



**UHCL ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION**
University of Houston  Clear Lake

Winter 2017

Upcoming Events

UHCL Alumni

Kendra Scott Fundraiser for CADD
20 percent of proceeds benefit UHCL Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities

Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017 | 6-8 p.m.
Kendra Scott at Baybrook Mall

CLASP: Remembrances of WWII and Beyond: Honoring Those Who Served

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017 | 6-8 p.m.
Bayou Building, Garden Room
www.uhcl.edu/clasp

CLASP: The Future Role of NASA
Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018 | 6-8 p.m.
Bayou Building, Garden Room
www.uhcl.edu/clasp

CLASP: Why is there so much Conflict in the Middle East?

Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018 | 6-8 p.m.
Bayou Building, Garden Room
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UHCL Bayou Theater

Bumper Jacks

UHCL Bayou Theater
Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018 | 7:30 p.m.
[Purchase Tickets](#)

The Quebe Sisters

Valentine's Day Special
UHCL Bayou Theater
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018 | 7:30 p.m.
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Dailey and Vincent

UHCL Bayou Theater
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018 | 7:30 p.m.
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MESSAGE FROM THE AAEC CHAIR

Quarterly Alumni Updates

Fellow alumnus,

Dr. Ira K. Blake had been president of UHCL for less than six weeks when Hurricane Harvey descended upon the Gulf Coast. In the aftermath of the storm, Dr. Blake observed how the university, community and neighbors came together to respond to the tragedy. She witnessed what it meant to be UHCL strong: students, faculty, staff and alumni working together to help each other through the storm and on the road to recovery.

It is with that same spirit that on Saturday, Oct. 7 the UHCL Alumni Association hosted the 2017 Alumni Celebration. We gathered to celebrate this year's honorees. Each one shared their story of struggles, perseverance, support and love to achieve their goals.

UHCL is fortunate to have wonderful alumni who are leaders in all aspects in the community, in the country and throughout the world. They are top executives for healthcare systems and superintendents of school districts. They are business owners, best-selling authors, educators and leaders in our respective industries. They are out of this world; just ask any of our 10 graduates who have flown in space!

It is our charge as members of the Alumni Association Executive Council to promote the mission and priorities of the university to our fellow UHCL alumni by creating awareness, sharing information and giving opportunities for alumni to reconnect and re-engage with their alma mater.

With so many alumni in different industries and points in their careers spread out across the Greater Houston Area and beyond, you can imagine the enormity of this task. Fortunately, with the diverse council membership we have, we are able to reach out through our contacts and spheres of influence to connect with more and more alumni each year to let them know the opportunities available to them through the university.

To keep up with all the latest alumni association news, events and activities, visit www.uhcl.edu/alumni and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to connect with other UHCL alumni and get updates on events and activities.

Go Hawks!

Randall Garcia, '88, '96, '14

Chair, UHCL Alumni Association Executive Council

View Photos from the 2017 Alumni Celebration!

On Saturday, Oct. 7 we honored five Hawks who have made outstanding contributions to UHCL, their professions and community. We also held a silent auction that raised over \$9,000 toward the

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Class Notes

Alejandro Gonzalez, '15 EDD, was named principal of Mario Gallegos Elementary, Houston I.S.D.

Robert "Bob" Honeycutt, '93 MHA/MBA, has been selected as the new chief executive officer Ennis Regional Medical Center and Parkview Regional Hospital

Chad Cathey, '11 MHA, was the recipient of the American College of Healthcare Executives Early Careerist Healthcare Executive Regent's Award. Cathey is currently the administrator of Children's Hospital and orthopedics at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge, LA.

Tamiko Brown, '06 MS, recieved the winner of The School Library Journal 2017 School Librarian of the Year award. Brown is the librarian at Ed White E-STEM Magnet School in Clear Creek I.S.D.

Darlene Breaux, '08 MS, was chosen as the new director of the Research and Evaluation Institute at the Harris County Department of Education.

Walt Candelari, '76 MS, received the Ray Ramon Award at the Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association conference earlier this year.

Courtnie Ellis, '17 MS, is the new assistant principal at Levi Fry Intermediate School in Texas City I.S.D.

Submit your class notes by sending an email to alumni@uhcl.edu or by completing the [online submission form](#).

UHCL in the News

UHCL celebrates construction milestone for Recreation and Wellness Building
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Art history educator UHCL's nominee for statewide Piper Award
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Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment. View photos from the event: <http://bit.ly/2zs5qNS>.

SENIOR 2017 SEND-OFF

Senior Send-Off 2017

Senior Send-Off, formally known as Soaring Hawks Celebration, celebrates the summer and fall 2017

graduates on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 at 6 p.m. Alumni are encouraged to attend and congratulate the newest members of the UHCL Alumni Association. You'll have a chance to take photos at the photobooth, meet Dr. Blake and enjoy refreshments. [Get More Information...](#)

#HawksGivingBack on Giving Tuesday

Support UHCL on November 28, 2017

#GIVINGTUESDAY
ONE DAY. ONE GOAL. 150 HAWKS.
Be part of the 150 November 28.
www.uhcl.edu/givingtuesday

#GivingTuesday, a global philanthropy day, is just around the corner!

Let's be honest, the weekend after Thanksgiving is a spending frenzy, with Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday. But University of Houston-Clear Lake is looking forward to celebrating Giving Tuesday on Nov. 28, 2017, a 24-hour giving campaign.

UH-Clear Lake participated for the first time in 2016 along with thousands of other non-profits around the world who raised over \$177 million world-wide in 24 hours. 110 Hawks showed their support by making a gift to UHCL. Many of these alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents and friends also shared the reasons they gave with #unselfies. These Hawks donated a combined \$13,413.90 toward student scholarships and programs. More than \$12,000 went to help establish the William A. Staples Hawk Advantage Scholarship Endowment, nine other scholarships and six programs.

We've raised the bar this year with a goal of 150 Hawks coming together to keep building momentum. With a central location in the Bayou Building, the day will include fun activities, photo opportunities, and prizes, as well as a remote giving location at the UHCL Pearland Campus. Even if you are not in the area, you can still participate online.

We encourage you to consider giving to the UHCL Priorities Fund to allow the university to respond to urgent needs and new opportunities as they arise. And we hope you'll help spread the word about how UHCL is making a difference in our community on your social media pages with an #unselfie.

By coming together, we'll make an even greater impact than any one of us can make alone. Mark your calendar now to join other Hawks as we invest in UHCL. Be one of the 150 alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents and friends who give and share on Nov. 28.

For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/givingtuesday or call 281-283-2021.

Community college art exhibition to open at UHCL Art Gallery
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UH-Clear Lake microbiologist continues research into post-Harvey effects
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Area chambers, BAHEP host welcome event
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UHCL Healthcare Administration holds open house
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Topping out ceremony at UHCL's new STEM facility
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Read these stories and more on the [UHCL Newsroom](#).

Buildings Hit Construction Milestones

Members of the UH-Clear Lake community joined contractors, engineers, architects and construction workers in a celebratory event commemorating the completion of the structural portion of STEM and Classroom Building and Recreation and Wellness Center construction. [Learn more and watch live progress on both buildings.](#)

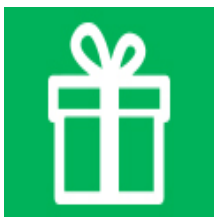


Career Corner: Five Tips for my Younger Self

by Kimberly Campbell, '87 BBA, '92 MBA, '05 Distinguished Alumni



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End of Year Giving

2017 has been an exciting year for UHCL, and we are looking forward to an even more successful 2018! As the year draws to a close, don't forget to make your year-end gift to UHCL today in support of your favorite program or college, university initiative or area of greatest need at UHCL. [Make your gift today!](#)

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Career Stages – After nearly 35 years working in corporate America and as a business owner, I've found there are professional stages that typically accompany the working decades of our life. In our twenties, we are "doers," the people hired to complete select job assignments. As we move to our thirties, we take on the role of "manager," often leading tasks and projects. During our forties, we transition to "delegators," clearing obstacles for the younger workforce to get work accomplished. Finally, we evolve to "educators," sharing our knowledge and experience in hopes of simplifying work for others. Each step is vital to our professional maturity and understanding.

Learning is Essential – Learning, whether through faculty, employers, peers or friends, is compulsory. Listen to what is being said, watch what is being done. Absorb the meaning and compare it to your own values and norms. Take informed action based on collective knowledge and watch how much you grow. Don't find yourself thinking you have all the answers from all perspectives. At work, reject the phrase, "It's not my job." Instead,

adopt a strategy of "I want to learn and do that job." As a result, you will obtain a broad range of skills, experience continuous job growth, and expand your capabilities.

You are a Walking Job – You have garnered a strong educational foundation. You are supplementing your knowledge with solid work experience. Thus, you are in charge of your professional destiny. Your future is not dependent upon your boss or current employer, nor is it limited to specific tasks or paygrades. With confidence and courage, as well as knowledge and capability, you are a job, a small but grand army of proficiencies and solutions ready to take on most any task.

Find the Positive – As a child, I had a note taped to the mirror that said, "I look for the good in all people and in all situations, and I find it." Office gossip, tearing down others in an attempt to build yourself up, and whining about unfair circumstances is time consuming and detrimental to your self-confidence as well as your emotional and professional growth. Instead, find the beauty, the opposing perspective or the opportunity for learning. There's always a silver lining.

Retirement is Approaching – When paychecks seem small, bills stack up, and you only see decades of employment in your future, it's easy to think that saving for retirement is a luxury that can be put off until later. Yet, I tell you it's obligatory, now. Always have an automated system for deducting funds from your paycheck for retirement purposes. Through the time value of money, saving today is the most solid way to ensure financial freedom in your future and safeguard against turmoil that can cause devastating life changes.

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