

NEWSLETTER



UH CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTERS (CLC)



"It was very heartwarming to see so many people present to celebrate this milestone. It was an evening filled with smiles, laughter, and a true appreciation for all that CLC offers. It was a great reminder of the impact we have made on the UH community and beyond." (Jennifer Skopal)

On February 14, 2025, the UH Children's Learning Centers (CLC) hosted a family birthday bash to commemorate its 50th anniversary on campus. Former and current CLC families and staff came together to create new and exchange fond memories of the Centers. CLC hosted classroom birthday-themed parties, a face painter, balloonist, make and take crafts, as well as offered ice cream from Shasta's Cones & More. Shasta and Sasha even made photo booth appearances before joining in on the birthday party festivities!



COMMUTER AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

Meet Evelyn, a senior majoring in Health Communications with a minor in Biology. She serves as the Head Commuter Ambassador in the Commuter Mentor Program, where she mentors fellow commuter students. Since joining the program two years ago, Evelyn has enhanced her teamwork and leadership skills while learning to balance her academic workload with her social life. She encourages incoming and current students to take advantage of the various opportunities that UH offers, such as joining a student organization. According to Evelyn, participating in a student organization related to your career path can create valuable networking opportunities, potentially lead to scholarship options, and assist students in achieving their academic goals



Evelyn, Commuter Ambassador

APRIL 2025
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS
 Hosted by the Women and Gender Resource Center

- APR 1**
UH GOES TEAL: SAAM RESOURCE FAIR
 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Student Center Plaza
- APR 3**
WGRC TABLING
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
 Student Center Food Court
- APR 10**
RISE & RESTORE: A YOGA JOURNEY TO HEALING
 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 Lynn Eusan Park
- APR 16**
PIZZA TALKS
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
 WGRC Space (Student Center South, B12)
- APR 24**
TAKE BACK THE NIGHT
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 Lynn Eusan Park
- APR 30**
DENIM DAY
 All Day
 Social Media

MORE INFO: [UH.EDU/WGRC](https://uh.edu/wgrc)

WOMEN AND GENDER RESOURCE CENTER

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), a time to raise awareness about sexual violence, support survivors, and promote prevention efforts. The Women and Gender Resource Center will be hosting events throughout the month focused on education, healing, and advocacy. Join us in showing support for survivors and working toward a safer, more supportive community.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Cloe Bourdages

Cloe joined the University of Houston as the **Assistant Dean of Students** in March 2025. In this role, she serves as a hearing officer within the student conduct process, thoughtfully addressing student conduct cases. Cloe is dedicated to fostering education and student growth, repairing harm and rebuilding trust, ensuring fairness and transparency in conduct processes, and helping students reflect on their real-world impact. She is passionate

about guiding students through their challenges, supporting their personal and professional development, and empowering them to make positive contributions to their community. Additionally, Cloe advises the Dean of Students Leadership Ambassador Program and leads the "Know the Code" campaign, promoting awareness and understanding of the university's code of conduct among students.

Lemonte joined the University of Houston as the **Assistant Dean of Students** in March of 2025. In this role, Mr. Long is looking forward to focusing on providing direct support, resources, and referrals to students who are experiencing life events that are impacting or interrupting their ability to be successful in college. Mr. Long's extensive experience in student conduct, housing leadership, and policy development positions him as a key advocate for students while

also supporting faculty and staff in creating a campus environment rooted in integrity, engagement, and student success. Additionally, he facilitates Core Values Decision-Making Workshops and manages the conduct records request process, ensuring transparency and accountability within the university community.



Lemonte Long

The University of Houston is excited to have Ms. Bourdages and Mr. Long as part of its leadership team, and we look forward to the positive impact they will make on our students and institution!

Commuter Appreciation Week Brings Sweet Treats, Fun Events, and School Spirit to UH !



During the week of February 24th–29th, UH Commuter Student Services out of the Dean of Students Office celebrated its commuter students with a jam-packed Commuter Appreciation Week, filled with engaging activities designed to foster connection and school spirit.



The week kicked off with a delicious treat—free Insomnia Cookies on Monday—followed by professional headshots on Tuesday to help students build their professional brand and commuter student night at the men's baseball game, where a lucky commuter student was able to throw out the first pitch.



On Wednesday, students enjoyed a relaxing Crochet and Coffee event, creating a space for creativity and conversation. Thursday was a big day with a pizza social in collaboration with the Counseling and Psychological Services Office, giving students the chance to unwind and connect, followed by a special movie night featuring Moana 2 at the UH Sugar Land campus.



Wrapping up the week, Cougar Red Friday encouraged students to show off their Cougar pride by wearing red and joining in a spirited campus celebration. Each event was thoughtfully planned to acknowledge UH's vibrant commuter population and strengthen their sense of belonging within the campus community. By offering opportunities to socialize, relax, and celebrate, Commuter Appreciation Week ensured that students who travel to campus each day felt valued and connected to the UH experience.



DEAN'S TIPS



Jerrell Sherman

Our Associate Dean of Students, **Dr. Jerrell Sherman** has provided essential tips for the success of all UH students:

- **Learn from Setbacks:** Everyone faces setbacks—whether it's a poor grade, a personal challenge, or a misstep along the way. What matters is how you respond. Rather than dwelling on failure, take the time to analyze what went wrong, and use it as a learning experience. The key is not to give up, and to get better with each experience.
- **Expand Your Network, Invest in Your Future:** Take the time to build relationships with your peers, professors, mentors, and alumni. Your

network can open doors to job opportunities, internships, and collaborations long after you graduate. So, invest time and effort in cultivating meaningful connections that will benefit you in the future

- **Have Self-Accountability:** Be honest with yourself about your actions and decisions. Take responsibility for your mistakes, and don't shy away from admitting when you've done something wrong. Self-accountability is crucial for growth—it allows you to recognize areas for improvement and take steps to better yourself.
- **Your Journey is Your Journey:** Success doesn't happen by accident. Set clear, achievable goals for yourself, both short-term and long-term. Break them down into smaller, manageable tasks, and celebrate your progress along the way.



Emmanuel, Student Assistant

STUDENT ASSISTANT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Emmanuel, a first-year graduate student at the University of Houston's College of Social Work. He works as an instructional student assistant with the Student Outreach and Support Team at the Dean of Students Office, where he gains hands-on experience with university resources and case management in higher education. Through his role in student affairs, Emmanuel has developed a deeper understanding of social work competencies, which are essential for his future career as a clinical social worker. His goal is to work with leading non-profits to provide clinical services to individuals in underserved communities around the world. In his free time, Emmanuel enjoys cooking, exploring new cuisines, listening to music, attending concerts, shopping, and traveling.

TRIVIA

What communications portal can UH parents access to learn about university events, resources, and services?

- A) The Houston Chronicle
- B) Cougar Family Connect
- C) The Daily Cougar
- D) H-Town Weekly

What is the name of the University of Houston's first annual spring semester Family Weekend event?

- A) Cat's Back
- B) Sibling's Day
- C) Cultural Taste of Houston
- D) Fam Fest

What student services does the Student Outreach & Support Services team provide?

- A) Assist in transition back to classes after a medical leave or acute care event
- B) Develop Student Care Plans
- C) Advocate for students with campus and community-based offices
- D) All of the above

The **first ten** students to submit their correct responses to the Dean Of Students Instagram (@uhdos) will receive a prize.

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