists.

The 23-year-old is the first Moores School of Music graduate to make it to the finals. Broberg practiced four to six hours a day leading up to the Cliburn, which attracts the best of the best young talent worldwide in piano performance. The contestants range in age from 18 to 30. This year, 30 finalists were chosen from the 140 who auditioned. More than 300 pianists applied.

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

#28

Undergraduate
Entrepreneurship
U.S. News and World Report

#37

Full Time MBA among Public
Universities
Bloomberg Business Week

#25

Accounting Research
*BYU Accounting Research
Rankings*

The Princeton Review and Entrepreneur Rank Bauer's Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship Among Best in Nation

Bauer College's Cyvia and Melvyn Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship (WCE) is ranked No. 2 in the United States on a list of Top 25 Best Undergrad Programs for Entrepreneurs in 2018

compiled by The Princeton Review and published in Entrepreneur magazine. It has earned a Top 10 ranking for more than a decade.

WCE's core mission is to make a difference in students' lives through entrepreneurship. Students who took a major or certificate program through WCE within the past 10 years have created 441 businesses with more than \$156 million in funding and a 96 percent survival rate.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

UH Wins National Award for 'Distinguished' Teacher Education Program

The University of Houston College of Education won national honors in recognition of its first-rate teacher-preparation program.

The Association of Teacher Educators honored the college with its Distinguished Program in Teacher Education Award, which recognizes “outstanding” programs that exemplify collaboration, innovation, and high quality.

“We are incredibly proud of this award, which acknowledges the game-changing work we have done to ensure we graduate teachers who are well prepared for this critically important job,” said Bob McPherson, dean of the UH College of Education.



Points of Pride:

#5

Online Graduate Program
U.S. News and World Report
2019

TOP 1%

in quality ranking of
elementary teacher-prep
programs (NCTQ)

100%

of students matched for
counseling and school
psychology internships

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING



BRAIN Center Receives \$1.5 Million Grant

UH Engineering, Arizona State University, and leading industry professionals have teamed up to launch the Building Reliable Advances and Innovation in Neurotechnology (BRAIN) Center, a collaborative research center. This partnership will bring forth new neurotechnologies and treatments to market that would not be otherwise possible in traditional academic, industry, regulatory, and clinical communities. Funded by a \$1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation, electrical and computer engineering professor Jose Luis Contreras-Vidal serves as director of the BRAIN Center.

HILTON COLLEGE OF HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

Million Dollar Donation Forms New Center for Student Success

The repurposed West Wing of the Hilton College is now the Center for Student Success, a “one-stop shop” that includes the offices of recruitment and enrollment, undergraduate academic services, and career development.

Previously, these essential student services were geographically spread throughout the college, making it challenging to navigate. Through institutional reorganization, Provost Short made it possible for the college to reclaim space it had not used since 1989. In 2018, the college received a \$1 million gift from the Brooks Family Foundation to fund the Center.



Points of Pride:

MOST DIVERSE

Hospitality program
in the world

ONLY

Hospitality program in
the world where students
work and take classes in an
internationally branded full-
service hotel

91%

Number of Hilton College
students with jobs upon
graduation

UH LAW CENTER



UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program

The Pre-Law Pipeline Program aims to increase the diversity of law school applicants by providing law school preparatory resources for undergraduate students who are first-generation, low-income or members of groups underrepresented in the legal profession. The participants of this program leave equipped with the tools to handle the demands of the LSAT and their potential law school careers.

The intensive summer preparatory program session helps students develop their best law school application portfolios by helping them craft a personal and diversity statement as well as prepare for the LSAT. The program's teaching faculty are recognized as leaders in their fields and are well-poised to prepare these graduates for future careers in law. Supported by Provost Paula Myrick Short, the program was established in 2015.

U.S. News and World Report Rankings

TOP 10

Healthcare Law
since 2009

TOP 10

Intellectual Property Law
since 2009

TOP 20

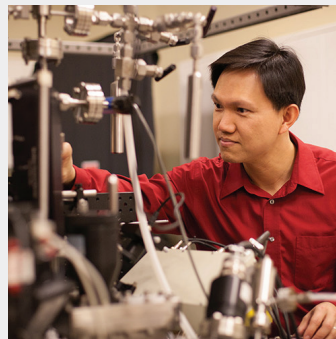
Part-Time Law
since 2010

A portrait of Zachary Turpin, a man with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a white button-down shirt. He is leaning forward with his arms resting on a dark, ornate chair. A tattoo is visible on his left forearm. The background is dark.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Zachary Turpin, a UH doctoral candidate specializing in mid-19th century literature, made headlines in 2017 when he discovered the previously unknown “Life and Adventures of Jack Engle,” a six-installment piece of fiction published anonymously by writer Walt Whitman in 1852. In 2016, Turpin was credited for finding another Whitman essay titled, “Manly Health and Training.”

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS



NSM Faculty Receive Prestigious NSF Early CAREER Awards

Four NSM faculty received prestigious National Science Foundation Early CAREER Awards in 2017 for an approximate total of \$2,181,575 in funding: physicist Claudia Ratti, physicist Mini Das, chemist Ding-Shyue (Jerry) Yang, and geochemist Qi Fu. The five-year NSF CAREER awards are granted to promising junior faculty members who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars, and recipients also do educational outreach to promote a better understanding of the STEM fields.

Points of Pride:

13

NSF CAREER Awards awarded
to faculty
2013-2017

31%

Increase in journal articles
published
2013-2017

\$7 MILLION

Awards from NSF for
undergraduate student
success programs
2013-2018

COLLEGE OF NURSING



College of Nursing Again Recognized for Commitment to Diversity

For the second year in a row, the University of Houston College of Nursing has been recognized nationally for its commitment to diversity and inclusion. *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education, has honored the college with its 2017 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award.

“We are honored by this recognition and proud of our commitment to program excellence for students, the industry, and patients,” said Kathryn Tart, founding dean of the UH College of Nursing. “This builds a critical connection between culturally diverse health care providers and culturally competent patient care.”

The College was one of 16 colleges of nursing nationwide to win the inaugural award in 2016 and one of eight colleges of nursing nationwide to receive the award in 2017.

Points of Pride:

100%

First-time pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)
2015, 2016, 2017

TOP 5%

Nursing colleges in the nation for passing rate
2015, 2016, 2017

100%

Pass rate on the national certification exam for the Family Nurse Practitioner degree
2015, 2016, 2017

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

60,000+

Patients seen annually at
UHCO and 5 community
clinics

93%

Pass rate on the National
Board of Examiners in
Optometry (NBEO) exam for
2017. UH College of Optometry
students have scored higher
than the national average for
the past five years.

See to Succeed Program Serves Record 10,000+ Children

The See to Succeed Program screened a record 10,500 children in 2017-2018. Pat Segu, OD,'92, serves as the program director for See to Succeed and is also the regional director of Houston Community Based External Clinics for UHCO. The See to Succeed program, established in 2011, has transformed vision to thousands of greater Houston students through providing screenings, eye exams, and other vision resources to children who cannot afford access to traditional health care. The program is a partnership between UHCO, San Jacinto College, Berkeley Eye Center, Essilor Foundation & Corporation, Eye Care for Kids, Kids Vision for Life and Walmart.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY



Pharm.D. Students Provide Thousands of Free Wellness Screenings at Mayor's Annual Back to School Fest

Dozens of UH College of Pharmacy students helped families from across the Greater Houston area get a healthy start to the new school year at the Houston Mayor's Back 2 School Fest Aug. 12 at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

At the this year's event, UHCOP students provided nearly 600 blood pressure and blood glucose screenings as well as body-mass index measurements to adult attendees. In addition, students reviewed the immunization records of nearly 500 children

and educated more than 1,100 on a variety of health topics, ranging from safe medication use/poisoning prevention to diabetes and cardiovascular disease and prevention.

NAPLEX Pass Rates for 2017:

In 2017, the University of Houston College of Pharmacy (UHCOP) had the highest passing rate in the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) of the 7 eligible pharmacy programs in Texas.

#1

Highest passing
rate in Texas

2017

#3

Highest passing
rate in the nation

2017

GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Inaugural Maconda Brown O'Connor Lecture Features Matthew Desmond

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Matthew Desmond spoke at the inaugural "Speaking of Social Justice, Maconda Brown

O'Connor Distinguished Lecture," hosted by the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work (GCSW).

"Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize in General Nonfiction for the story of eight American families on the edge. According to the author's website, the book "transforms our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving a devastating, uniquely American problem."

A sociologist by training, Desmond shared about the



research methodology that became the basis for the book.

U.S. News and World Report Rankings

#38 ► **#24**

2016

2018

"Our latest ranking is a testament to everything our faculty, staff, students, and alumni do every day to realize our vision of achieving social, racial, economic, and political justice."

Alan Dettlaff, dean of the Graduate College of Social Work

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Construction Management Senior Achieves Nation's Highest Score on AIC Exam

For the fourth time in a row, a student enrolled in the construction management program at the University of Houston has earned the highest score in the nation on the rigorous American Institute of Constructors (AIC) exam.

Ethan Jeffcoat, graduate as of May 2017, scored 281 out of 300, or 93.6%. The overall UH passing rate is 78.8%, while the national average is 67%. Ethan's achievement is especially impressive as he maintained a 4.0 GPA while also working as a service consultant intern at CenterPoint Energy. He is served as the president of the UH Student Chapter of the Officer of the Associated Builders and Contractors and is a member of Sigma Lambda Chi, the international construction honor society. He also minors in Business Administration.



Points of Pride:

61%

of alumni live and work in the Houston area, and 72% in Texas

1ST

Engineering Technology program in Texas and 4th nationwide
bestengineeringcolleges.com

6,400+

Students enrolled 2017

UH LIBRARIES



Developed the Digital Research Commons which offers hands-on instruction, workshops, and cutting-edge machinery to further the use of digital tools

2,164,407

Visitors to the libraries
2017



In conjunction with Provost Short, Open Textbook Network is utilized to encourage faculty to choose free, open-source textbooks for classes, reducing the financial burden on students.

4,623,796

Online resource uses
2017



ARL Ranking Increase

UH Libraries increased in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) rankings by 15 spots over the past five years, from #76 in 2013 to #61 in 2017.

HONORS COLLEGE



UH Honors College Among Top 10 in Nation

The UH Honors College was recognized as one of the top 10 public university honors programs in the nation, according to the 2016 edition of *Inside Honors*, based on criteria such as key courses, class size, enrollment, graduation rate, academic support, and student achievement.

With no U.S. News and World Report ranking of honors programs, “Inside Honors” is emerging as a respected, leading resource for these evaluations, having been recognized by the New York Times as “provid[ing] thorough appraisals of individual honors

colleges and programs and intelligent thoughts on how they fit into the higher-education landscape.”

Points of Pride:

28%

Incoming students with SAT scores above 1400 fall 2016

52%

of incoming students in the top 10% of their high school class

29

National Merit Finalists, 2016 incoming class

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The University of Houston has 17 deans overseeing the 16 academic colleges and the UH Libraries. Deans are the chief executive officers of their college or school and report to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

Within the Office of the Provost, eight separate academic areas, each with an assistant, associate, or vice provost and the director of communication and marketing, report to Provost Short.

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Not Pictured:
Vice Provost and
Dean, UH Graduate
School

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