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UHV is constantly expanding and improving its academic programs to better meet the needs of its students and the community. Here are some examples of those achievements from UHV's four schools in 2008-2009:

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

- The independent, alternative press Fiction Collective Two moved to UHV in the fall of 2008, and Cuneiform Press, a fine arts press, joined UHV's growing number of literary organizations and publications in the fall of 2009.
- Award-winning journalist Macarena Hernández was announced as the first Victoria Advocate Endowed Professor of the Humanities, and acclaimed Mexican-American author Dagoberto Gilb joined the school as a writer-in-residence and professor of Latino studies.
- The school began offering the first master's degree in publishing in the South.
- Six students from China took graduate computer science classes as part of a new program between four Chinese universities and UHV.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Students came all the way from China to work on their Global Master of Business Administration degrees at UHV.
- Farhang Niroomand from the University of Southern Mississippi was hired as the new dean of the school.
- The Princeton Review rated the School of Business Administration as an outstanding business school for the third year in a row. The school was listed in the 2009 edition of "Best 296 Business Schools" as being one of the Greatest Opportunities for Minority Students and the Most Family Friendly.
- GetEducated.com ranked the school's Bachelor of Business Administration as the sixth best buy in the country and the best in Texas. The group evaluates schools by cost and quality.
- The school began offering a new healthcare administration concentration in its Bachelor of Business Administration program.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

- The Texas Education Agency Division of Educator Standards recognized the school's teacher curriculum as outstanding and re-accredited the school's undergraduate programs.
- Lawrence F. Rossow from the University of Oklahoma was hired as the new dean of the school.
- Faculty members Nora Hutto and Ray Foley received two federally funded grants designed to improve science instruction at area middle schools. A \$210,000 grant funded a project co-directed by Hutto to allow middle school science teachers to take graduate-level science education classes. Foley's project was funded through a \$200,000 grant and helps middle school science teachers learn more about physics and ways to better teach their students.
- The school began offering three graduate-level concentrations, including a student affairs concentration under the master's in counseling, the adult and higher educational leadership concentration under the master's in administration and supervision, and the secondary education certificate under the master's in curriculum and instruction.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

- The first students from the Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing program graduated.
- Faculty member Denise Neill began helping DeTar Healthcare System as the resident research professional, and faculty member Linda Dune completed her research on nausea and bariatric patients at Citizens Medical Center.
- Officials from UHV and the University of Economics and Finance in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, signed a memorandum of understanding to give UEF students a streamlined pathway for applying to UHV's Second Degree BSN program.
- The first-ever pinning ceremony in Victoria was held for graduates of the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

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The Jaguars baseball and softball programs grew into true powerhouses during the 2009 season and drew national attention to the university. In only the second season in UHV history, the Jaguars gathered a host of honors, including five athletes being named National Association of Independent Athletics All-Americans. On the field, both teams made appearances in the postseason. Off the field, members of the two teams gave back to the community by mentoring children in the Victoria Independent School District.

Here are a few of the year's highlights:

- The baseball team finished with a 34-17 overall record, and the softball team finished 35-12.
- UHV hosted the first Association of Independent Institutions baseball championship, which the Jaguars won.
- The softball team won the first A.I.I. softball championship.
- Three softball players collected long lists of awards. Kristen Lindley was named A.I.I. Player of the Year, NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete and NAIA All-American First Team Designated Player. Amber Scott was named A.I.I. First Team All-Conference Outfielder and NAIA Second Team All-American Outfielder. Tasha Rotramel was named A.I.I. Most Valuable Player, 2009 A.I.I. Pitcher of the Year, A.I.I. Conference Player of the Week and NAIA All-American Honorable Mention. She also pitched the softball team's first two no-hitters back-to-back.
- The Jaguars softball team competed in the NAIA National Softball Championship in Decatur, Ala., and finished the season 11th in the nation.
- The softball team was ranked among the top 15 teams in the nation for the entire season.
- The Jaguars baseball team competed in the first round of the NAIA Baseball Championship in Lubbock.
- Baseball pitcher Ray Maldonado and outfielder Zane Williams were named NAIA Second Team All-Americans.
- Baseball players Tony Rothman, Zane Williams, James Green, Ray Maldonado, Austin Hitt and David Baker were named to the A.I.I. All-Conference baseball team.
- Softball players Kristin Lindley, Lauren Garza, Tasha Rotramel, Stephanie Lavey and Amber Scott were named to the A.I.I. All-Conference Team.
- UHV also prepared the groundwork to add soccer and golf in the fall of 2010.
- Keri Lambeth was named the A.I.I. Softball Coach of the Year, and Terry Puhl was named the A.I.I. Baseball Coach of the Year.
- The softball team was named an NAIA Scholar Team by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.
- Softball players Kristen Lindley, Ashley Falco and Lindsey Ferguson were named 2009 Daktronics NAIA Softball Scholar Athletes.
- Softball players Kristen Lindley, Lindsey Ferguson, Tasha Rotramel, Ashley Falco and Claire McGee were named National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-American Scholar Athletes

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UHV and the community work together for a brighter future to benefit everyone who lives in South Texas. The university collaborates with many partners in campaigns and initiatives that offer a wide range of benefits to a growing number of people. These community opportunities would not be possible without the generous financial support of faculty and staff, local community members and organizations. Donations totaled \$761,252 in 2008-2009. Fifty-eight percent of UHV faculty and staff participated in the annual campaign and contributed \$42,777 of the total amount raised. The 2008-2009 year saw perhaps the greatest expression of this cooperation yet with the hard work that resulted in the approval to add freshmen and sophomores to the university in the fall of 2010.* Some of the other highlights from 2008-2009 include:

- With strong community support, UHV experienced numerous milestones on the path to adding freshmen and sophomores:
 - The Victoria Chamber of Commerce released results from a survey of its members showing that 94 percent of those responding favored UHV expanding.
 - Numerous organizations passed resolutions in support of UHV's expansion, including the Victoria City Council, Victoria County Commissioners Court, Victoria Chamber of Commerce, Victoria Economic Development Corp., Commission of the Port of Victoria and the Cuero-Victoria Connection leadership group.
 - About 400 community members on Sept. 17, 2008, attended the Commission on Expanding Access to Higher Education's public forum with the overwhelming majority supporting UHV's expansion.
 - The 17-member Commission unanimously voted to recommend that UHV expand to a four-year university.
 - Texas Rep. Geanie Morrison and state Sen. Glenn Hegar introduced bills to allow UHV to add freshmen and sophomores.
 - On June 19, 2009, Gov. Rick Perry signed House Bill 1056, allowing UHV to add the FIRST 200 underclassmen in the fall of 2010.
 - Gov. Perry came to Victoria Aug. 6, 2009, for a ceremonial signing of HB 1056.

- UHV benefitted from generous donations from the community and beyond. Here are some of the grants received:
 - The School of Nursing received \$25,000 for scholarships from the Greater Texas Foundation.
 - The George Foundation donated \$48,000 to help students in Fort Bend County earn their Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing through UHV.
 - The Fred and Mabel R. Parks Foundation of Sugar Land awarded the School of Nursing a \$10,000 grant to help students study with the best lab equipment available.
 - The Texas Commission on the Arts awarded its first grant to UHV to support the UHV/American Book Review 2008-2009 Reading Series, which brings nationally recognized authors to Victoria. The \$1,594 grant funded a series of eight readings and related outreach activities.
 - UHV received its second grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The \$10,000 grant supported the 2009 operations of the UHV-based American Book Review and the reading series the publication staff organizes.
 - The School of Nursing received a \$205,000 grant from the M.G. and Lillie A. Johnson Foundation in Victoria to fund scholarships and purchase state-of-the-art training equipment.
 - Alcoa Foundation donated \$15,000 to fund the Letting Education Achieve Dreams Fiesta Day, College 101 Open Houses, and Math and Computer Science Awareness Day at UHV.
- Local artist Harold Nichols donated a jaguar sculpture to UHV, and the university announced a contest to name the sculpture.
- A Relay for Life team made up of staff and students from UHV was the first team in Victoria County to raise more than \$10,000 in one year for the American Cancer Society.
- President Tim Hudson increased communication with the community through Twitter and a blog, Hudson on Higher Learning.
- Members of the UHV chapter of the Gamma Beta Phi Society honor and service organization made what may be the first

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donation to the Victoria County United Way by a student organization. The donation was more than \$600.

- Victoria charities Adopt-A-Pet, Mid-Coast Family Services, and Crossroads Youth and Family Services received much-needed supplies from community members and faculty, staff and students as part of the annual UHV Giving Tree.
- President Tim Hudson and his wife, Dee Dee, teamed with Rector Javier Espinosa of Universidad Internacional in Cuernavaca, Mexico, to fund the Hudson-Espinoza Fiction Prize. The \$500 prize will be awarded annually for the best work of short fiction submitted to The Writer's Edge conference organized by the American Book Review and Fiction Collective Two.

- UHV played host to several events designed to get students engaged in higher education and gave them opportunities to win scholarships, including:
 - Fiesta Day during which students were invited to hear motivational speaker Willie Pickens and get information about taking classes at UHV and The Victoria College.
 - Black History Month Poster contest, where area fifth-graders earned scholarships for their artwork, which remained on display at UHV for a month.
 - Hispanic Heritage Month activities that included a parade, traditional fiesta, art contest and a live performance by the band Del Castillo.

** The admission of underclassmen, and the offering of freshman- and sophomore-level classes, is pending approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities, the same organization that accredits most major universities in Texas.*

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Outstanding faculty, staff, students and community members are honored by UHV every year for their efforts in helping the university grow and succeed.

Those who received the 2008-2009 UHV Excellence Awards are as follows:

- Employee of the Year Award – Stanley Lester
- Enron Teaching Excellence Award – Ziad Swaidan
- Research and Scholarly Activities Award – Massoud Metghalchi
- Distinguished Faculty Service Award – Nagarajan Ramamoorthy
 - Student Leadership Award – Anjabeen Ashraf
 - Distinguished Alumni Award – LuAnn O'Connor
- Community Partnership Award – Commission on Expanding Access to Higher Education

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

Dr. Siva Somasundaram received a \$10,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to continue his cancer research.

Drs. Keith Akins and **Tanawat Hirunyawipada** received UHV's first-ever junior faculty summer research grants.

Dr. Denise Neill was elected president of the Texas Nursing Association District 20.

Dr. Tim Berkey wrote "Improving Your Daily Practice: A Guide for Effective School Leadership" to teach principals how to better help children learn.

President Tim Hudson received the annual Education Award from the African-American Chamber of Commerce/Victoria.

Dr. Lee Chao wrote the book "Utilizing Open Source Tools for Online Teaching and Learning: Applying Linux Technologies." This was his third book about computer technology.

Dr. Jeffrey Moe gave a lecture titled "Hope and Resiliency in Sexual Identity Development: Research and Practice Implications" to some of the more than 4,000 attendees at the American Counseling Association Conference and Exposition.

Dr. Margaret Rice was one of 101 outstanding female leaders selected for the Leadership Texas Class of 2009, the longest-running U.S. women's leadership development program.

Wayne Beran served as president of the Goliad Independent School District Board of Trustees when it was named the Texas Rural Education Association's 2009 Outstanding School Board of the Year.

Dr. Vivian Nowazek was one of the presenters at the 20th annual International Nursing Research Congress Focusing on Evidence-Based Research in Vancouver, Canada.

Eileen Bonner, Stephen Kilgore, Lisa Barr, Joe Humphreys and **Patty Briones** helped the UHV Small Business Development Center set a regional record by all achieving different levels of business certification at the same time.

Dr. Mel Damodaran traveled to Linz, Austria, to present a paper at the International Conference on Information Integration and Web-Based Application Services.

John Ellis, Steven Nickel, Paula Cobler, Melody Vecera, Thomas Doyle and **Jeanelle Gillit** worked on projects that earned UHV 10 prestigious ADDY awards for advertising creative excellence at the American Advertising Federation-Victoria ADDY Awards Gala.

Dr. Harold L. Smith wrote a chapter titled "British Feminism in the Second World War" for the book "Gender, Labour, War and Empire: Essays on Modern Britain."

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Kristen Lindley (2009) was appointed the first student ever from UHV to fill the student regent position on the University of Houston System Board of Regents.

Hernan Jaso (2000) was named the 2008-2009 chair of the UHV President's Regional Advisory Board, which serves as the university's principal external advisory body.

Jean Herman (1985), chief quality officer for the DeTar Healthcare System, was named to the UHV President's Regional Advisory Board.

Mitzi McAfee (1980, 1991), principal of Jackson-Roosevelt Elementary School in Port Lavaca, became president of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.

Cesar Alvarez (2006), assistant principal at Lee High School in Houston, was highlighted in the first annual letter of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The annual letter detailed the work completed during the first year of the foundation and featured a story about Alvarez and a student he helped who was in a gang.

Tanya Spiker Michna (1998) published her second novel, "Baggage Claim," about two women who confuse their luggage and wind up meeting. Her first book, "Necessary Arrangements," was published in 2007.

Katrina "Kat" Jaso Alvarado (1996) was named third runner-up in the 2009 Mrs. Texas International Pageant. She previously was named Mrs. Fort Bend County 2009.

Emily Krenek, a Master of Business Administration student, was one of only 15 U.S. students selected to attend the Newspaper Association of America Foundation News

Challenge in Reno, Nev. The training session was designed to allow students to experience the opportunities available in the field of digital news, while creating real-world prototypes for the newspaper industry.

Lauren Watson (2009), a Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing student, received a \$1,500 scholarship as part of the Houston Chronicle's Salute to Nurses program. Watson and only four other students from the Houston area were chosen to receive the scholarships.

Marcus Northrup (2009), **Yuri Curtis** (2009), **Francisco Izaguirre** (2009) and **Asif Kaba** teamed up to win top honors in the Spring 2009 Master of Business Administration Conference at UHV.

Doug Wozniak (2005) became the new principal at Miller Middle School in San Marcos.

BJ Myers, a catcher for the Jaguars baseball team, was one of four finalists in a contest by ESPN affiliate KFNC 97.5 FM to find the next great Houston sportscaster.

Sara Dries (2006, 2007) became assistant principal of Manford Williams Elementary School in Richmond. She has master's degrees in both counseling, and administration and supervision from UHV.

Amy Hatmaker (2007), the UHV Academic Center lead tutor, wrote two book reviews that appeared in the spring edition of the Journal of South Texas, a biannual publication sent to all members of the South Texas Historical Association.

Sally Kallina (2002) was named principal of Columbus Elementary School in Columbus.

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UHV's revenue in 2008-2009 was estimated at \$37.6 million, and UHV spent 53 percent, or about \$20 million, of that on providing quality instruction to help students learn and grow. Financial assistance given to students totaled \$17.6 million, an increase of 46.3 percent from 2004-2005. Statewide, total enrollment at Texas public universities grew 5.6 percent from fall of 2004 to fall of 2008 at a time when UHV enrollment increased 31.3 percent. The university hit an enrollment milestone in the fall of 2008 by attracting 3,174 students and for the first time enrolling more than 3,000 students. Enrollment continued to climb when 3,655 students, a 15.2 percent increase over the previous fall, enrolled at UHV in the fall of 2009. Since its beginning in 1973, UHV has awarded 11,286 bachelor's and master's degrees. Below are some key financial and enrollment figures for UHV:

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Revenues	*2009
Tuition & Fees	\$12,758,563
State Appropriations	\$15,525,679
Grants & Contracts	\$3,197,723
Endowments	\$124,870
Sales & Services	\$335,030
Other Sources	\$5,659,431
Total Revenues	\$37,601,296
Expenditures	*2009
Instructional	\$20,015,587
Institutional Support	\$3,757,280
Student Services	\$5,235,149
Physical Plant	\$2,443,985
Other Expenditures	\$5,475,238
Total Expenditures	\$36,927,239

**Estimates*

TEXAS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES Fall 2004-2008 Enrollment

University	Rate of Change
University of Texas	(0.8%)
Texas A&M University	8.1%
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	9.5%
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	5.5%
University of Houston	2.6%
University of Houston-Clear Lake	(1.6%)
University of Houston-Downtown	7.7%
University of Houston-Victoria	31.3%
Total State Public University Enrollment	5.6%

(Data provided by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

UHV Student Enrollment Fall 2009

Undergraduate	1,914
Graduate	1,741
Total	3,655

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Type of Assistance	2004-05	2008-09
Scholarships	\$786,927	\$864,487
Grants	\$1,935,723	\$2,689,306
Loans	\$8,028,541	\$11,219,016
Short-Term Loans	\$1,188,528	\$2,773,115
Work Study	\$77,034	\$38,137
Total Financial Aid	\$12,016,753	\$17,584,061

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Strong leadership and guidance are the foundation for the growth 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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