

# 4-ORGINING INTO THE FUTURE

THE UHS STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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# UH-CLEAR LAKE MAY 24, 2023

# Welcome

Welcome to “4-Orging Into The Future,” our seventh annual leadership conference for the University of Houston System (UHS) Student Affairs and Enrollment Services professionals! Our “4-Orging Into The Future” theme is a recognition that our present and recent past has been a time marked with significant challenges but is also a strong affirmation of our commitment, passion, and audacity to foster innovative impactful programming that will help equip us for the future. As we “4-orge Into The Future” we will meet the needs of our students and their success through professional development and as industry leaders in our fields. I am excited to take this journey with you.

It is my honor to thank President Dr. Richard Walker for hosting this year’s conference on the beautiful University of Houston Clear Lake campus.

I also offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to the student affairs and enrollment services planning committee led by Dr. Monica Thompson, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor/Interim Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Executive Director of University Career Services; Don Yackley, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Student Housing and Residential Life; and Katina McGhee, Assistant Vice Provost, Campus Solutions. I would also like to thank each of our workshop presenters for their contributions to our professional development and growth.

We have centered this year’s conference theme on Best Practices, Collaboration, Building Bridges, and Professional Development. I am thankful for the many talented colleagues from across the UH System who are presenting today and sharing their insights with us. I am also looking forward to hearing from our keynote speaker, Dr. Loren J. Blanchard, President of the University of Houston-Downtown. This is a wonderful day for our UH system and I, along with each of you, am excited to take part in the workshops, presentations, and networking opportunities. I hope you enjoy the conference, as we continue to learn while “4-Orging Into The Future”.



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**Dr. Daniel Maxwell**

Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, University of Houston System  
Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, University of Houston

# Conference Schedule

8:15 AM–9:10 AM	Registration <i>Atrium 1</i>
9:15 AM–10 AM	Welcome and Keynote <i>Atrium 2</i>
10:10 AM–11 AM	Educational Session I
11:10 AM–12 PM	Educational Session II
12 PM–1 PM	Lunch <i>Atrium 2</i>
1:10 PM–2 PM	Educational Session III
2:15 PM–3:15 PM	UHS Talks: Student Voices <i>Atrium 2</i>
3:15 PM–3:30 PM	Closing

## Session Themes

**Best Practices** Best Practices provides attendees an opportunity to learn about programs, services, policies, and ideas that are successful on our University of Houston System campuses.



**Collaboration & Building Bridges** Identify and promote initiatives that create partnerships and collaborations between departments and divisions to provide student support systems consistent with university goals.



**New Horizons** New Horizons will explore new ideas and innovations that drive administrators to think strategically and support student success. It will discuss new trends and topics on the horizon.



**Professional Development** Going the distance as administrators to create change in our everyday professional lives requires the commitment to be a lifelong learner. This educational session track will provide resources, expertise, and best practices.



# Conference Floorplan

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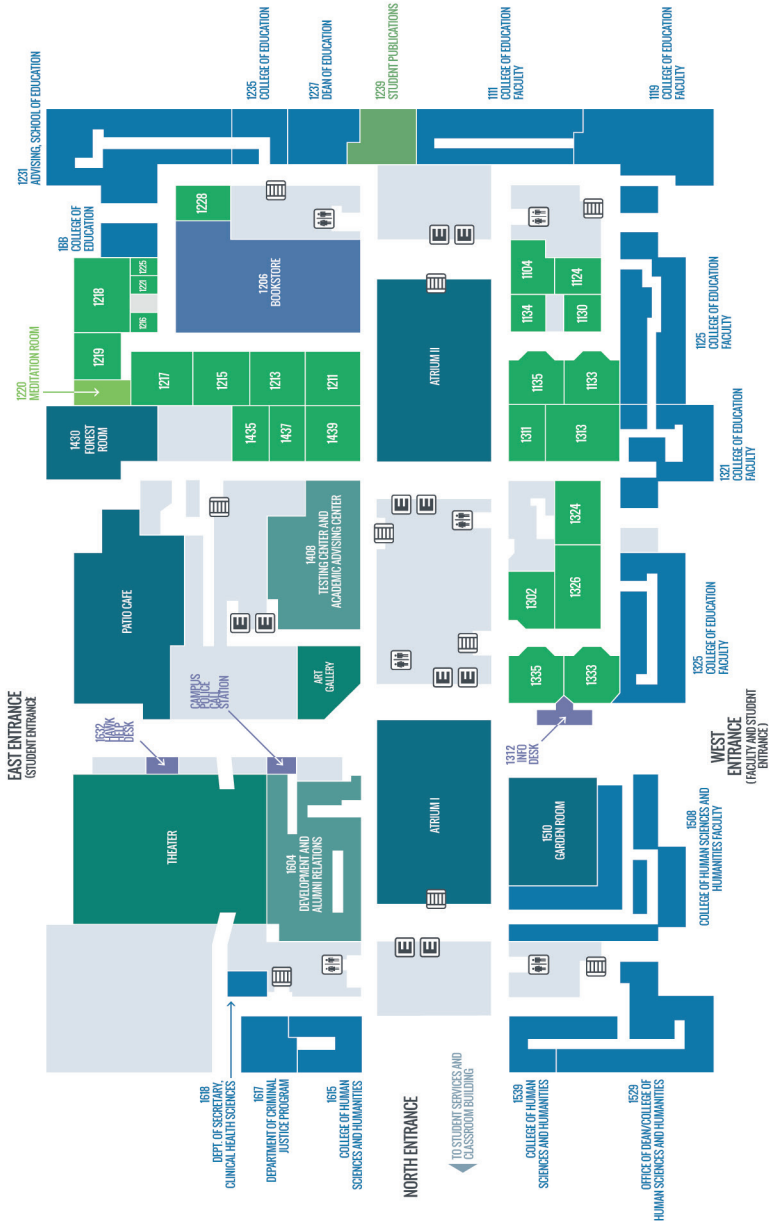
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- CLASSROOM
- WELLNESS
- PUBLICATIONS
- DEVELOPMENT
- ARTS & CULTURE
- DINING & EVENTS
- STORE
- INFORMATION
- ELEVATOR
- STAIRS
- RESTROOMS



# Conference Keynote

9:15 AM–10 AM, Atrium 2



## **Dr. Loren J. Blanchard**

*President, University of Houston-Downtown*

Loren J. Blanchard joined the University of Houston-Downtown as its seventh president on March 15, 2021.

During his tenure at UHD, Dr. Blanchard has launched the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan: A New Paradigm with Student Success as the University's number one priority. Since the implementation of that plan, UHD has made progress toward multiple interrelated goals through organizational changes that ensure systematic first-year support, strategic and ongoing academic advising, and provisions to meet students' basic needs.

Under Dr. Blanchard's leadership, the University has received more than \$30 million in awards from public and private funders who support its vision, recognize its progress, and believe in its potential. U.S. News ranked UHD among Top Performers on Social Mobility and awarded the University a No. 1 ranking as the most diverse institution of higher education in the southern region of the United States. He leads with a commitment to the civic and moral imperatives that a higher education must prepare students with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to address the critical needs of their communities and the most pressing concerns of our nation.

President Blanchard previously served as Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs at California State University (CSU), the largest and most diverse system of higher education in the United States. Before CSU, he served as Provost & Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at Xavier University of Louisiana. Other past leadership positions include Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic and Multicultural Affairs at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and two roles within the University of Louisiana System: Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Vice President for Accreditation, Leadership & Accountability.

A first-generation college graduate, Dr. Blanchard holds a bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology Education from Xavier University of Louisiana, a master's degree in Education from McNeese State University, and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Georgia.



# *Elements of a Student Success Model*

## **ABOUT THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

In the aftermath of Covid-19, increasing numbers of students enter the University without optimal readiness. Lack of readiness ranges from lagging academic skills to underdeveloped executive functioning to insufficient financial means. In this keynote, Dr. Blanchard walks through six evidence-based principles of student success, using the University of Houston-Downtown's current strategic plan as a model. He identifies Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Leaders as key partners in the effort to maximize student success, challenges administrative practices that hinder student progress, and offers strategies for a holistic approach to improving retention and graduation while ensuring students are prepared for the rigorous demands of our complex workforce.

# Educational Session I

10:10 AM–11 AM

## Data Access v. Data Security

Javaria Saeed  
Manager, Enterprise Application  
Security & Investigations  
*University of Houston*

Debbie Samuels  
Director, Enterprise IT Security Projects  
UIT Security  
*University of Houston*

Chinyere Ihesiulo  
Administrator, ERP Application  
Campus Solutions  
*University of Houston*

In this presentation, we will discuss the Campus Solutions Security architecture and the tools Security Admins use to strike a balance between giving the users needed access and ensuring the data is secure. For example, we will talk about user ids, roles, permission lists and data masking. In addition, UHS-IT will discuss the tools UHS staff can use to help users avoid Phishing attempts and keep the data secure.

**Bayou Building - Room 1133**

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## But I'm not a therapist: Non-Clinical Skills to Support Student Mental Health

Brittani Clarkson  
Assistant Director, Wellness  
*University of Houston*

Katherine Dash  
Program Manager 1, Wellness Center  
*University of Houston*

When students experience mental health challenges, research shows they often turn to a trusted peer, faculty or staff member. Supporting your student's emotional health through motivational interviewing can increase trust, facilitate positive student development, and aid in overall well-being. No clinical expertise necessary!

**Bayou Building - Room 1211**

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## Make Campus Solutions Work for You: Tips and Tricks

Johanna Smart  
Functional Analyst 3

Nhi Nguyen  
CSS Application Lead  
*University of Houston*

This presentation will cover various "tips and tricks" that will help new and experienced users successfully navigate and utilize Campus Solutions (CS).

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## Serving at a Hispanic-SERVING Institution

Jennifer Ortiz Garza  
Senior Lecturer

Dr. Joann Olson  
Associate Provost for Research & Dean  
of Graduate Studies  
*University of Houston-Victoria*

The key to serving students at a Hispanic-Serving Institution is building relationships. Join a discussion on ways to promote breaking down the silos on campus to help students succeed.

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## Bridging the Gap: Creating a cross-departmental Leadership and Career Development Conference

Luisa Beck  
Associate Director  
Student Involvement & Leadership

Dillon Nash  
Assistant Director  
Student Involvement & Leadership  
*University of Houston-Clear Lake*

An interactive workshop and discussion focusing on the collaborative process of re-envisioning the established Student Leadership Conference after 24 years into the Student Leadership and Career Development Conference. Discussion will center around the collaborative process of coming together through planning, implementation, and assessment.

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**Bayou Building 1335**

## Best Practices to Support Dreamers

Laura K. Gonzalez  
Program Coordinator 2  
Center for Student Empowerment

Dr. Raven Jones  
Director  
Center for Student Empowerment  
*University of Houston*

The presenter will highlight the unique ways in which the Center for Student Empowerment has been expanding financial, career, and academic support for Dreamer students.

**Bayou Building - Room 1313**

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## So You Want to Present, Now What?

Alina Longoria  
Application Lead  
*University of Houston*

This session will go over steps and thought processes behind creating a successful presentation.

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## Leadership Coaching Curriculums: Growing Student Leaders Through Work-Based Learning

Breezy Landman, B.S.  
Program Manager  
Campus Visits and Events

Kriston Burroughs  
Director Student Recruitment & Campus Visit  
Experiences  
*University of Houston*

Looking for ways to improve student employees' professional skills while also preparing them for a successful career? Come learn about a method of work-based learning that focuses on developing career readiness competencies in student employees.

**Bayou Building - Room 1439**

Angela Guidry  
Assistant Director, Admissions  
*University of Houston*

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## Creating a Collaborative Atmosphere to Bridge Purposeful Action and Meaningful Results in Professional Development

John M. Oyerbides, MS.Ed., US Army (Ret)  
Coordinator  
*Office of Military & Veteran Services*

Dr. LaToya Mills-Thomas  
Associate Director & Student Advocate, Office  
of Student Advocacy  
*University of Houston-Clear Lake*

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Providing meaningful professional development for a staff can be a task that wears down even the most enthusiastic participants. Join UHCL's Division of Student Affairs (DSA) Professional Development Committee for some exciting thoughts on building collaborative bridges between purposeful action and meaningful result. Reinvigorate your professional development program!

**Bayou Building - Room 1215**

## Residency: A Proactive Approach

Lisa M. Lyle  
Associate Registrar  
Articulation & Matriculation

Chandra Slaughter  
Assistant Registrar, Customer Service  
Interim Manager, Contact Center  
*University of Houston-Downtown*

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At UHD we have been using a proactive approach to dealing with residency. We check residency on incoming applicants to ensure that they are coded correctly because ApplyTexas and our students don't always "get" each other. At UHD, we have built an expanding system to help students make residency updates earlier in the process so we aren't hit with a giant bucket of problems at the last minute.

**Bayou Building Room 1135**

## Leading the Leaders: A financial aid primer and guide to student aid success for first-gen, Latinx students

Monica Comeaux  
Associate Director  
Financial Aid

Beatriz Alvarado  
Coordinator Digital Customer Service  
Financial Aid  
*University of Houston-Downtown*

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The Latinx population continues to grow exponentially in the US. As the HSI institutions, the UH System schools should know and anticipate the challenges our financial aid offices encounter in funding their education.

**Bayou Building - Room 1430**

## Personal Renewal: Prioritizing Moments to reCenter & reCharge

Karen Jubert, M.Ed., LPC-S, NCC  
Psychological Counselor/ Clinician  
Counseling and Psychological Services  
*University of Houston*

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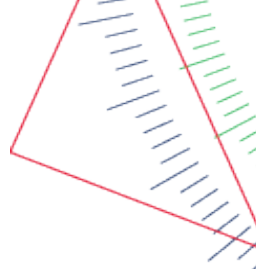
The "high touch" work of supporting students through their challenging, stressful and/or crisis moments can result in impacts to our overall health and wellbeing. In this session, we will explore the concepts of rest and personal renewal and will engage in practical strategies to transform our approach to wellness that refreshes, replenishes and inspires our work as Student Affairs and Enrollment professionals. We will discuss barriers to prioritizing personal well-being/wellness and will establish a personal renewal action plan to integrate in our daily routine as needed.

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# Educational Session II

11:10 AM–12 PM



## Big Data in Enrollment Management

Elizabeth Villegas, Ph.D.  
Assistant Vice President  
Enrollment Services

Dr. Daniel Villanueva  
Vice President  
Enrollment Management  
*University of Houston-Downtown*

Using geo-demography data to redesign intentional recruitment and marketing campaigns.

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## Slate CRM is for more than Admission/Recruiting

Gayle D. King  
Director, ERP Application

Jackie Chaney  
CRM Application Lead

Cynthia Ustoy  
Senior Application Lead  
*University of Houston*

This session will provide a high-level overview of how Slate CRM can be used for Student Success, Events, Communications & Interactions outside of the Admission/Recruiting area

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## There's No Such Thing as "Small Talk"

Dr. Joann Olson  
Associate Provost for Research &  
Dean of Graduate Students

Jennifer Ortiz  
Senior Lecturer of Psychology &  
Interim Department  
Chair of Psychology  
*University of Houston-Victoria*

Learning about the people you're leading is critical to effectiveness as a leader. Join this session for an interactive discussion about the conversation and it's role in leadership. We'll discuss the importance of talking \*with\* people rather than talking \*at\* them. And we'll practice.

**Bayou Building - Room 1211**



## The Evolving Definition of Wellbeing

Chris Dawe  
Assistant Vice President  
Student Affairs-Health & Wellbeing  
*University of Houston*

During this session, we'll explore some of the foundational language of health, wellness, and wellbeing and how it's evolving. This allows us to have a different discussion about how foundational wellbeing is to everything we do, and how much everyone contributes to bringing it to life.

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## Alarms are going off - What the EAP do we do?

Eve Esch  
Executive Director, Student Centers  
Beverly Thom  
Program Manager, Student Centers  
University of Houston

Emergency Preparation is important for all staff members. While it may not be comfortable to think about possible emergencies, research has shown that preparedness leads to better outcomes.

**Bayou Building - Room 1335**



## The Proactive Registrar's Office: Engaging and Enacting Practices to Support Today's Modern Students

Ovi Galvan  
University Registrar

Lisa Lyle  
Associate Registrar

Janelle Frazier  
Assistant Registrar, Degree Audits  
and Graduation

Brenda Duran  
Assistant Registrar  
Records & Reporting

Chandra Slaughter  
Assistant Registrar,  
Customer Service  
University of Houston-Downtown

In this session, the Office of the University Registrar team from the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) will share and provide information on a number of initiatives, practices, and technological improvements, implemented and executed within the past two years, aimed at proactively supporting current, past, and future UHD students.

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## Utilizing Technology to Enhance Student Success & Belonging through Parent Engagement

Dr. Jerrell Sherman  
Associate Dean of Students  
University of Houston

This session you will learn how CampusESP checks all the boxes to present your events/messages to larger audiences and provides a user-friendly experience for staff, parents, and family members of UH students

**Bayou Building - Room 1439**



## Bridging the Gap Between Designers and Non-Designers

Andy Robb  
Senior Graphic Designer,  
Enrollment Services Marketing &  
Communications  
University of Houston

In this presentation, we will explore effective ways for non-designers to communicate with designers to ensure a productive and collaborative working relationship. We will cover topics such as design terminology, visual communication, and how to provide feedback that is actionable and constructive.

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## Above All Else Show the Data: Best Practices in Data Visualization

Jorge Martinez  
Director  
Research & Reporting,  
Enrollment Services  
University of Houston

Data visualization is a key tool for data exploration and communicating research insights. In this session, we will discuss principles of graphical excellence to support effective data storytelling and to avoid chart junk.  
**Bayou Building - Room 1217**

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## Activity Guides, Questionnaires and Custom FLUID Solutions

Rick Arnold  
Director of Information Technology  
Office of the University Registrar  
University of Houston

Khalid Bhatti  
Manager, Enterprise Computing  
Enterprise Systems  
University of Houston

This session will present an overview of Activity Guides and Questionnaire Framework including: -Activity Guide Composer - Background - Activity Guide Composer vs Task Management - Activity Guide Composer - background and basic build steps - Activity Guide assignment options - Activity Guide UH Examples  
**Bayou Building - Room 1104**

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## The University of Houston System Student Pathways: Learn how our students can enroll seamlessly through any of the UH System Institutions

Kristi Rickman  
Director of Transfer Advising  
& Student Transitions  
University of Houston-Clear Lake

Dr. Patrick Lukingbeal  
Executive Director of  
Integrated Enrollment Services  
University of Houston

Veronica Lopez  
Director of Admissions Processing  
University of Houston-Victoria

Brenda Duran  
Assistant Registrar of Records & Reporting  
University of Houston-Downtown

Through the UHS Student Pathways program, first-time degree seeking undergraduate students enrolled at any of the four UH System universities, with the approval of their academic departments, are able to take up to six hours of courses toward their degree, at any of the UH system universities. Attend our session to learn more about the UHS Student Pathways program requirements, how to guide students, and how it all works so we can collectively guide our students to graduate on-time!

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## Lessons Learned: A Semester of Response and Reflection from the Student Outreach and Support team

Hope S. Pacheco, LMSW  
Assistant Dean of Students  
Dean of Students

Melissa Melendez,  
LMSW Care Manager  
Dean of Students  
University of Houston

This session will focus on personal and professional lessons learned from navigating and responding to students, faculty and staff during and after a death on campus from the practitioner perspective of two social workers in higher education. The SOS team will share their personal and professional reflections.

**Bayou Building - Room 1215**

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# Educational Session III

1:10 PM–2 PM

## Using new marketing strategies to reframe, reimagine, and rebrand the student experience

Keith T. Kowalka  
Assistant Vice President for  
Student Affairs

Melissa Iracheta-Guerra  
Web Project Manager, Student  
Affairs IT Services & Marketing  
Manager, Student Life  
*University of Houston*

The Student Life portfolio in the UH Division of Student Affairs developed an enhanced Re-framing/Reimagining/Rebranding process for the student life experience to build student success through programs, services and facilities. This session will highlight some of the new components of this process, and how you can implement some of these strategies at your institutions.

**Bayou Building - Room 1313**

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## Preparing International Students for a Career Post-Graduation

Cynthia E. Olmedo  
Assistant Director  
University Career Services

Ida Thompson  
International Student Counselor 2  
International Student and  
Scholars Services  
*University of Houston*

Learn about the Career Development and International Student and scholars Services processes/policies that govern the success of international students' post-graduation.

**Bayou Building - Room 1133**

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## Utilizing a Needs-Based Assessment and Power BI Data Visualization for Actionable Improvements to the Degree Progress Report (DPR)

Francisco Campos  
Functional Analyst 2  
Office of the University Registrar

Miranda Lindsey  
Program Manager 2  
Office of the University Registrar  
*University of Houston*

This presentation offers insight on a needs-based assessment to engage the campus community in identifying and prioritizing shared problems related to our Degree Progress Report (DPR)/degree audit. Highlights include the creation of a Microsoft Form questionnaire, conducting deep dive sessions with relevant departments, and consolidating findings into a final report – while using Power BI to visualize data for actionable solutions.

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## Expanding Gender Inclusion in Policy, Data, and Practice

Juliann Losey  
Assistant Director  
Student Housing and Residential Life  
*University of Houston*

As services and programs aimed at supporting transgender, gender nonconforming, non-binary, and other students face critique from viral Internet memes to legislation, there are a number of more subtle and significant practices that staff can implement in the collegiate environment to have massive positive impact on students' well-being and improve how we understand the populations we are serving..

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## Getting the most out of your ACHA membership

Brittani Clarkson  
Assistant Director  
UH Wellness

Reuben Parrish  
Director, UH Wellness  
University of Houston



Through education, advocacy, and research, the American College Health Association stands at the forefront of issues that impact the health and wellness of our college students. An institutional membership for your institution provides numerous benefits including free CE credit, discounted conference registration, leadership opportunities, virtual mentorship programs, and more.

**Bayou Building - Room 1211**

## Universal Design and Equity for People with Disabilities

Kyle Mutz  
Director  
Justin Dart, Jr.  
Student Accessibility Center  
University of Houston



This presentation will explore Universal Design principles and examples to help our campus community to create spaces, environments, and events that support the most people on campus in the most holistic way possible.

**Bayou Building - Room 1302**

## All 4 One: Four campuses. One System.

Johanna Smart  
Functional Analyst 3

Nhi Nguyen  
CSS Application Lead  
University of Houston



A presentation and discussion about how Campus Solutions (People Soft) connects throughout the UH System, highlighting the advantages and challenges of sharing one system.

**Bayou Building - Room 1135**

## The Principles of Well-Being

Christopher McDonald, M.Ed.  
Case Manager/Coordinator of  
Military & Veteran Services  
University of Houston-Victoria



Well-being integrates mental health (mind) and physical health (body) resulting in more holistic approaches to disease prevention and health promotion. It involves cultivating self-awareness, building emotional intelligence, and fostering a sense of inner peace and fulfillment. In this presentation, we will explore the benefits of Well-being and some practical ways to cultivate it.

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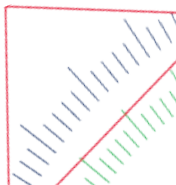
## Slate Query Development

Arfaa Mujeeb  
Database & Reports Analyst  
University of Houston-Clear Lake



Are you tired of building the query with same joins, filters, and exports over and over again? Or do you want to capture the top tenth percentile of students in their class to offer them a scholarship? How about translating the admit types so your end users can understand them better?

**Bayou Building - Room 1218**



## Sista Circle: Black Grads – Campus Partners Collaborating to Support, Empower, Affirm and Encourage

Karen Jubert, M.Ed., LPC-S, NCC  
Psychological Counselor/Clinician  
Counseling and Psychological Services

Toria Jones  
Sexual Misconduct Support  
Services Manager  
Women and Gender Resource Center

Vanessa Henley, M.S.  
Doctoral Psychology Intern  
Counseling and Psychological Services  
University of Houston

There are many known struggles for Black/African Ancestry women in graduate programs – history of marginalization, “strong Black woman” narrative, having to “code switch”, imposter syndrome, exhaustion from managing different roles, balancing roles while maintaining expectations, sexism and racial disparities, to name a few. Join staff members from UH Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) and the Women and Gender Resource Center (WGRC) to learn about our partnership to create a growth promoting and an identity-affirming brave counter-space called Sista Circle: Black Grads for Black/African Ancestry women in a UH graduate or professional program.



**Bayou Building - Room 1333**

## Social Work in Higher Ed: Wrapping Around Student Success

Asha Wilson  
Career Development Specialist  
University Career Services  
University of Houston

This workshop will examine the student needs that social workers meet in a higher education setting. We will explore ground breaking initiatives that can support student success on a division wide scale.

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Hope Pacheco  
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University of Houston

Gabriel Grady  
Assistant Director  
Center for Student Empowerment  
University of Houston

Rita Chapa  
Case Manager  
Counseling & Psychological Services  
Student Affairs  
University of Houston

Gracen Jinks  
Manager, Sexuality & Gender Education Program  
Counseling & Psychological Services  
LGBTQ Resource Center  
University of Houston



## Let's Get Social! An Interactive Performance Illustrating Social Media in Higher Education

Antréchéle Nova  
Digital & Social Media Manager  
Enrollment Management

Dr. Daniel Villanueva  
Vice President  
Enrollment Management  
University of Houston

Are you still trying to figure out how to utilize social media on your campus? Relax. This interactive performance will guide you through the good, bad, and funny ways the University of Houston Downtown Enrollment Management team bridged the gap between student communication, commencement, financial aid, higher education leadership, and more.



**Bayou Building - Room 1430**

# UHS Talks: Student Voices

2:15 PM–3:15 PM



**Josiah Hawkins**  
Junior, Communication Design  
*University of Houston, Victoria*

Josiah Hawkins is a passionate student who sought a new start in San Antonio, TX after Hurricane Katrina. He majors in Communication Design with a minor in Communications at the University of Houston-Victoria. Within a year, Josiah became actively engaged with campus organizations, such as a Resident Assistant in Residence Life and the Director of Public Relations in the Student Government Association. Upon receiving the Senior Resident Assistant role where he mentors student leaders, Josiah expanded into the Victoria, TX community by working at a local tutoring center to educate the youth in academic success. Some of his most recent achievements include the “UHV Student Leadership Award” (2021-2022), “I Am UHV” (2022-2023), Resident Assistant of the Semester (2023), and a representative for “UHV Day at the Capitol”. Josiah is dedicated to self-efficacy and inspiring others, which has created an impact on the lives of those around him. His ability to match words with action has defined him as a leader on campus. You can find him reading, exercising, podcasting, or playing community basketball when he’s not participating on-campus or working to serve the student body.



**Danna Almazan**  
Junior, Environmental Management  
*University of Houston, Houston-Clear Lake*

Danna is an undergraduate student at the University of Houston-Clear Lake pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management. She is native to Mexico and her hobbies include reading, exercising, and spending time with friends. As a first-generation student, she understands the importance of being involved and connected on campus. Her campus involvement includes serving as an Orientation Leader, President of the Hawk Spirit and Traditions Council (HSTC), Front Desk Assistant in Student Housing, and a member of the Campus Activities Board (CAB). These student engagement roles have allowed her to connect with and become more open-minded with people from various backgrounds and gain essential leadership skills that align with her career path. Her time with Orientation and Student Housing has allowed her to serve as a friend, mentor, and all-around resource for students. Danna is proud to serve as a servant leader for her fellow Hawks!





**Mya Little**  
2023 Graduate  
Political Science  
*University of Houston*

Mya is a first generation Coogs Association president. She was a member of Student Government Association's Supreme Court and was President of the Black Pre-Law Association from 2020-2021. Little has worked multiple part-time jobs while taking a full course load throughout much of her journey at the University of Houston including working at the Center for Student Involvement. In this position Mya provided support and resources for fellow students. Mya has always been very serious about academics which led her to graduate in the top 10 percent of her high school class. Maya is a Cum Laude graduate of the University of Houston who will enroll in law school in the Fall 2024 to further her career to become a public servant for her community, the South-side of Houston, Texas.

Eduardo Beltran is a Hispanic Male and a new graduate student pursuing his MBA in Supply Chain Management at UHD. As a non-traditional student throughout his entire college career, he has had the opportunity to gain tremendous personal growth through his personal experiences. Prior to returning to Houston, TX in March of 2022, Eduardo served as the Operations Manager for a steel service center in Midwest Indiana. He is a proud Marine Corps veteran who after his military service began his higher education journey as a first generation college student earning his Associate degree from Lone Star College.



**Eduardo Beltran**  
Graduate Student, MBA  
Supply Chain Management  
*University of Houston-Downtown*

Eduardo went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Leadership from Texas A&M, a Tier-1 Research Institution. he came to UHD to broaden his knowledge and skills and to move into a leadership role in the supply chain industry. His greatest personal accomplishment is his family; he is the proud father of a three-year old son who he raises with his wife Maggie. Eduardo and his family currently resides in Houston, Texas.



## **ABOUT YOUR MODERATOR**

**Dr. Mardell Maxwell**, Executive Director of Admissions  
*University of Houston*

Mardell Maxwell has been an admissions professional for 14 years. Since his arrival to UH, applications have increased by 15%, and new student enrollment has increased by 5%. He has a Bachelor of Science from Kansas State University, a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Liberal Arts from Fort Hays State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska.

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# A Special Thank You

## University of Houston

**Dr. Daniel M. Maxwell**  
Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs  
*University of Houston System*  
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