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Retention at a Glance

Over the past year, the Division of Student Services has implemented two programs aimed at assisting the University in addressing its retention issues. As a result of data collected by Academic Affairs and Dean of Students (DOS) calling campaigns, we developed and piloted the Academic Support Referral Program (ASR) and the peer student tutoring program. Each of these programs will be significant components of the Student Success Center.

Since its inception in April 2008, the ASR has served over 150 students. Sixty-two percent of the students were first-generation college students. Approximately 54% of referred students were female. With regards to student race/ethnicity, 38% of referred students self-identified as White; 25% Hispanic; 20% African American; and 16% Asian American. In follow up, 76% of students who were referred to the program persisted from Spring 2008 to Fall 2008 semester.

Student Success: Who's Who?



The Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges award is one of the most prestigious awards the academic community can bestow. The program website posts, "Through our years of serving higher education, Who's Who Among Students has become one of the most highly regarded and long-standing honors programs in the nation, having earned the overwhelming respect of college faculties and administrations. Who's Who program marks a pinnacle of scholastic achievement." Students who are nominated undergo a thorough review by the Student Life Council.

This semester, UHCL will induct its largest cohort of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. This spring, 57 students will be honored on April 29th.

**Congratulations to the
2009 Who's Who recipients!**

Student Spotlight

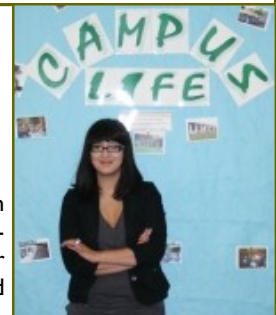
Rosalinda Pinales

Major: Psychology
Classification: Senior

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Organizations/Activities: Human Factor & Ergonomics Society, Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, UHCL Volunteer Researcher

"Involvement at UHCL has allowed me to gain valuable experience as an important and vital member of the community. Committing myself to student organizations and volunteering in research presents opportunities for social interactions and gaining leadership skills that would not be achieved inside the classroom. I believe learning that takes place outside the educational setting is just as valuable if not more because it allows me to develop skills that are transferrable to my academic career and future professional career. It is important to give back to the campus community because it has provided so many opportunities for students, for which I am grateful. I encourage all students to get involved and experience first-hand how UHCL can further prepare you for all around success!"



Congratulations to our Spring 2009 graduates!



We wish you continued success!

Spring 2009 Graduation

May 16, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Reliant Arena
Houston, Texas

Important Registration Dates

Summer May Mini-Session

April 24-May 18
Open Registration
Registration ends 6 p.m. on May 18

May 18, 6 p.m.
Payment Deadline

Summer Session

April 13-23
Early Registration

April 24-June 5
Open Registration
Registration ends 12 p.m. on June 5

June 5, 12 p.m.
Payment Deadline for
Early/Open Registration

June 6-10
Late Registration

June 11, 6 p.m.
Payment Deadline for
Late Registration

Fall Session

April 13-23
Early Registration

April 24-August 21
Open Registration
Registration ends 12 p.m. on August 21

August 21, 12 p.m.
Payment Deadline for
Early/Open Registration

August 22-31
Late Registration

September 1, 6 p.m.
Payment Deadline for
Late Registration

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Student Publications

This year, Student Publications won a total of 34 awards at both the state and national level for the work published in both The Signal, the UHCL student newspaper, and Bayousphere, the university's literary arts magazine.

"Each year our students compete against the best in their field and each year our students more than hold their own," said Taleen Washington, adviser for student publications. "It's a testament to the quality of education the students receive thanks to the collaborative efforts of all the faculty who teach in the Communication program and the high caliber of students who are attracted to UHCL."

Twenty-four of the awards were received when the editors attended the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention in Dallas where the oldest intercollegiate press association in America celebrated its 100th birthday.

"The best feeling ever was how proud I felt of myself and my school," said Jenna Simsen, co-editor for The Signal. "We were surrounded by many other schools, some with teams of ten or more. We were able to shine with our elite handful of five students who represented our school with pride."

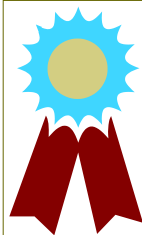
While attending the conference, the students had the opportunity to choose among numerous workshops presented by professionals in the field of journalism.

"I attended a workshop on how to get a job in television," Simsen said. "Listening to other student's reactions and questions within the workshops led me to believe that I was getting the best quality education in the room. I felt like I was more versatile than most other students because I had a more diverse and well-rounded education."



Student publications students jump for joy after receiving 34 awards in collegiate journalism competitions. FROM LEFT: Matt Griesmyer, co-editor of The Signal; Amy Garcia, editor of Bayousphere; Laurie Vaesa-Perez, designer for Bayousphere; Lindsay Humphrey, ad manager and production assistant for student publications; and Jenna Simsen, co-editor of The Signal.

HSH Student Honors and Leadership Reception



Each academic year, the School of Human Sciences and Humanities (HSH) honors students for their outstanding academic and leadership accomplishments. Faculty within HSH select students within each program area whom they feel deserve recognition for their accomplishments and submit their choices to the Office of the Dean for approval. Honorees are then invited to attend the Student Honors and Leadership Reception. Oftentimes, honorees attend with family members and friends to share in their achievements.

At the honors reception, students are acknowledged for their accomplishments at UH-Clear Lake. Faculty members within each program area introduce their honoree and give a brief explanation as to why the student has been nominated for their award. The faculty member then presents their student with a certificate of recognition and a medal. Certificates of appreciation are also handed out to student organization presidents and co-chairs to recognize their hard work and dedication. The following students were honored:

Jennifer Tribble, Laura Ann Albritton, Martha Parsons, Patrick Cardenas, Lora Black, Matthew Griesmyer, Jennifer Clepper, Troy Finner, Tina Halcomb, Jaclyn King, Chad Touchette, Stanly Mukundi, Leah Stroud, Amber Anderson, Angela Hungrige, Ashley Birmingham, Valerie Marzullo, Marcus Alvarez, Mukthi Subranania, Mary Lobb, Lacey Fleshman, Sharon Lockett, Rebecca Fischer, Joyce Davoy, David Tupper, Mellissa Dabney, Marla Moreno, Jacqueline Sarver.