Staff Council
Awards & Scholarship Ceremony

Thursday, July 14, 2022
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
Elizabeth D. Rockwell Pavilion
Welcome
Staff Council
Achievements
Supporting Student Success

$13,500  
2022-2023 Scholarship aid for UH students
1  SC B. Renae Milton Students of Staff Scholarship
9  Staff Council Scholarships
4  Women Gender Resource Center Scholarships

944  
Students served during Finals Mania

FALL 2021 COUGAR FIRST IMPRESSIONS

7,500+  
Student inquiries answered

6,400  
Cold bottles of water

3,000  
Frozen treats

8,500+  
Notepads, maps, pens, etc.

1,250+  
Students helped at UH Sugar Land and Katy

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Days of CFI
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Staff Council Fosters
UH Staff Development, Leadership & Recognition

Workplace Reimagined and Alternative Workplace Arrangement (AWA) Information Sessions
Launched Staff Council Awards
Launched Staff Affairs Professional Development Series
Staff Council General Meetings host Special Guests
Launched Staff Council Meet & Greet
Staff Focus, Conversations with Staff, and Workplace Conversation Events
Awarded SC Rebecca Szwarc Professional Development Reimbursement
Hosted University System Staff Executive Council Quarterly Meeting
Homecoming Spirit Bell Competition and Welcome Back Tailgate
Staff Centered Programs

Welcome Back Tailgate

A Partnership Between
University of Houston Staff Council
Arab-American Educational Foundation Center for Arab Studies

A Workplace Conversations Event
ARAB AMERICAN WOMEN: VOICES FROM THE GRASSROOTS

Thursday, April 28, 2022
12 PM to 1:30 PM CDT

HER story
Women in Leadership at UH

Workplace Conversations
Webinar: Thursday, March 24, 2022, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM CDT

2022 Staff Focus
Moving Forward Together, Stronger Than Ever
Virtual | January 13, 2022 at 1 PM CDT

Celebrating the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial at the National Mall

Staff Council Meet & Greet
Membership fees per year: GUARDIAN: $60 | COUNCIL: $120 | ADVOCATE: $180

Staff Council
Awards & Scholarship Ceremony
Staff Council Awards
2022 Rookie of the Year Award

“Thank you to my colleagues for the recognition and distinction of this honor.”

William Cornelio
Operations Coordinator
Campus Recreation
2022 Optimism Award

Cristian A. Garcia
Senior Recruiter
UH Human Resources

“When I started employment at the University of Houston, exactly 3 years ago, one of my first events as a staff member, was attending a staff appreciation luncheon and at the end, a couple of staff members were being recognized for their work.

I knew one day I wanted to win an award and here I am, 3 years later winning a Staff Council Award.”
“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela

“I want to express my gratitude for being a recipient of the Staff Council Awards. This unexpected recognition of my dedication and efforts is most rewarding!

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our students on a daily basis and seeing them committed to their educational goals is what motivates me. I am truly appreciative of this acknowledgment. Thank you! GO COOGS!”
2022 Impact Award

"I am so honored and humbled to be nominated and selected for this award. I come from a family of service and being part of the University of Houston allows me to give back in so many ways.

While COVID-19 challenged all of us, I am lucky to be part of a team that worked through each obstacle with ease."

Brian Hall
Emergency Management Specialist
Office of Emergency Management
2022 Inspiring Leadership Award

“I deem it an honor to be recognized by my peers. I am humbled and appreciative to be a recipient. Thank you and Go Coogs!”

Nina Howard
Student Success Advocate
Undergraduate Student Success Center
2022 Collaborator Award

Ericka Mellon
Executive Director of Communications
College of Education

“Thank you for the kind recognition! I’m lucky to work with an amazing team and colleagues dedicated to advancing student success, high-impact research, and equity and inclusivity for all.”
2022 Friends of Staff Council Award

Enrique Garza Jr.
Multimedia Designer
University Marketing and Communications

“I’m happy that I was able to help out and use my skills to contribute to the visual language for Staff Council.”
2022 Team Excellence Award

University Information Technology
Technology Support Services & Enterprise Systems

Amy Ma
User Services Spec. Lead, TSS

Ivey Davis
User Services Spec. Lead, TSS

Rafael Arroyo
User Services Spec II, TSS

Matthew Harvey
Help Desk Coordinator, TSS

Rene Gonzalez
IT Help Desk Shift Lead, TSS

Maricela Rodriguez
IT Documentation Coordinator II, TSS
Staff Council
Scholarships
2022-2023 SC B. Renae Milton Scholarship

“The B. Renae Milton Scholarship will help me pursue academic excellence during my 4 years at UH.

Thanks to the scholarship I will have an easier time affording tuition and class fees.”

Olivia A. Goodley
Sociology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Hope Pacheco
Assistant Dean of Students (Staff)
2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship

Krystle C. Emerson
Senior Library Spec.
UH Law Library

Certificate in Accountancy
C.T. Bauer College of Business

“Thank you for choosing me to be one of the ten recipients to receive the 2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship. This award will help promote my career as a future C.P.A. from the Bauer College of Business Certified Accountancy Program. As a returning student to the University of Houston, I am looking forward to working as an accountant since I earned a B.B.A. in Accounting in 2010. Not only will the scholarship help to further my education, but I will seek out employment as an accountant here at the main campus or anywhere within the UH system.

This scholarship will aid my career goals over the next two and half years, and help with any financial circumstances that may arise as I journey through my courses at the Bauer College of Business Certified Accountancy Program. In addition, I would like to thank Amanda Watson and Emily Lawson for mentioning this scholarship to me. Meanwhile, I relayed this information to my colleague, who is considering going back to school. Thanks so much for your consideration.”
2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship

Sarah Flores
Assistant Director
Student Centers Event Services

Masters of Science in Hospitality Management
Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership

“This scholarship will help me with my last semester of graduate school as I complete my journey through my master's program. I took a 5-year break between my undergraduate degree and my master's degree, both of which I will have received from the University of Houston.

This scholarship is incredibly beneficial for my studies and allows me to focus on my education instead of the different aspects that can make an education costly. I will join a handful of family members who pursued secondary degrees, and I look forward to how completing my degree will allow me to better serve the University of Houston students.”
"It is wonderful to be a part of UH, where there is a lot of support and so many opportunities to receive a little extra help in attaining a further education.

This scholarship will definitely put a dent in the financial burden of completing my post baccalaureate."

Judy H. Lam
Business Services Assistant
Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality
Leadership

Certificate in Accountancy
C.T. Bauer College of Business
2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship

Erika Neal
Advising Assistant
C.T. Bauer College of Business

MED Higher Education
College of Technology

“I am delighted to accept this scholarship for my enrollment in the Fall 2022 semester that will go toward the tuition for my higher education grad program.

This scholarship will help me promote my education by assisting with paying for the cost of my tuition. This scholarship will allow me to not worry about the payment, but focusing on the curriculum.”
2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship

Caroline S. Neary
Senior Research Analyst
Undergraduate Academic Affairs

PHD Higher Education Leadership and Policy Studies
College of Education

“I am very pleased to accept a Staff Council scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year. This scholarship will support me in my study of higher education, which allows me to better serve UH students.”
2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship

Hope Pacheco, LMSW
Assistant Dean of Students
Student Outreach and Support
PHD Higher Education Leadership and Policy Studies
College of Education

“I am grateful for the opportunity to have been selected as a recipient for the Staff Scholarship for 2022-2023. This funding will help me cover the cost of tuition while I enter my 4th year as a part time doctoral student and allow me to continue my research study as a scholar-practitioner in higher education.

Funding sources for part time students and full time employees is very limited and I appreciate the opportunity to have been selected as a scholarship recipient. It is validating that my educational pursuit is recognized as an employee of UH.”
2022-2023 Staff Council Scholarship

Giovanni Rosselli
Director of Alumni Relations
C.T. Bauer College of Business
Master of Public Administration
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

“Staff Council has been there for me every step of the way as I pursue a graduate-level degree from our University of Houston.

I’m less than a year away from realizing my dream and I hope others will read my brief statement and be inspired to pursue theirs. Support IS available to staff. Don’t put it off any longer!”
"Thank you for this wonderful opportunity for providing me a scholarship for the Staff Council scholarship at the University of Houston. This scholarship means a lot to me and many others as it will help us attain our degrees and pursue our goals in our desired fields of study.

This scholarship will help promote my education as it will help me during my first years in graduate school in getting my masters in the history program, where I built solid rapports with professors and colleagues. As a first-generation Latino, I’d never imagined I would further my career in my education, and I will be the first in my family to get a masters due to the hard work I put in as an undergrad. Thanks to this scholarship, I will be able to start the program in history this fall.”

Jesus Sanchez
Financial Coordinator I
UIT Business Services

MA History
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
“I am grateful to be one of the recipients of the Staff Council Scholarship for the 2022-23 academic year. The Staff Council Scholarship will help me pursue my graduate degree in Human Resource Development at UH.

I plan to bring the knowledge gained from my education to my current position and my professional career at the University of Houston.”
Daniel Chang  
Director, Academic Programs  
Office of the Provost  
MED Higher Education  
College of Technology

“In these challenging economic times, everything helps. That being said, aside from the financial support that the Women and Gender Resource Center (WGRC) Scholarship will provide, this honor affirms the direction I am heading in my pursuit of higher education is the right one and the journey has been tremendous.

I am thankful to the WGRC and the consideration committee for their time and consideration.”
“This scholarship means a lot to me because it will allow me to continue to pursue the MPA degree at little to no financial impact or burden for me and my family. Thanks to this scholarship I can focus on completing my studies without having to worry about how I will pay for tuition.

As a full-time staff member, it brings me great joy to be able to work and study at UH and to know that in the near future, I too will be able to help pay it forward to this wonderful community.”

Melissa Nieto
Academic Advisor III
College of Pharmacy

Master of Public Administration
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
2022-2023 WGRC Scholarship

“I am so excited to be a recipient of this scholarship. This scholarship will help me obtain an MBA with a certification in management and leadership. I hope to continue my work at the University of Houston, leading community projects and interdisciplinary teams.”

Cindy Paz
Program Director, Community Health Worker Initiative
The Honors College

Master of Business Administration
C.T. Bauer College of Business
2022-2023 WGRC Scholarship

Kirstyn Speich
Life Member Manager, Alumni Relations
UH Alumni Association

MA Mass Communication
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

"Being awarded this scholarship, I am beyond grateful! It allows for me the opportunity to continue my education and overall growth as a person.

It’s going to help me achieve the goals I set for myself, like completing my masters by 30, and I am truly so thankful!"
Staff Council
Leadership
2021-2022 Staff Council Officers

President
Danesha Allen

President Elect
David Frankfort

Immediate Past President
Shanequea White

Secretary
Janelle Brown

Parliamentarian
Caleb Prestridge

Treasurer
Elsie Myers

Historian
Karl Hearne
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Congratulations to our newly elected Staff Council Representatives!

- At-Large
  - Trina Silva

- Academic Affairs
  - Erica Barreraz-Mahan
  - Seth Evans
  - Elsie Myers
  - Melissa Nieto
  - Shanequea White
  - Jacqueline Chee
  - Ron Gonyea
  - Sharon Pellas

- Administration & Finance
  - Jacqueline Chee
  - Ron Gonyea
  - Sharon Pellas

- Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine
  - Lupita Rangel Curiel
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