UPCOMING EVENTS

UHCL Spring Graduation
Sun., May 17
NRG Arena
More Information

Welcome Back Bash
Fri., August 28
Time TBA
Alumni Plaza

Alumni Celebration
Sat., October 17
Space Center Houston

Summer Reads by UHCL Alumni Authors
Looking for some great reads to add to your summer reading list? Several University of Houston-Clear Lake alumni authors have published a wide variety of titles that are sure to appeal to all tastes. Read more...

Update Your Information

Make a Gift

Become a Life Member

Welcome Back Bash
Looking to get involved? We are looking for volunteers to help with event set-up on August 28. Email alumni@uhcl.edu for more information.

Alumni Pin Request
Wear your pin proudly! If you have not receieved your alumni pin since graduating you can request your pin here.
CLASS NOTES

Fabiola Avena, '99 BS, a kindergarten teacher at B.P. Hopper Primary School, was selected as the Houston Area Association of Bilingual Education Bilingual Teacher of the Year.

Thomas Mills, '81 BS, '96 MS, mathematics teacher, was selected as Teacher of the Year at Seabrook Intermediate for the Clear Creek Independent School District.

Karen Engle, '85 MA, principal of Clear Lake High School, was selected as Secondary Principal of the Year for the Clear Creek Independent School District.

Steve Gruber, '04 MS, Pre-AP and AP Biology teacher at Texas City High School, has been selected as Galveston County Teacher of the Year.

Mary Baca, '02 BA, '06 MS, English teacher at Clear Creek High School was selected as Teacher of the Year for the Clear Creek Independent School District.

Sylvia Chapa, '85 BS, police chief at College of the Mainland P.D., was honored as the first police officer to be chosen as Employee of the Month at College of the Mainland.

Kelly Galey, '85 BS, first grade teacher, was selected as Teacher of the Year at Bauerschlag Elementary for the Clear Creek Independent School District.

Lea Nicholson, '03 BA, special education teacher at Brookside Intermediate, was selected as Teacher of

Flow-Cal honored as UHCL Community Partner

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Squyres has maintained a close relationship with his alma mater by working closely with the Office of Career and Counseling Services and sponsoring a charter Interview Room. Thirty-eight percent of Flow-Cal’s employees are UHCL alumni. We asked Squyres about his commitment to UHCL and what advice he has for his fellow alumn. Read more...

Kids U Summer Camp

It’s not too late to register your child for the UHCL Kids U Summer Camp. The camp is open to students Pre-K through grade 12. See the brochure for more information and to sign up today!

Find success with on-campus employment tool

The UHCL Career Services office is committed to serving alumni in many ways, including career counseling, mock interview, cover letter and resume assistance, on-campus interview, job fairs, workshop and career events.
Submit your class notes by sending an email to alumni@uhcl.edu or by completing this online submission form.

Jobs4Hawks is a subscription-based, online tool that you as an alumni of UHCL, can use during your job search. Signing up for Jobs4Hawks gives you access hundreds of full-time, internship and part-time job postings and enhances your opportunities to seek employment and connects you with potential employers. Read more...

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Nothing says summer escape like "Crazy Rich Asians" by Kevin Kwan, '94, a fun and fast-paced escapade that follows three super-rich, super-elite Chinese families through the luxurious and opulent world of Asian society in Singapore.

If you’re into spy thrillers and edge-of-your seat action, then you’ll want to spend the summer with
"Department Thirteen, November Echo and Greco’s Game" by James Houston Turner, ’76, and follow the missions of the main character, former KGB colonel Aleksandr Talanov.

Closer to home, share in "The Offshore Triumphs of Karla Jean" by Dorothy Hagan, ’89, an exciting story of the heroine’s journey home from her work on an offshore oil rig and the challenges she must overcome.

Let Carmen Moreno, ’85, take you on her "Journey to the Aisle: A Story of Cultural Expectations" as she shares her own personal story of breaking the barriers in her culturally rich family and charting a course for her own life.

In "Faith, Family and the Filipino American Community Life" by Stephen Cherry, ’00, discover the traditions and family structures of one of the largest immigrant populations in the United States and how their faith is at the center of their homes and communities.

Explore a little frontier history in "New Madrid: A Mississippi River Town in History and Legend" by Mary Sue Anton, ’89, and travel back to the 1800s in the Mississippi Valley and the days of the early western pioneers.

These are just a few of the many alumni authors who have published novels, memoirs, children’s books and academic texts. The next time you’re in your local library or bookstore, or building your wish list on Amazon, be sure to check out these and other exciting and diverse titles by UHCL alumni authors.

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1. **What role has education played in your success in business and with Flow-Cal Inc.?**
   My education gave me a foundation that consisted of the technical aspects of software development yet complemented it with an understanding of the business side. This allowed me to not only begin my career writing software applications, but also to later transition into management roles that ultimately led to my confidence in building and running a company.

2. **Why did you choose to attend UHCL? What attracted you to the campus?**
   I chose to attend UHCL primarily due to location since I already lived in the area. The university just happened to offer a degree that I wished to pursue making the cost and commute a huge positive. Like most UHCL students, I was also attracted to the campus size and student demographics. UHCL offered both day and night classes, allowing me to juggle my schedule to attend classes while working full-time.

3. **Why did you choose to partner with UHCL Office of Career Services and help fellow UHCL alumni?**
   Having attended UHCL for many years, I was familiar with the school and had confidence in their graduates. However, the strongest driver was again “location.” With our offices essentially across the street, it was only logical to recruit and hire UHCL students who tend to live, and typically prefer to remain in the area. UHCL Career Services is a great resource for employers. Chuck Crocker’s team is great to work with and have continued to provide us with opportunities to meet, network, and attract the kind of students that have played such a large part in our success. I consider UHCL Career Services to be an extension of our Human Resources department. Companies such as ours who develops, markets, and supports enterprise-level applications require a continued infusion of talented professionals. UHCL Career Services has always (and will continue) to play a vital role in helping us satisfy our ever increasing new-hire demands.

4. **What was your most difficult class at UHCL? How did you get through it?**
   I struggled with “Operating Systems” because the computer language that was required had changed from what I knew and understood to one that I had never used. The change was part of a necessary evolution; however, completing my degree meant that I had to learn the class material while also simultaneously learning a new programming language. I completed the class with help from the professor and other UHCL students who gave me the extra mentoring and support needed to finish what was the final class for my degree.

5. **What advice do you have for soon-to-be grads or recent grads?**
   Determine where you think you want to be in three, five and even 10 years. If you have lofty aspirations, then first find out how others in similar positions have attained what you want. You can then develop a career strategy; however, it will involve hard work and a passion to be the best, which is fundamental for success. Your determination and drive, combined with a game plan, will redirect you from aimlessly drifting with the currents, to powering ahead in your chosen direction with both a purpose and a destination in sight.
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Jobs4Hawks is a program that allows you to log-in and create a profile that a potential employer can review and contact you for an interview. First-time users can register by creating a profile with all of the required information including current contact and educational information. Creating a profile requires a $20 annual fee which includes the following:

1. Ask questions that give you more information about the interviewer, the organization and the culture of the company. A question might be, “Tell me my why you like working here?” or, “What do you see as the strengths and challenges facing this department (or company)?” Questions like this are easily answered by everyone in the interviewing process and give the interviewers the opportunity to expound on what they believe about the company. You will want to know this information! This will help you, as a candidate, to make a well-informed decision about what working at this organization will be like. If the interviewers are hesitant to talk about their company and its culture, this could be a red flag.

2. Ask questions about work performance. As a job candidate, it is important that you know what the employer's performance expectations are so that, again, you can make an informed decision. Also, you are sending a message to the employer that you recognize that you will need to perform effectively for them.

3. Be consistent with your questions. If you have multiple interviews with different interviewers, keep asking the same core questions. First, all in the interview process wants to believe that you value their opinions. Second, interviewers often have different answers. If the answers differ significantly, then red flags may be raised. For instance, if you ask about company culture and one interviewer speaks glowingly, but others do not, then you will want to know why there is a difference of opinion. Is there a rift in the team, or is there a rationale for why some people are happy and some are not? Is this a culture that you want to join?

How to create a Jobs4Hawks profile:

1. Register for a new account.
   Click New User Registration in the Login section below and fill out all required fields.

2. Submit Registration and Renewal Form and subscription fee in-person at the Career Services Office or by mail:
   - Registration and Renewal Form - Print, sign and submit with payment.
- Subscription fee - The fee charged covers the licensing cost to use the software.
  - Registration fee: New users pay $20.
  - Career Services ONLY accepts cash, checks or money orders made payable to: University of Houston-Clear Lake.
  - New accounts activated during this time expire May 31, 2016.

3. Complete your Jobs4Hawks profile after Career Services notifies you via email that your account has been activate.

For more information regarding Jobs4Hawks and other career services, contact the Office of Career and Counseling Services at 281-283-2590.