



# PROVOST'S REPORT

## 2016-2017

Cover Photo: Students from the Cub Camp Leadership Team. Cub Camp is a three-day extended orientation program organized by student leaders which promotes UH culture and tradition as well as a successful transition into college life.

# New Year, New Outlook

I am proud to look back on another successful year at the University of Houston:

- The College of Nursing had 100% of its students pass the NCLEX-RN exam for the third year in a row;
- We established the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts;
- The Honors College ranked in the Top 10 Public University Honors Programs;
- We welcomed 5 new members of the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering;
- We became the 40th member of Complete College America's Alliance of States;
- We joined the Open Textbook Network, which offers free, open source textbooks to students;
- We raised four-year graduation rates 2.6 percentage points to 50.7%; and
- 71% of our incoming freshmen signed up for UHin4.

Sincerely,

Paula Myrick Short

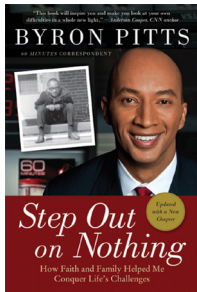
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, UH

Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UH System



Speaking as part of the *Here, We Go* capital campaign to raise one billion dollars for UH by 2020.

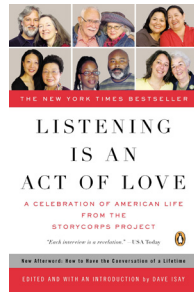
# Provost Summer Read Program



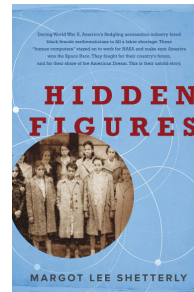
2014



2015



2016



2017

The Provost Summer Read Program enters its fourth year with *Hidden Figures: The Story of the African-American Women Who Helped Win the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly.

Previous books include *Step Out on Nothing: How Faith and Family Helped Me Conquer Life's Challenges* by Byron Pitts; *The Rise: Creativity, The Gift of Failure, and The Search for Mastery* by Sarah Lewis; and *Listening is an Act of Love: A Celebration of American Life from the Storycorps Project* by Dave Isay.



## Ensuring Student Success

**4,463**

FTIC\* Students

**46%**

First Generation

**32.9%**

In the top 10% of  
their high school  
graduating class

\*Full Time, First Time In College<sub>5</sub>  
(FTIC)



# CUB CAMP

**461**

Students attended Cub Camp  
in the first two years

Incoming freshmen have the opportunity to participate in Cub Camp, an extended student orientation program that occurs the week before classes begin in the fall. For three days and two nights, freshmen and upperclassmen leaders head to an off-campus retreat center and learn more about UH, its traditions, and the UH family.

## Student Spotlight: UHin4

UHin4 Enters Third Year With More Participation Than Ever

“UHin4 has provided me with an affordable college experience. I changed my major at the end of my second year, and I have to take summer classes to maintain my graduation date. UHin4’s fixed tuition plan has really made that work for me without costing thousands of dollars.”

- Faith Clause, Class of 2018

**+ 16.5%**

Full-time FTIC students completing 30 hours by the end of their freshman year (from 2013)

**71%**

Students enrolled in UHin4 from the Fall 2016 Freshman Class

# Building Global Connections

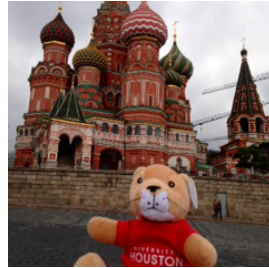
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**808**

Students learning  
abroad  
2016-2017

**540**

Number of passports  
provided through  
Passport for Coogs





# SHASTA'S TRAVELS:

**24**  
Countries

**7**  
U.S. States

**5**  
Continents



Houston, Texas

**8,586 MILES**

Sydney, Australia

## HEED Awards



The University of Houston, the UH Law Center, and the UH College of Nursing all received Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) awards.

“I am overwhelmed by UH’s recognition from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine. For UH to be the only institution to receive three awards in a single calendar year shows the dedication of this university to creating an environment in which our faculty, staff, and students are supported and encouraged to succeed.” said Provost Paula Myrick Short.

The only one of its kind, the HEED Award is given annually by *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine to U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.

# THREE

HEED Awards  
from *INSIGHT Into  
Diversity*

# 1st

University to get  
three awards in one  
year



## Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy

# 87

Members of the  
Cougar Chairs  
Leadership Academy  
(CCLA) to date,  
with another 32  
graduating in 2018

CCLA graduate Margaret  
Blake (center) poses with  
Provost Short (right) and  
CCLA Facilitator Idahlynn  
Karre (left).

## Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Rankings

UH Libraries moved up 12 places in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) ranking to 65 from 77. The ARL rankings for the UH Libraries have increased 17 places over the past 4 years.

“I am so pleased that the University of Houston Libraries has moved up, and moved up significantly in the ARL rankings” said UH Libraries Dean Lisa German. “Because the rankings are based upon expenditures, this upward movement is a reflection of the tremendous support that we have received from the University of Houston, particularly from the Provost’s Office. With this support, and with our new strategic plan in front of us, we will continue to move onward and upward on behalf of the UH community.”

The University of Houston Libraries is a research library system serving University of Houston students, faculty, staff, and the scholarly community. Resources include over 600 databases, approximately 94,000 e-journal titles, over 655,000 e-books, and 1,100 print journal subscriptions.

**+12**

places in the  
ARL rankings.

**+17**

places in the  
past four years.



# KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Increasing  
Value

**\$20M**

Gift to the Kathrine  
G. McGovern College  
of the Arts

**1500**

Students enrolled  
Fall 2016

**7**

Programs united  
under one college

# Top-Ranked UH Programs:

**#2**

**Online Graduate Degree Program**  
U.S. News and World Report

**#6**

**Undergraduate Entrepreneurship Program**  
U.S. News and World Report

**#1**

**Bar passage rate for first-time test center takers**  
UH Law Center

**#4**

**Salary-to-debt ratio for UH Law School**  
SoFi.com

**89%**

Number of Hotel and Restaurant Management students with jobs upon graduation

## Top 50

### US News and World Report:

- Chemical Engineering, *Best Engineering Programs*
- Full-time MBA Program, *Public Business Schools*
- Law Center
- Part-time Law Program
- Part-time MBA Program
- Pharmacy
- Professional MBA Program, *Public Business Schools*
- Graduate College of Social Work
- Healthcare Law

## Passing Rates

- **100% passage rate** on the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE), College of Pharmacy
- **95% passage rate** on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Exam (NAPLEX), College of Pharmacy
- **95% passage rate** on the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) exam, College of Optometry
- **100% passage rate** on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN), College of Nursing for the third year in a row



## Honors College Ranked in Top 10

The Honors College was rated one of the top 10 public university honors programs and was included in the recently published book: *Inside Honors: Ratings and Reviews of Sixty Public University Honors Programs*.

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Students won top international awards

**+13%**

In enrollment for Fall 2016

**+30 pts**

Average SAT score of entering students



Faculty have a new dedicated space on campus to work and collaborate. Opened in spring 2017, the Faculty Café is located on the ground floor of E. Cullen and houses the offices of Faculty Engagement and Development.

# FACULTY CAFÉ



## ADVANCE GOALS:



Recruiting and Retaining  
Women Faculty



Supporting Women in  
Leadership Positions



Creating Lasting  
Infrastructure

# Increasing Faculty Diversity

Center for ADVANCING UH Faculty Success enters its third year

The Center for ADVANCING UH Faculty Success continues to promote gender equity and diversity campus-wide through:

- Women of Color Workshops
- Mid-Career Workshops
- Postdoctoral Fellows Association
- Dual Career Program
- Significant Other Accommodations
- Diversity Search Committee Training
- Childcare Spots for New Faculty
- Faculty Engagement and Development
- Competitive Salary Initiative



UH hosted a panel discussion for the film *Hidden Figures*, which featured four panelists from NASA.

*Pictured (L to R):* Dr. Erika Henderson, Alma Tapia, Vanessa Wyche, Antja Chambers, Dr. Robert Satcher, Dr. Devan Ford-McCartney, and Provost Paula Myrick Short.

# 27 NSF

CAREER winners since 2010 with a total of 48 members since 1980

# 18 members

Of the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering with four new members in 2016

# 145

New faculty hired in 2016



**40TH MEMBER** of the Complete College America Alliance of States.

**226,131 STUDENTS** in the Houston metro area have the opportunity to be affected by Houston GPS. The eight member institutions are the University of Houston, University of Houston-Clear Lake, University of Houston-Downtown, Texas Southern University, Houston Community College System, Lone Star College System, San Jacinto College District, and Wharton County Junior College.

## Houston GPS

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**EIGHT**

Member institutions

**ONE GOAL**

Increasing completion rates in the Houston region through streamlined pathways and seamless transfer from 2-year to 4-year institutions.

UNIVERSITY of  
**HOUSTON**

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