



Red Rose Ball 2004

Lisa Delafuente wants to be a guidance counselor. Jeeba Kuriakose hopes to do biomedical research. Daniel Wibel aspires to teach literature. Sandra Glover, now working at Shell Chemical L.P., dreams of operating a conference center.



for deserving students at Houston's Downtown University. Red Rose Ball 2004 is Saturday, April 17 at the new Hilton Americas-Houston, one of many features in the revitalization of downtown Houston.

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Red Rose Scholars
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Thanks to the Red Rose Scholarship, these UHD students will be closer to realizing their dreams. The Red Rose Ball, UHD's signature scholarship fundraiser, powers a variety of such scholarship programs

Each year, the ball honors an individual for dedication and commitment to education. The 2004 honoree is Eugene H. Vaughan, founding chairman, Vaughan Nelson Investment Management, L.P.

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Making Progress

UHD's new Commerce Street Building is on schedule for an early July move-in date. When this issue went to press, the contractors were installing the building's glass — the precursor for sheet rock, paint, and finishing touches. On the exterior, the contractor is finishing the steps at the front of the building and a plaza at the back of the building.

New College, New Opportunities: UHD's College of Public Service

This year, UH-Downtown inaugurates the university's fifth college, the College of Public Service which combines two community-focused academic programs: criminal justice and urban teacher education. The college will be housed in the university's new Commerce Street Building when it opens this summer. Both programs were formerly a part of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Dr. Beth Pelz is the interim dean of the new college, with approximately 620 students currently enrolled — and more students on the way once the college moves

into new quarters. Both academic programs within the college have community advisory boards, and Dr. Marilyn McShane is the director of the college's new Center for Education and Community Justice. The new center, which is currently seeking funding, will conduct research and provide professional support for community organizations.

And university watchers should take note: the College of Public Service isn't the only new thing on the UHD academic horizon. For information about the university's two newest graduate programs, turn to page two.



MetroRail Grand Opening at UH-Downtown

Now more than ever UH-Downtown is connected to the heart of the Houston community. January 1 marked the grand opening of the first ever light rail system in the city. With UHD as the northernmost point of the 7.5 mile track, students, faculty and visitors have access to the Reliant Arena area and all points in-between along Main Street (and San Jacinto in the Museum District).

On New Year's Day, then-Mayor Lee P. Brown and Metro CEO and President Shirley Delibero rode in MetroRail cars crammed with dignitaries and community leaders from the southernmost point on the line non-stop to the UH-Downtown Station at the doorstep of the university. Here they held a grand opening ceremony on the refurbished South Deck to recognize those who helped make the project a reality.

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A Sea of Mortarboards

Family and friends enthusiastically sported signs and cameras in the stands of Minute Maid Park during UHD's winter commencement ceremony. History was made in both the stands – with 15,000 guests – and on the stage, where more than 760 graduates processed, making it the largest group of UH-Downtown grads.

As UHD's semi-annual commencement ceremonies grow – so does evidence that the university succeeds in helping students attain their educational goals.

"You graduates are the truest reflection of the growth of our university," said Dr. Max Castillo, president of UH-Downtown. "It gives UHD's faculty and staff tremendous pleasure to see you succeed."

Two landmarks at the ceremony included the first graduates to earn baccalaureate degrees in biotechnology and the graduation of the first cohort of students in UHD's Master of Arts in Teaching.



UH-Downtown Adds Two New Master's Degree Programs

UHD builds on its centers of excellence. The term describes well established, well regarded academic programming with strong community and professional ties. Beginning in Fall 2004, two new master's degree programs will enhance UHD's strong programs in criminal justice and urban teacher education.

A Secure Future: Master of Science in Security Management

It's a case of meeting a need: When the security community in Houston asked UHD professor Frank (Trey) Williams for a master's degree in security management, he listened. Corporate security companies and the Houston chapter of the American Association for Industrial Security wanted a program to train security professionals for management roles, and they began talking with Dr. Williams in early 2000. In August 2004, the first courses officially designed for the new degree program will begin.

Professionals from the Houston security community plan to be in the classrooms, bringing in case studies and taking degree candidates out into the field with them.

Dr. Williams said he hopes to restrict the number of candidates in the first year to no more than 15, but interest in the new program is high.

The Write Stuff: Master of Science in Professional Writing and Technical Communications

UHD's professional writing program dots the "i's" and crosses the "t's", offering courses with practical application in career settings. Graduates have a long history of working at companies large and small and at a variety of institutions, ranging from medical to educational.

An outgrowth of the baccalaureate program, the university's new master's program in professional writing and technical communications will give students skills to help them move into management positions.

"The more you move up in administration, the more writing you do," said Dr. Molly Johnson, coordinator of the program, who noted that professional writing graduates from the last several years have expressed interest in the program.

Students will study advanced publication and production skills and project management, examine the ethical and global implications of professional communication, participate in audience analysis and usability testing, and create websites.

The Elkins Foundation leads the way in funding the program with a gift of \$50,000.

Courses for the new degree will be led by the university's faculty of skilled and experienced pro-

fessional writing experts from a wide variety of academic, industry, and service-provider backgrounds.

Bragging Rights

Serious about Fairy Tales

Assistant Professor of English **Kathryn Laity** is pleased that her 2003 novel "Pelzmantel: A Medieval Tale" received accolades. The book has been nominated for the Aesop Prize of the Children's Folklore Section of the American Folklore Society, the International Reading Association Children's Book Awards and a John Newbery Medal.



De-stigmatizing Poverty

Dr. Sandra Dahlberg, assistant professor in the English Department, co-edited the book "Reclaiming Class: Women, Poverty, and the Promise of Higher Education in America," which focuses on the role that class plays in American society, particularly related to the obstacles that poor women face in getting a college education. Dr. Dahlberg is actively involved with other scholars who explore the unique experience of academicians who grew up in poverty.

Take It to the School Board

Dr. Kurt Stanberry, associate professor in the Department of Management, Marketing and Business Administration, is serving as an officer on the Montgomery Independent School District Board of Trustees. He offers expertise in issues related to higher education and has a history of involvement in legislative issues.





Meng Tian, UH-Downtown engineering technology student, demonstrates a biomedical instrument for reading heartbeats and rhythms on fellow student Ameneul Berhe, at the 2003 UH Student Research Conference. The conference provides UH-Downtown undergraduate students the opportunity to showcase work done for classes and at off-campus internships and research programs.

Undergrad Researchers Prepare for Bigger Challenges

UH-Downtown offers undergraduate students a unique opportunity: participation in hands-on research usually reserved for graduate level students and above. At UH-D's third Student Research Conference, students expanded their experience when they publicly presented research findings to their peers, faculty and representatives from the community.

Students in diverse disciplines participated: behavioral and social sciences, computer science, engineering technology, mathematics and natural sciences. The conference was sponsored by the UH-D Scholars Academy, a rigorous science, technology, engineering and math program that promotes academic excellence and student success.

Students prepared their projects

through their participation in internships, independent or directed study, upper level research-oriented lab courses, or undergraduate research on or off campus. Presentations included work from internships at Baylor College of Medicine, NASA, New York University, Rice University, Sam Houston State University, UT-Houston Health Science Center, and UT Medical Branch at Galveston.

Keynote speaker at the conference was UH-D 2003 Alumnus of the Year Phebe Chen, M.D., associate professor and chief of ultrasound in the Department of Radiology at the University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center. She told students that their undergraduate research opportunities will help them advance to graduate and doctoral degrees.

Learning at a Distance

Seven percent of UH-Downtown students rarely set foot on campus, and that's okay. They're earning their degrees from teaching centers that UH-D shares with other universities in areas far from downtown Houston.

For example, Cheston Syma, a Stafford resident, is earning a finance degree from UH-Downtown by attending classes at the UH System at Sugar Land. UH-D accounts for 43% of total enrollments at that location. Cheston plans to use his business education as he pursues career goals that range from entrepreneur to financial analyst.

Altogether, more than 15% of UH-D students take convenient distance education classes. At the teaching centers, these can be taught by UH-D professors who are "live" in the classroom, or through interactive voice-video technology that utilizes TV cameras and microphones for two-way communication. In addition, UH-D faculty are teaching 45 classes online this spring.

UH-D offers complete degree programs at UH System teaching centers at Sugar Land and at Cinco Ranch, in addition to a multi-institution facility at The University Center at The Woodlands.



The Bayou Connection: Community Connected

C.K. Lee, chairman, Southwestern National Bank (on left) and Wea Lee, chairman and CEO, Southern News Group (on right), present a check to UH-D President Max Castillo at a fundraiser for UH-D's Bayou Connection — a program linking students and faculty in UH-D's criminal justice program with their counterparts at National Chung-Cheng University in Taiwan. Thanks to the generosity of the assembled guests, the program has received a cumulative total of \$7,700 from the community.

Brains over Brawn: Super Bowl Event at UH-D

UH-Downtown helped "kick off" Super Bowl XXXVIII with the Super Quiz Super Challenge, the National Football League's academic showcase. The decathlon-styled event focused on academics,

NFL trivia and physical skills.

UH-D students mixed with students from other universities and high school seniors on teams that did

everything from answer science questions to tossing footballs. NFL players, community leaders and volunteers served as coaches.

In the end, the 'Colts' won the Super Quiz Super Challenge. UH-D 2004 Red Rose Scholar Tim Davies-Balogun played on the winning team. Included in the

prizes were \$250 book scholarships and NFL paraphernalia.

The Houston Hispanic Forum, a UH-D community partner, served as the main sponsor for the event. The forum is a non-profit organization that promotes awareness, understanding and communication about issues affecting the Hispanic community.



University students and high school seniors from around the Houston area competed in Super Quiz, Super Challenge at UH-D. The academic and athletic competition was part of the National Football League's Super Bowl XXXVIII community activities. Members of the "Cowboys" team celebrate upon winning an academic challenge.

Inauguration Day Launched at Houston's Downtown University

Houston's new commander-in-chief, Mayor Bill White, chose UH-Downtown as the starting point for his first day in office. The university opened its doors to the prayer breakfast held early on the morning of Mayor White's inauguration. Clergy, elected officials and community supporters gathered in the Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Auditorium for a prayerful beginning to a day of ceremony and festivity. UH-D President Max Castillo welcomed guests before the interfaith service began. With UH-D's spectacular view of the downtown Houston skyline, the location underscored the mayor's commitment to an inclusive administration. And, since UH-D is the northernmost point on the MetroRail line, guests were able to board the train at the university's front door and ride to Hermann Park, where the mayor took the oath of office.

Alumni Society News

Meet UHD Alum Steven Madison

After serving almost 20 years as an Army paratrooper, UHD alum Steven Madison had a new leap to make – graduating from a university, armed with a bachelor's degree.

After a seventeen-year career “jumping out of planes and blowing things up,” Madison finally started his college experience four years ago at UH-Downtown. This past December 44-year-old Steven Madison walked across the stage with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, completing the dream he held for many years.

But before he could even register for his first class, Madison overcame a significant barrier. Because of his overnight work schedule, some questioned his endurance while working and going to school full-time and getting by with four hours of sleep a night. He answered their skepticism by keeping up a 3.5 grade point average and graduating with a 3.7.

“Never let anybody tell you what you can and can't do,” Madison advises. “If your heart says you can do something, your will and desire can win over anything.”

It wasn't easy. Madison had his



ups and downs and questioned himself at the very low points. “‘Why am I doing this?’ I would ask myself,” he says. “I found that each time I asked myself that question, my answer would always be, ‘Because I have come too far to quit now.’”

Still an avid skydiver, Madison overcomes previous knee injuries to pursue the passion he adopted while serving with the 82nd Airborne. He also loves to ride his Harley Davidson motorcycle on the weekends with his wife,

Linda Joyce. “She’s my biggest supporter,” he says. “She’s my back and always motivated me when I was tired or down.” Linda is also a good role model. An ardent home gardener, she works as a nurse, graduated last year from Texas Women’s University and hopes to pursue a master’s degree in her field.

On top of his busy schedule, the UHD graduate volunteers at the Houston Area Women’s Center. He was introduced to service learning through the community

Alumni Annual Fund: *Help Your Alma Mater Grow*

Keep your eye on your mailbox. You should get a letter soon inviting you to participate in the Alumni Annual Fund.

The university is hoping for a particularly warm response in order to support major new initiatives that are vital to UHD.

- the new Master of Science in Professional Writing and Technical Communications;
- the Distinguished Faculty Endowment that will enable faculty members to engage in research, writing, field observation, internships, and other academic activities to enhance their professional effectiveness, especially teaching;
- an accounting lab so that faculty members have the latest available teaching tools in a fast-changing academic discipline;
- and scholarships for promising students interested in science technology, engineering and math fields.

A very special feature: all gifts earmarked for the Distinguished Faculty Endowment will be matched by the Houston Endowment – that’s a 100 percent premium on the dollar amount you decide to contribute! Your gift will help UHD reach the \$250,000 mark and result in a total endowment of \$500,000 for faculty development activities.

What’s more, all expenses associated with the fund drive have already been covered, so every penny contributed to the Alumni Annual Fund will go to the targeted programs. And your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Additional information about the Alumni Annual Fund is available from Karen Alfaro-Chamberlin from the University Advancement Office, UH-Downtown, One Main Street, Suite 990-S, Houston, TX 77002, 713-221-8402.

ALUMNI NOTES

Shaunté Angelo ('03) recently received her B.S. in Professional Writing and is now the editor and co-publisher of *h.e.r.s.* magazine. The new Houston lifestyle magazine for women is now on news racks all over Houston.

Donald DeBlanc ('91) a 20-year veteran with the Houston Police Department and an instructor at UHD’s Law Enforcement Training Center, is running for the open Constable seat in Precinct Seven. Upon graduating from UHD, he received his Master of Public Administration and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Texas Southern University.

Tell us what you’ve been doing! E-mail your Alumni Notes to alumni@uhd.edu.

What’s New? Send a Note!

Update your former UHD classmates on your life by submitting an item for the “Alumni Notes” in *New Horizons*. We’ll also post your item in the alumni section of UHD’s website.

You can e-mail directly from the website at www.uhd.edu/alumni/notes.htm. Or, send an e-mail to Karen Alfaro-Chamberlin at alfarok@uhd.edu. Or, mail your item to Karen at UH-Downtown, One Main Street, Suite 990-S, Houston, Texas 77002.

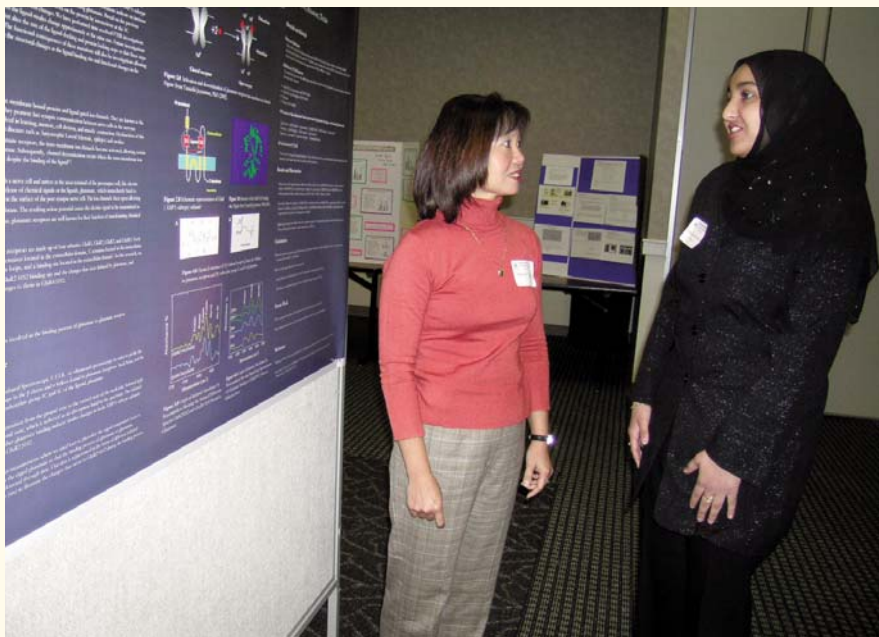
service project required for his degree. He found his niche almost immediately, helping sexual assault victims, utilizing his previous training as a veterans benefits counselor. He hopes to use these skills as he transitions into a career in law enforcement.

Growing up in a military family, Madison graduated from a high school in Virginia. He has lived in a number of states and overseas. He saw military action in Panama and Grenada.

"I love UHD because it has the

same cultural diversity as the military," Madison observes. "You meet people from all over the world in the classroom, in the hallways, wherever you turn. I think it will help me in my career, as I get out into the community. I'm glad I chose UH-Downtown."

Madison is passing on his appreciation of quality education to his eleven-year-old daughter, Briana, who lives in California, and a grown daughter, Malana, graduating this year from law school at Pepperdine University.



Phebe Chen, M.D., (left), 2003 Alumna of the Year, shared advice and encouragement with students attending UHD's Student Research Conference. Dr. Chen talked with Imene Bokhetache, a member of UHD's Scholars Academy, who presented findings from a summer internship at the UT-Houston Medical School.

UHD Alumnus of the Year: Loyal and True

For a university that's only 29 years old (and counting), UH-Downtown has great alumni!

Each year, one outstanding alumna or alumnus is recognized for service, leadership, and commitment to the community, to UHD, and to family or work. The Alumnus of the Year award spotlights UHD grads who serve as role models for current students and reinforce the university's reputation for academic excellence.

The 2003 Alumna of the Year is Phebe Chen, M.D., associate professor and chief of ultrasound in the Department of Radiology at the UT-Houston Health Science Center. Previous awardees include State Senator Mario Gallegos and Rick Hartley, execu-

tive director of The 100 Club of Houston and a member of the UHD President's Advisory Council.

Do you know a fellow UHD grad whose hard work, devotion, and enthusiasm deserve recognition? If so, please take a moment to complete the Alumnus of the Year nomination form available at www.uhd.edu/alumni and send it in by March 31.

The Alumnus of the Year will be announced at an evening reception on May 19. All alumni are invited. December 2003 and May 2004 graduates will be welcomed into the UHD Alumni Society.

For details, call Karen Alfaro-Chamberlin at 713-221-8402.

Calendar

O'Kane Gallery: *A Fluid History: Water Under the Big Sky*, through April 12, photographs by Marcy James; *UHD Student Exhibition*, stunning student works, April 15-May 6; 713-221-8043

Women's Month Activities: For a list of events, visit www.uhd.edu/news/calendars/womensmonth/index.html

Science and Engineering Fair of Houston: Sponsored by UHD and the Houston Museum of Natural Science, March 25-27, George R. Brown Convention Center; visit www.uhd.edu/academic/colleges/sciences/naturalscience/SEFH/

O'Kane Theatre: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, April 2-10; 713-221-8104

Red Rose Ball: April 17, Hilton Americas-Houston Hotel; 713-221-8563

Commencement: May 22, Minute Maid Park

MetroRail Grand Opening at UH-Downtown

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Among the dignitaries were U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Congressmembers Sheila Jackson Lee and Nick Lampson, State Representative Garnet Coleman and Harris County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia. Even with foggy weather, UHD was in top form as UHD president Max Castillo welcomed everyone to Houston's Downtown University. He shared news of UHD's growing list of academic programs and the

upcoming opening of the Commerce Street Building.

Dr. Castillo referred to MetroRail as a metaphor for UH-Downtown's connections with revitalized downtown venues, the arts community in the museum district, expanded internships for students and research opportunities in the medical center. UHD artist-in-residence Floyd Newsum created abstract sculptures for the Main Street Square Station, as well as artwork for two Midtown stations.



Student cultural and service groups participated in MetroRail grand opening day activities.

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Ball co-chairs are Joe Hafner, president and CEO of Riviana Foods, Inc. – a previous ball honoree, and George Martinez, chairman of Sterling Bank.

The 23rd annual ball will raise funds for a variety of scholarships, including \$3,000 Red Rose Scholarships for 25 UHD students with strong academic records and demonstrated involvement in campus and community activities, as well as Dean's Scholarships for highly qualified transfer students and Scholars Academy Scholarships for students in math and science.

Volunteers: Backbone of the Ball

The secret to the success of the Red Rose Ball is tireless support by corporate and community leaders who serve on the ball committee. With co-chairs Hafner and Martinez, the committee provides a combination of know-how and where-with-all.

Committee members include: Joe Adams, Union Pacific Railroad Company; Geary Broadnax, Dovarri, Inc.; Ann Earnest, Community Volunteer; Lupe Fraga, Tejas Office Products, Inc.; Tom Harper, III, Resources Connection, Inc.; Elizabeth Hwong, ExxonMobil U.S. HR Services; Larry Jones, Deloitte & Touche, L.L.P.; Anges Leung, UHD Testing Services and UHD alumna; Dominic and Nellie Quijano, McDonald's; Don J. Wang, MetroBank, N.A.; and George Wilson, Foley's.

Endowments: The Gifts that Keep on Giving

Visionary donors are creating named endowments to ensure

the success of the Red Rose Scholarship program for years to come. A \$60,000 endowment provides one scholarship annually for a deserving student.

The first Red Rose Ball 2004 endowment to date comes from Touch Salon and Spa. Endowments established in prior years include Carol and Tom Harper; Crown Mark, Inc.; Sue Hsiao; Hong Kong City Mall, Hai Du Duong; Marian & Speros Martel Foundation; MetroBank, Ming and Don Wang; and Ralph S. O'Connor.

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All table buyers, donors and other contributors will be noted in the next issue of New Horizons.

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Contributions to UH-Downtown are vital to fulfilling our mission: providing quality educational opportunities to all students and opening doors to many who might not otherwise be able to pursue a college degree. We greatly appreciate the generosity shown to UH-D by the following corporations, foundations and individuals between July 24 and December 31, 2003.

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23rd ANNUAL RED ROSE BALL

Red Rose Ball funds provide scholarships for the Red Rose Scholars, students who transfer to UH-Downtown and students in specific academic disciplines. Gifts as of December 31, 2003:

A list of underwriters who have contributed at the time of this publication is in the story on this page at left ("Red Rose Ball," continued from page 1).

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Orlando Alvarado, '93

Black History Month at UHD

Tinita Samuels (left), psychology major, and Dianna Glass-Onyekwelu, business major, are past recipients of the Dr. J. Don Boney Book Scholarship – established to honor UHD's first president. Scholarship funds are raised through a luncheon held annually during Black History Month.



Grant Takes UHD Out of This World

Scenes from another world – normally reserved for science fiction – are reality, as scientists receive photos of the Martian landscape from the NASA rovers Spirit and Opportunity.

UH-Downtown students and faculty are communicating the excitement of Mars exploration through a partnership with the Houston Museum of Natural Science – the Urban Outreach Program in Space and Science. During a recent Mars Festival, UHD student ambassadors encouraged budding scientists to unravel the mystery of space exploration. The student ambassadors helped hundreds of youngsters build sundial models and design “Egglanders,” meant to protect an egg dropped four stories from breaking.

Special guests included Bill Nye, The Science Guy, who hosted an hour-long live interactive television program with NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. “Mars Tzar,” Orlando Figueroa, NASA’s director of Solar System Exploration and head of the Mars Exploration Program, gave a special lecture to UHD students and other invited guests Friday before the festival.

Other UHD partners in the festival were the Raul Yzaguirre School for Success, The Houston Geological Society, and Texas Southern University. The partnership includes a summer science camp, undergraduate research internships and other public science education programs. The project also is funded in part by the National Science Foundation.



Link Staffing Services Gives Scholarship to UHD Student

Link Staffing Services, a staffing management firm, has given a \$1,000 scholarship to Karemna Parker, a student involved in professor Tom Duening’s UHD Entrepreneur and Venture Development Center.

Link Staffing Services assists the light industrial, skilled craft, and trades industries, providing employees with job opportunities and companies with productive, qualified staff members for short- and long-term assignments.

The UHD Entrepreneur and Venture Development Center is in

the first year of operation. Karemna was in the center’s very first class, for which she wrote an excellent business plan for a sports-apparel store called Sports Fan Attic. When the president of Link Staffing Services, Karen Pitts, called to tell Professor Duening that her company would like to give a \$1,000 scholarship to someone in the program, Karemna’s excellent business plan stood out in his mind.

The scholarship was presented to Karemna at Link Staffing Services’ annual Franchise Conference luncheon.

O’KANE GALLERY

Fluid History: Water Under the Big Sky, March 12 – April 12, photographs by Marcy James

From Butte, Montana, Marcy James’s photographs are very mysterious and often devoid of actual human beings, but depict the remnants of human activity. The exhibition will focus on mining and the Berkeley Pit in Montana, steadily being filled with water.

She plans to explore mining on a human scale, examining the relationship



between the industry and how the refinement of raw materials is connected to everyday human need. The exhibit is part of Houston’s FOTOFEST 2004.

The O’Kane Gallery at UH-Downtown is funded in part by grants from the City of Houston



through the Cultural Arts Council of Houston/Harris County with additional funding provided by the Texas Commission on the Arts Decentralization Program.

O’KANE THEATRE: TAKING ON THE BARD

The O’Kane Theatre is at it again: Challenging UHD students, faculty, and staff with productions of classic and acclaimed plays from across the globe. This spring, the O’Kane Theater is launching Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” on April 2 at 8 p.m. The production will run for ten shows, ending April 10. Each performance will cost only \$3, and tickets will go on sale at the university cashier’s office on March 29. More information and directions are available by calling (713) 221-8104.

Red Rose Scholars: *UHD's Best and Brightest*



The 2004 Red Rose Scholarships recognize twenty-five UHD students for their outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential, community service, and commitment to higher education.

Many UHD students work to support their families and to pay for their educations. For this reason, the Red Rose Scholarships are

one of the most valuable honors the university provides: \$3,000 to cover costs for the next academic year.

Each scholarship recipient will be honored at the Red Rose Ball on April 17. Here are just a handful of this year's amazing Red Rose Scholars:



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At UHD, she is studying social sciences. A cancer survivor for fourteen years, Charisse hopes to establish and manage an outreach center for cancer patients and survivors. Charisse is the president of the Houston chapter of the Sisters Network, a breast-cancer support organization, and she volunteers for the American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery program.

Chau Hoang, age 44, is an applied mathematics and biology student at UHD who plans to attain his Ph.D. in clinical and basic science research. Losing family members and friends to terminal and chronic illnesses has inspired Chau to join the ranks of researchers working to improve the quality of human life. In addition to serving as his disabled mother's caretaker, Chau is a member of the UHD Leeuwenhoek Society and was the first student in seven years to win the UHD 2003 Excellence in Calculus-Based Physics Award.



Chau Hoang

Patricia Azucena Ramón, age 20, is a biology major at UH-Downtown who ultimately hopes to serve the Houston community through research and education



Patricia Azucena Ramón

his passion for politics, JB spent countless hours in 2002 volunteering for Harris County in an effort to increase voter turnout. At UHD, JB has served in the Student Government Association as president and senator and has competed as captain of the Student Government Association's College Bowl team.

Charisse Cossey, age 42, is a single mother who works full time as a marketing system manager for Foley's Department Stores.



Charisse Cossey



Li Wen Su

initiatives that enhance environmental awareness. Patricia spent the summer of 2003 in UHD's summer research program in environmental science and ecology, evaluating mycorrhizal fungi in three different soil types. At a southwest regional student research conference in 2003, Patricia won second place in the poster category.

Li Wen Su, age 29, is an interdisciplinary studies major at UHD who plans to become a bilingual teacher in the Hispanic community after graduation. Fluent in three languages – Taiwanese, Spanish, and English – Li feels she has the potential to educate and communicate without making children feel a sense of culture shock. At KTMD Channel 47, Telemundo Houston, Li works as an intern in the public relations and community affairs department.

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