

Dear UHCL Alumni,

As Chair of the UHCL Alumni Association, it is and has been a great honor to work alongside phenomenal leadership in stewarding our Alumni Association for the past two years. Now a month into a new academic year, the Alumni Association is excited to work alongside university and community leadership in progressing UHCL alumni initiatives.

The Alumni Partnership Board is comprised of four committees, each overseeing key initiatives embodying alumni commitment toward excellence. Made up of alumni volunteers, these committees focus on our Alumni Celebration, Alumni Engagement, Giving, and Student Success. Beginning with a vision and pivoting to action, we hope the shared vision for alumni engagement resonates with each individual alumnus and that you are all excited about what the future holds. It's with great pleasure that I share our Alumni Association's recent accomplishments and provide you with a glimpse of some exciting activities on our horizon.

- **Philanthropy Dinner:** UHCL's annual Philanthropy Dinner, recently held at Bay Oaks Country Club, was a heartwarming occasion that recognized donor generosity and celebrated UHCL student scholarship recipients. Through many of your contributions, we provided financial support, and thus financial endurance, for our university students to focus less on financial burdens and more towards where their attention should be – academic success. Furthering our commitment to supporting this university's growth, any importance towards student scholarship funds or philanthropic dollars cannot be undermined for its critical importance in promoting student success.
- **Alumni Celebration:** Over the summer, committee members oversaw our formal process to select our 2023 UHCL Alumni Award Honorees to be awarded at this year's Alumni Celebration in the categories of Distinguished Alumni, Marilyn S. Sims Leadership Service, Early Achievement, and Outstanding Professor.
- **Oral History Project:** You've likely been contacted in regards to the Oral History Project, a university initiative that seeks to update alumni information, and document the invaluable experiences and journeys of our esteemed alumni from around the world. This project, rooted in the power of storytelling, aims to capture the essence of our alumni's time at the university, their career trajectories, and the enduring impact of their education. To date, we've collected over 4,000 alumni stories.

As you'll notice below, there are many exciting opportunities in the next month to continue your connection with UHCL. Join us as we honor our awardees at the Alumni Celebration for a fun day on the course at our Hawk Alumni Golf Tournament, or for various events celebrating fall and (hopefully) cooler temperatures, including at UHCL at Pearland. Whether you're interested in meeting other alumni, volunteering, sharing the spirit of UHCL with your family, or engaging with current students, we hope you find an opportunity that appeals to you.

As we look onward to these enriching activities, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and participation in our alumni association. Your involvement strengthens our bond and empowers us to make a lasting impact on our university and the lives of its students.

Please stay connected with us through our communication and social channels for upcoming events and important information relating to next year's 50th anniversary celebration. Together, we can continue

to write the story of UHCL's vibrant alumni community while promoting core values in academic excellence, university development, alumni association growth, and overall student success.

I hope to see you at an alumni event soon.

Sincerely,

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