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UHV SoBA Ranked #2 on Greatest Opportunity for Minority Students

The University of Houston-Victoria School of Business Administration is an outstanding business school, according to The Princeton Review. Recently, we learned that we would be included in Princeton Review's Best 282 Business Schools 2007. Even better, based on our enrollment statistics and feedback from our students, the School of Business Administration was ranked second among business schools offering the greatest opportunity for minority students.

Many of our current students and alumni graciously responded to Princeton Review's survey about us. As a result, in our profile we are described as providing "abundant" options for graduate study as well as "well-supported distance-learning options." Students attending UHV were quoted saying the MBA program "is a good fit for students that really want to learn, but not for students who just want to check the box that an MBA was completed."

This academic year has been very exciting for the School of Business Administration. As many of you already know, SoBA successfully launched two new graduate programs this fall semester, the Global MBA and the Master of Science in Economic Development and Entrepreneurship, in addition to revising the MBA curriculum to include six academic concentrations. The introduction of these programs is a direct reflection of SoBA's commitment to providing our students with high-quality, innovative programs, preparing you for today's competitive business environment.

Just as this past academic year has been a successful one for SoBA, we anticipate the upcoming year to be just as successful. We plan to introduce a new BBA concentration in Healthcare Administration, as well as expand our graduate programs into the international market. For more information about our recent rankings by Princeton Review and other endeavors, please visit our website at www.uhv.edu/bus or contact us by email at Busadvisor@uhv.edu.

MBA CONCENTRATIONS

Beginning this fall, Strategic MBA students may select concentrations for their degree plans. Six concentrations are available: accounting, finance, general business, international business, management, and marketing. Each concentration consists of 12 hours of electives.

To make room for the concentrations without increasing the hours required to earn the degree, MGT 6353—Management of Diversity and the designated elective have been deleted from the 2006-07 degree plan.

Students who joined the Strategic MBA before 2006-07 who would like to pursue a concentration should contact us at busadvisor@uhv.edu to request a new degree plan. Those who have already completed MGT 6353 may choose to apply it toward a concentration in either management or general business; those who have completed a designated elective should consult their advisor regarding the use of this course toward a concentration.

SPRING 2007 REGISTRATION

Spring registration is now open! The spring 2007 schedule is posted on the UHV website at www.uhv.edu under Course Offerings, and textbook and syllabi information can be accessed on the School of Business Administration website at www.uhv.edu/bus.

Don't forget to pay tuition and fees by noon on Friday, January 12th to keep your preferred schedule.

Phone registration has been discontinued for spring 2007.

HEAD BASEBALL COACH HIRED

Former Astros outfielder Terry Puhl has been hired as the Head Baseball Coach for the new Baseball team at UH-Victoria, slated to take the field in Spring 2008. Says Dr. Tim Hudson, "Athletics is a springboard for highlighting the academic and outreach programs we offer, the accomplishments of our students and faculty, and the quality of life we enjoy as Victorians to audiences outside this region."

FALL 2006 MBA CASE CONFERENCE

About 75 UHV - MBA students will participate in the Fall 2006 MBA Conference to be held at the University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch in Katy, Texas on Saturday, December 2, 2006.

Teams participating in the competition this fall will prepare an original business case analysis on Nucor Corporation, the largest steel producer in the US. Many UHV School of Business Administration faculty and MBA program alumni serve as panelists for the case competition.

Current students are welcome to attend presentations during the case conference. There will be four rounds of presentations total, starting at 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:40am, and 12:40pm. In order to sit in on these presentations as a guest, you must first register at the check-in table, and then you must be in the presentation room prior to the start of the session. Students will not be allowed to enter the rooms once presentations have started.

Additional information about the case conference is available through the School of Business Administration website: www.uhv.edu/bus/conference/default.asp.

SUGAR LAND-IN-A-BOX

On December 1, The Exchange Club of Sugar Land will celebrate the arrival of Sugar Land-In-A-Box, a monopoly game sponsored by several local area businesses. **UH System Sugar Land** and the **University of Houston-Victoria** will both support the one-of-a-kind fund raising program this year, which will help create an education endowment for Fort Bend youth. The game will be sold at retail outlets, including First Colony Mall, and through partnerships with other community service organizations wishing to raise funds for their own education programs. UH System Sugar Land will host the launch party for Sugar Land-In-A-Box on December 1 from 2-5pm...stop by to see what the excitement is all about!

***Sugar Land-In-A-Box Launch Party
hosted by UH System Sugar Land!***

2006 FALL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY HELD IN KATY

The 2006 Fall Commencement Ceremony will be held at the Leonard E. Merrell Center on Saturday, December 9th at 2:30pm. This contemporary facility is located in Katy, Texas at 6301 South Stadium Lane just off interstate 10. This is the first time that the University of Houston-Victoria has held a graduation ceremony in this 5,400-seat multipurpose arena. The versatility of the center allows our December graduates to invite a generous number of guests with comfortable accommodations. Any December graduates who do not wish to travel to Katy can exercise the option to wait and participate in the outdoor spring ceremony on May 12th at 9:30am on the UHV campus in Victoria. Students who wish to postpone their graduation until May should inform the Office of Student Activities and Services at (361) 570-4137.

Tickets will be required for all guests attending the December ceremony, including children and infants. Graduates may request up to 22 tickets each for their guests. On the day of the indoor ceremony, friends and family may arrive at the Merrell Center as early as 1:30pm for seating.

Graduates should arrive **no later than 1:30pm** on the day of graduation. Park in the northwest or west entry parking lots and enter the arena through these doors. Please report to the locker room area for robing and marching instructions. *Only graduates will be allowed in these areas.*

Congratulations to all of our 80 School of Business graduates! We look forward to celebrating this achievement with you.

SOBA INTRODUCES NEW WEBSITE

In late October, SoBA rolled out our new website. This design includes several improvements, including one-click navigation, enhanced accessibility, and expanded content. Take a look around and let us know what you think.

GMAT TESTING IN VICTORIA

Starting this fall, testing for the GMAT will be available in Victoria. Students may register for the GMAT exam at www.mba.com and can choose from the available dates in Victoria.

NEW JOB SEARCH TOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students have a new opportunity to uncover the hidden job market. **University of Houston-Victoria Career Services** announces a new subscription to H1visajobs.com. This online database allows international students to identify OPT and H-1B friendly employers in order to develop lists of companies to target in their job search. Some of the popular online database searches include Business (BUSI-H1B) and Computer Science (CS-H1B) to name a few. International students may also review practical job search strategies and information on immigration news.

If you are interested in exploring H1visajobs.com, please contact the Career Services coordinator below for a *User ID* and *password*.

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EDUCATION WITHOUT BORDERS

In early 2007, the Higher Colleges of Technology will host students and other delegates from around the world at the fourth biennial, "Education Without Borders International Student Conference", in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Organized by students for students, "Education Without Borders" (EWB) is one of the largest student-organized, humanitarian conferences in the world. Our mission is to engage students and experts from countries around the world in active dialogue about the globe's most pressing social challenges and empower them to create and implement solutions. The conference is of special importance as it is hosted under the patronage of HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE.

In 2005, over 1,000 delegates from 89 countries attended the three-day conference. The next "Education Without Borders" conference will take place February 25-27, 2007.

Each year, several students from around the world are invited to present papers and attend the event. For more information regarding this conference, as well as attendance opportunities, please visit the following website: www.ewb2007.com.

OFF THE CLOCK WITH UHV

The University of Houston-Victoria School of Business Administration cordially invites you to attend our “Off the Clock with UHV” event. “Off the Clock” is an opportunity for UHV graduates to network with other alumni in the area, as well as a chance for students to make future business contacts and for community members to learn more about UHV in an informal setting.

If you or your employer would be interested in sponsoring Off the Clock, there are two levels of sponsorship available. In addition to several recognition opportunities, there is an option for **business exclusivity** with the two sponsorship levels. Anyone who is interested in sponsoring the School of Business Administration “Off the Clock” event, please contact Sarah May, Alumni Relations Specialist at (361) 570-4363 or mays@uhv.edu. We look forward to seeing you at our “Off the Clock” event!

Event Date

Thursday, December 14, 2006

Time

5:00- 7:00 PM

Location

Ragin' Cajun' Restaurant
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Fall 2006 MBA Open Houses

A SoBA Open House is held at the Cinco Ranch location the last Wednesday of each month from 4 to 7pm, and at the Sugar Land location the second Wednesday of each month from 4 to 7pm. For more information, please go to: www.uhv.edu/bus/admission/openhouse.asp

Fall 2006 GMAT Sessions

A SoBA GMAT Session is held each month at one of the three University of Houston-Victoria campus locations: University of Houston-Victoria, UH System at Sugar Land, UH System at Cinco Ranch. For more information, please go to: www.uhv.edu/bus/admission/gmatssessions.asp

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