



UHV

2011-2012

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ACADEMIC ARCHIVES

UHV continuously creates new academic programs and improves existing ones to better meet the needs of students and the community. Here are some examples of achievements from UHV's four schools in 2011-2012:

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

- A new semester-long robotics research course was offered to encourage area high school students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- Publishers Weekly international magazine highlighted UHV's Master of Science in publishing in an article about publishing programs offered at universities across the nation.
- UHV announced it would launch two new degree programs: a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and a Bachelor of Arts in humanities – creative writing.
- The UHV/American Book Review Reading Series celebrated having its 50th author on campus by bringing in literary giant Robert Coover.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- GetEducated.com recognized the school as No. 6 in affordability nationally for its online Bachelor of Business Administration, and for the sixth consecutive year, the Princeton Review ranked the school one of the top 300 business schools in the nation.
- The school launched the Willis Group Distinguished Speaker Series with lectures throughout the year by business executives such as John Ragan, vice president of NRG Energy; Michael T. Willis, chairman of The Willis Group; and Farouk Shami, founder and chairman of Farouk Systems hair care company.
- The school got approval to offer a Bachelor of Business Administration concentration in supply chain management, and students will be able to start taking classes in the concentration beginning fall 2013.
- Bloomberg BusinessWeek honored three business school faculty members – one for outstanding

performance in research and two for outstanding performance in teaching. Each honoree received a cash award.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

- International education honor society Kappa Delta Pi held its first induction ceremony for a new chapter at the university and installed 62 students, faculty members, teachers and administrators.
- Pass rates for initial teacher certification placed the school in the top 30 percent of 67 Texas education programs.
- Two education faculty members announced they were partnering with Houston Independent School District to study whether students could better understand science by using the concept of science literacy circles.
- For the third consecutive year, students and teachers from eight area schools and school districts came to the Victoria campus to participate in the Region III Texas Association of Future Educators Conference.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

- The university hosted a grand opening ceremony for its new state-of-the-art M.G. & Lillie A. Johnson Patient Care Simulation Center in Victoria.
- The school expanded its Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program to The Woodlands with classes offered at the Lone Star College University Center at Montgomery.
- The university signed an articulation agreement with Victoria College to streamline graduates from the VC Associate Degree in Nursing program to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing at UHV.
- A generous donation from Victoria residents Gary and Alice Childress launched Friends of Nursing, a new program providing support to nursing students.

TIME FOR FUN

While students have plenty of academic obligations, UHV also recognizes that part of a well-rounded college experience is setting aside time for fun. That's where the UHV Office of Student Life & Services and the Athletics Department come into play as UHV makes history by building a destination university.

During 2011-2012, students took part in a wide range of activities. New events, organizations and spots where students could hang out enhanced the student life experience and increased social interaction.

Another successful season on the field was highlighted by the Jaguars softball team earning its second trip to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Softball Championships and becoming the first UHV team to post a 40-win season. The soccer and golf programs also continued to make strides in their second year of competition.

Here are just a few athletic and student life highlights:

ATHLETICS

- The UHV softball team finished the year ranked No. 13 in the nation after a 40-10 season and its second trip to the NAIA national tournament.
- Pitcher Tanner Hamilton became the first UHV ballplayer to sign a professional contract when he inked with the Arizona Diamondbacks as a free agent.
- Softball pitcher Emily Bergstrom was named UHV's Female Athlete of the Year for the second straight year. Soccer forward Adrian Mendoza was named the Male Athlete of the Year.
- Bergstrom and Brittany Arredondo were named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Southwest Region softball first team and the Association of Independent Institutions all-conference first team. Bergstrom also was an NAIA All-American honorable mention selection. Dawn Villegas, Porsha Ramos, Ariel Gomez and Ashley Shannon were named to the A.I.I. all-conference second team.
- Mendoza and Nathan Kenyon were named to the A.I.I. all-conference first team in soccer, while Rudy Castrejon and Taylor Belchor earned second-team honors. Mendoza also was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/NAIA All-Southwest Region Team.
- Jonathan Allen shot a 7-under 209 to become the first UHV men's golfer to win an individual title with a first-place finish at the Texas Lutheran John Bohmann Memorial.
- The UHV women's golf team shot an opening round 347 to claim the school's first-ever team title at the University of Texas-Dallas Lady Comets Invitational.
- Chad Kruse and Creighton Hoke were named to the A.I.I. all-conference baseball first team, while Ryan Suescun was named to the second team.

STUDENT LIFE

- At Jaguar Journey, UHV's new student orientation, freshmen became familiar with the campus, were introduced to services available to them at UHV and began forming relationships with their peers, upperclassmen, faculty and staff.
- The Student Lounge in University West got a new look and a new name. The walls were painted "UHV red," and the Student Government Association purchased a flat-screen TV. The lounge is now called The Spot.
- Students had fun participating in a number of new events, such as Cinemark Movie nights and a foam party, while reoccurring events like Pumpkin Palooza, Totally '80s Skating and a Cinco de Mayo Celebration drew in big crowds.
- Students took the initiative to form several new organizations including the Master of Business Administration Student Association and the Jaguar Jazz Team.
- Student Life staff members organized new Special Interest Groups to help students connect with peers who share similar interests. Groups included a book club, video game group and jewelry making.
- The fun wasn't limited to Victoria. UHV students at UH Sugar Land and the UH System at Cinco Ranch took part in several events, such as family movie nights, faculty lectures and Brain Food Breaks.

PARTNERS IN HISTORY

UHV and the community have always worked together to create opportunities to benefit everyone. The 2011-2012 fiscal year was no different. These opportunities would not have been possible without the generous financial support of area community members and organizations, and university faculty and staff.

Donations and pledges to UHV totaled more than a half a million dollars in 2011-2012. UHV's internal employee fundraising campaign raised the highest amount ever in the university's history. The \$93,951 raised for programs and scholarships was matched dollar for dollar by the university, making the total contribution \$187,902. Some of the top areas receiving donations were the Ron Sardessai Endowed Professorship, American Book Review, Campaign Victoria, Roy and Ileen Foley Scholarship, Wayne and Cheryl Beran Endowment Fund, Nursing Program Support, Library Excellence Fund and School of Business Administration Excellence Fund.

Here are some other highlights from 2011-2012:

- Community members and UHV stakeholders were invited to take surveys about possible themes for UHV's Quality Enhancement Plan, a required component of the university's spring 2014 reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. "Enhanced Engagement Through Learning Communities" was the topic chosen.
- The Small Business Development Center expanded monthly on-site business counseling services to Yorktown.
- The university was awarded a nearly \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to help prevent sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on campus. The three-year grant will allow UHV to expand safety and counseling options in the form of three new staff positions – a victim advocate, a female psychologist and a peace officer.
- It was announced that the Claud Jacobs/Victoria Country Club Collegiate Invitational golf tournament would be hosted for the first time by UHV.
- UHV's Community of Readers program brought together community members, and faculty, staff and students through a shared reading experience and series of related programs. "World War Z" by Max Brooks was the book chosen for the second year of the program.
- The UHV-based Society for Critical Exchange, the oldest scholarly organization in North America dedicated exclusively to theory, hosted the Third Annual Winter Theory Institute at the university. The theme was criticism after critique.
- The Alcoa Foundation awarded a \$20,000 grant to UHV for a new robotics research course and the annual Math and Computer Science Awareness Day.
- The VC/UHV Library hosted a grant-writing workshop for area nonprofit organizations. It was supported by grants from the Trull Foundation, Gulf Coast Medical Foundation and the M.G. and Lillie A. Johnson Foundation.
- Student Senate members volunteered for a local Habitat for Humanity project.
- It was announced that UHV would host a transatlantic conference to discuss the migration of Mexican Americans to the U.S. and Muslims to Germany. The conference received a \$6,500 grant from the German Marshall Fund and the Bosch Foundation.
- The SBDC was named the December 2011 Small Business Partner of the Month by the Victoria Chamber of Commerce.
- The School of Business Administration partnered with INVISTA to put on a seminar for business owners and others to learn how to increase entrepreneurial innovation in their organizations.
- Education students partnered with the Children's Discovery Museum of the Golden Crescent on the Spring Reading Fling and the Young Authors and Illustrators Workshop, events aimed at bolstering reading and writing development for children.
- The School of Nursing sponsored a Fall Nursing Forum focused on evidence-based care as well as a Spring Nursing Forum about Vietnamese health care.

PARTNERS IN HISTORY

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- Career Services held several networking events for business owners and student job-seekers, including the Part-Time Job Fair and the Career Fair.
- The 26th annual Martin de León Symposium, a joint effort between UHV and Victoria's de León Club, focused on the history of Victoria during the 19th and 20th centuries.
- Graduate biology students welcomed Rowland Elementary School students to the campus for a biology lesson that included how to process tissue to view under a microscope.
- UHV hosted a free in-service training workshop called "Motivation: Making Fractions User Friendly" for local teachers.
- The Student Senate put on the ninth annual Giving Tree, a holiday charity drive that supported five local charities: Adopt-A-Pet, Food Bank of the Golden Crescent, HOSTS (Help One Student To Succeed), Mid-Coast Family Services and the Old Landmark Committee of Victoria.
- UHV sponsored the Leadership Launch seminar at Jaguar Hall, along with Alcoa, First Victoria and TDECU. The event, organized by Women's Resources, was for emerging women leaders.
- UHV also hosted several events designed to get students engaged in higher education and give them opportunities to win scholarships:
 - » A Calhoun High School student achieved a perfect score on the computer science test and took first place in both computer science and math in the individual competitions at the annual UHV/Victoria College Math and Computer Science Awareness Day. Part of his prize included a \$2,400 robotics kit from UHV.
 - » Hispanic Heritage Month events included a reception where the first- through third-place winners in the Hispanic Heritage Month Art Contest received scholarships. All of the entries in the contest were on display at UHV during Hispanic Heritage Month.
 - » Black History Month events included an art exhibit and poster contest for fifth-graders. The top winners received scholarships, and all entries were on display at UHV during the month.

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AWARDS & HIGHLIGHTS

UHV honors an outstanding student and community partners each year who have helped the university make history. Those who received the 2011-2012 UHV Special Recognition Awards are as follows:

Student Leadership Award	Moses Olukoya
Community Business Partnership Award	Ashley Furniture HomeStore
Community Organization Partnership Award	Victoria Independent School District

UHV FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

The following is a representative collection of UHV faculty and staff accomplishments:

Xavier Garza-Gomez, Massomeh Hajilee, John Kagochi, Stephanie Solansky and **Jie Yang** were named School of Business Administration Partnership Professors.

Stephanie Solansky earned three honors from the Academy of Management for her paper, "A Self-Determination Perspective of Leadership Development." She presented the paper at the AOM Conference in Boston.

Current and former members of the Marketing Department, which include **Paula Cobler, Melody Vecera** (2006), **Cari Laza, Amberley Gutierrez, Ken Cooke, Harry Bashaw** (2003, 2009) and **Della Rampley**, worked on projects that earned UHV two prestigious ADDY Awards at the district level, after winning 13 at the local level. The awards recognize advertising creative excellence and are given out by the American Advertising Federation.

Harold Smith won the \$1,000 H. Bailey Carroll Award for the best article published in 2011 in the Texas State Historical Association's journal. The article was titled "All Good Things Start with the Women: The Origin of the Texas Birth Control Movement, 1933-1945."

Barba Patton received a crystal trophy for having the top workshop at the Canada International Conference on Education. She also presented a paper at the conference.

Jeffrey Di Leo addressed the changing role of the book in digital academe as a plenary speaker at the 10th International Conference on the Book at Universidad Abat Oliba CEU in Barcelona, Spain.

UHV Small Business Development Center staff achieved certifications:

- **Lisa Barr**, recertified at Business Advisor, Level IV
- **Kacey Lindemann Butler**, Business Advisor, Level III
- **Lindsay Young**, Business Advisor, Level I
- **Levi Farias**, Business Advisor Level I
- **Mary Densman**, Administrative Professional

Eugenia Blomstrom received an Excellence in Nursing Silver Medal in the faculty category from the Good Samaritan Foundation.

Diana Lopez's book "Confetti Girl" received the 2012 William Allen White Children's Book Award, in the middle school category.

Dmitri Sobolev, Alireza Tavakkoli, Qi Zhu and **Shainy Varghese** each received \$6,000 internal grants for research projects.

Jill Fox spoke about creativity and the arts during her keynote speech at the Ministry of Education Kindergarten Conference 2012 in Singapore.

Amberley Gutierrez and **Cari Laza** won a gold medal and an honorable mention award respectively in the MarCom Awards 2011, an international creative competition featuring more than 6,000 entries.

June Lu and **Chun-Sheng Yu's** paper on mobile phone data usage in China won a 2012 Emerald Management Reviews Citation of Excellence Award.

AWARDS & HIGHLIGHTS

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Debbie Jozwiak was named the 2011 UHV Employee of the Year.

Hongyu Guo and **Kyle Schlesinger** were each awarded \$10,000 faculty junior research grants from UHV.

Jie Yang received the UHV Research and Scholarly Activity Excellence Award.

Richard Gunasekera was awarded UHV's Distinguished Faculty Service Award.

Uche Nwabueze and **Jeffry Moe** won the Enron Teaching Excellence Award at the university.

The following faculty members published books:

- **Dagoberto Gilb**, "Before the End, After the Beginning"
- **Jill Fox**, "Look, Think, Do" book series
- **Lawrence Rossow**, third edition of "The Law of Student Expulsions and Suspensions"
- **Rick Harrington**, "Stress, Health, & Well-Being: Thriving in the 21st Century"
- **Li Chao**, "Open Source Mobile Learning: Mobile Linux Application"

UHV STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

The following is a representative collection of UHV student and alumni accomplishments:

Laura Caldwell, Taylor Henderson, Eliseo Olvera and **Alba Sanchez** were honored with the Spirit of the Jaguar Award, which recognizes students for their integrity, respect and citizenship.

Ankur Laroia (2011) was promoted to senior director of OpenText's new strategic program, Premium Account Strategy and Enterprise Architecture. OpenText is Canada's largest software company.

Student Senate officers **Emily Bergstrom, Ashleigh Kellis-Carr** (2011), **Paige Ruschhaupt** (2009) and **Bre'Neka "Shorty" O'Bryant** (2012) attended the American Student Government Association's National Summit in Washington, D.C., for training and networking with peers from other universities.

Carla Garrett (1983) was appointed as the new principal at Austin Elementary School in Abilene Independent School District.

Students **Chelcie Oliver, Olivia Grace Newman** and **Adam Mills** won the British Council's "100 Questions About Islam" blogging contest, which invited university

students from around the world to share their reflections on Muslim/non-Muslim relations.

Monica Cornetti (2008) presented "Women Leading & Succeeding: A Day with Monica Cornetti" at UHV in conjunction with the Small Business Development Center and the Victoria Professional Express Network.

Angelica Ybarra wrote an article that appeared in Texas Nursing Voice about the "80 by '20" initiative, a recommendation by the Institute of Medicine's Future of Nursing report to increase the number of nurses with baccalaureate degrees by 80 percent by 2020.

Bradley Borsboom received a Houston Chronicle Salute to Nurses Award. The award, which includes a scholarship, is given to only five nursing students in the Houston area.

Manushi Trivedi scored 945 out of 1,000 points in the Capsim Management Simulation exam, putting her in the 99th percentile among exam takers from across the country. Thirteen UHV students had scores in the top 10 percent of all participants.

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THE NUMBERS

UHV's revenue in 2011-2012 was estimated at \$48.9 million, and UHV spent 54 percent, or \$26.2 million, of that total on providing quality instruction for students. Financial assistance awarded to students totaled \$34.5 million, an increase of 152 percent from 2007-2008. At public universities in Texas, total enrollment grew 14 percent from fall 2007 to fall 2011, while UHV enrollment increased 56 percent. UHV enrollment in fall of 2012 was 4,335. Since its beginning in 1973, UHV has conferred 14,224 bachelor's and master's degrees. Below are some key financial and enrollment figures for UHV:

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Revenues	2012*
Tuition & Fees	\$16,735,095
State Appropriations	\$13,827,568
Grants & Contracts	\$6,144,968
Endowments	\$288,245
Sales & Services	\$1,712,647
Other Sources	\$10,207,842
Total Revenues	\$48,916,365

Expenditures	2012*
Instruction & Academic Support	\$26,213,464
Student Services & Scholarships	\$9,199,811
Institutional Support	\$4,858,241
Physical Plant	\$2,820,538
Other Expenditures	\$5,781,717
Total Expenditures	\$48,873,771

* Estimates

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Type of Assistance	2007-08	2011-12
Scholarships	\$738,677	\$1,260,745
Grants	\$2,066,907	\$6,961,729
Loans	\$9,009,006	\$21,809,299
Short-Term Loans	\$1,824,045	\$4,341,973
Work Study	\$58,737	\$111,272
Total Financial Aid	\$13,697,372	\$34,485,018

**TEXAS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
Fall 2007-2011 Enrollment**

University	Rate of Change
University of Texas	1.9%
Texas A&M	7.1%
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	18.7%
Texas A&M-Texarkana	18.8%
University of Houston	14.9%
University of Houston-Clear Lake	8.8%
University of Houston-Downtown	9.5%
University of Houston-Victoria	55.5%
Total State Public University Enrollment	14.4%

**UHV STUDENT ENROLLMENT
Fall 2012**

Undergraduate	2,703
Graduate	1,632
Total	4,335

(Data provided by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.)

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Strong leadership and guidance are the foundation for the successes UHV continues to experience. The university appreciates the ongoing contributions and support from the leaders and advisers who nurtured UHV's successful year.

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