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## Tim Hudson Named UHV President

Tim Hudson, formerly the University of Southern Mississippi's provost and vice president for academic affairs, has been confirmed as president of the University of Houston-Victoria.

The University of Houston System Board of Regents voted to approve him at its Thursday, August 19, meeting.

Hudson assumed the post of UHV's seventh president on Sept 1.

Hudson was named finalist for the post July 23. Hudson, a 50-year-old native of Hattiesburg, Miss., was selected from among nearly 80 candidates following a national search.

Hudson holds a Ph.D. in geography from Clark University in Worcester, Mass. Prior to serving as USM's provost, he was the university's associate vice president for administrative affairs and dean of the College of International and Continuing Education. He is a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a former researcher at the City of London Polytechnic. Hudson also has earned the 2002 International Association of Continuing Higher Education Distinguished Credit Programming Award, a Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award from the National Council for Geographic Education and a certificate of excellence from the U.S. Department of State. He has conducted extensive research and administered numerous academic programs in Latin America and Spain.



The search for a new UHV president began in February 2004. The search committee was composed of internal UHV constituents and members of the community. Hudson succeeds former President Karen S. Haynes, who assumed the presidency of California State University, San Marcos, in February. Don N. Smith, provost and vice president for academic affairs at UHV, served as interim president.

Hudson is married to Deidra "Dee Dee" Ransburgh Hudson, who holds a master's degree in speech and hearing science and a Ph.D. in higher education. They have five children: Holly, 27; Hannah, 22; Gianna Grace, 6; and twins Daisy and Nathaniel, both 3.

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## GMAT Information Session

The UHV School of Business Administration has scheduled GMAT Information Sessions for the following dates:

- UHV—Friday, October 8, 2004 from 3:30-5pm (Room 125)
- UHSSL—Friday, November 5, 2004 from 4-5:30pm (Room 102)

Students who are planning to take the GMAT should attend one of these sessions to learn more about the format of the exam, options for preparing for the exam, and ways to control test anxiety.

For more information, please contact Holly Verhasselt, Student Access and Diversity Coordinator, at (281) 275-3376 or by email at [verhasselth@uhv.edu](mailto:verhasselth@uhv.edu).

### GMAT Information Sessions:

October 8 and November 5

## MBA Orientation

All MBA students admitted Fall 2003 and after are required to complete an online orientation before registering for a second semester in the program.

The MBA Orientation familiarizes new students with the School's mission and values, the mission and objectives of the MBA program, SoBA's expectations of MBA students, and services available to UHV MBA students. In addition, content modules will assist students in writing research papers and case studies, delivering presentations, and meeting other general course requirements.

For more information regarding the MBA Orientation, please visit the SoBA website at: [www.uhv.edu/bus/new/orientation/](http://www.uhv.edu/bus/new/orientation/)

## WebCT Vista

The University of Houston-Victoria successfully launched WebCT Vista for the Summer 2004 semester! Beginning June 1, all online courses were delivered via WebCT Vista rather than WebCT Campus Edition. WebCT Vista is the latest version of WebCT.

Students enrolling in online courses for the first time are required to complete an online orientation which includes a WebCT Vista Tutorial. The orientation will familiarize students with logging into WebCT Vista, using email, using the discussion board, and much more. For more information, visit us online at: [www.uhv.edu/bus/new/students/webct.asp](http://www.uhv.edu/bus/new/students/webct.asp).

## Buying Textbooks

Required textbook information is available on the School of Business website each semester. Students have the following institutional options for obtaining textbooks.

- The Victoria College Bookstore carries titles for all of our courses and will accept phone orders for shipped textbooks. The Victoria College Bookstore can be reached by phone at (361) 572-6430 or online at [www.victoriacollege.edu/dept/bstore](http://www.victoriacollege.edu/dept/bstore).
- A seasonal bookstore will be open at the University of Houston System at Sugar Land approximately one week before the start of the each semester and remain open during the first part of the semester. The seasonal bookstore is located in the third modular building in the UHSSL parking lot on the southwest side of the building.

Students are also free to use the publication information we provide to obtain textbooks from their favorite online vendors. However, before doing so you should find out what your vendor's anticipated shipping time is, and what their return policy is. Also, you should not write in or remove shrink wrap from any textbook until the first class day in the event that:

- the vendor supplies you with the wrong edition of your text,
- the course instructor is forced to make a late change to the required textbooks,
- you are forced to make a last-minute change to your schedule due to missing prerequisites, or
- your course is canceled due to low enrollment.

In addition, be aware that, on occasion, certain outside vendors may substitute an international version of a textbook for the version you have requested without notice. International versions of textbooks may be quite different from the editions we require.

Please visit our website at [www.uhv.edu/bus/new/students/courseinfo.asp](http://www.uhv.edu/bus/new/students/courseinfo.asp) for more detailed information regarding purchasing textbooks.

## Bragging Rights Invitation

The School of Business Administration would like the opportunity to brag about what you are doing. If you are a current student or an alumnus of one of the SoBA's programs, please visit our website at [www.uhv.edu/bus](http://www.uhv.edu/bus) and tell us about your activities and accomplishments. We will publish your information online in our Bragging Rights section.

While you are there, you may also update your contact information with SoBA to make sure you don't miss out on any upcoming deadlines, events, or opportunities; and access useful resources to help you plan your new career. Let us hear from you!

## National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA)

The National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA) is an organization for current MBA students and people who have already completed their MBA degrees. The Houston Chapter of NSHMBA hosts a variety of events including networking opportunities, workshops, and social events.

The NSHMBA is holding its 15th Annual Conference and Exposition at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas on October 21-23. There will be job opportunities (currently over 400 full-time and internship positions are posted on the national site) and professional development sessions. They are expecting more than 250 companies, most of which are Fortune 500. Participants may choose to attend the full conference or just pursue networking opportunities in the Career Fair. The Career Fair runs Friday and Saturday, October 22-23, from 9-6pm.

The conference will also include a professional development day, Thursday, October 21, 2004. MBA professionals will be able to choose from a variety of informative sessions, including Finance, Management, Marketing, Leadership, Professional Competencies, and Career Development.

Lodging, airfare and transportation discounts can be found online. Early bird registration pricing is still in effect until October 8th. To learn more about the conference or to register, please visit [www.nshmba.org/conference.asp](http://www.nshmba.org/conference.asp).

## National Black MBA Association (NBMBA)

The National Black MBA Association holds regularly scheduled meetings, seminars, workshops, and social events in the Houston area. Regular membership is \$125 per year, and student membership is just \$60. If you are interested in learning more about the NBMBA, please visit their website: [www.houstonblackmba.org](http://www.houstonblackmba.org).

## Women For Hire Career Expo

Women For Hire will be hosting a career fair in Houston, Texas on Thursday, November 18. The Career Expo will be held at the Westin Galleria Hotel, 5060 W. Alabama Street. This one-day event will include recruiters from a mix of Fortune 500 companies, medium-sized businesses, non-profit organizations, and government agencies. A list of participating companies is available online.

The Career Expo will be held from 10-4pm, and no pre-registration is required. Resumes and professional dress are required for admission to the event. The event is free to professional women. The Career Expo will include job opportunities for both experienced professionals and graduating college students.

For more information about Women For Hire, and their Fall 2004 Career Expo, please visit their website at [www.womenforhire.com](http://www.womenforhire.com).

## Spring 2004 Case Competition Winners

Laura Janak of Victoria, Allison Keller of Houston, and Franciscus "Harry" Kumala of Katy are the winners of the Spring 2004 MBA Case Competition, a component of the Spring 2004 University of Houston-Victoria MBA Conference held in Sugar Land on Saturday, May 8 at the Marriott Town Square.

The MBA Conference is the culmination of the MBA program. Students enrolled in Seminar in Strategic Management, the capstone course of the program, attend the event to participate in the case competition, a comprehensive exam, and a luncheon. Because such a large proportion of UHV's MBA enrollment is now online, students often work in virtual teams, and the MBA Conference represents their first opportunity to meet their classmates. Participants report that the case preparation and presentation experience and the chance to interact with faculty and fellow students make this event worthwhile.

The purpose of the case competition, which was held for the first time in December 2003, is to provide MBA students with the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the MBA program to real-world business situations. Teams participating in the competition this spring prepared original business case analyses on the company Red Hat, which provides Linux and open source technology. The teams are evaluated on several criteria, including organization, subject knowledge, quality and use of visual aids, audience interaction, elocution, and teamwork.

The MBA case competition winners each received individual certificates, and their names appear on a perpetual plaque to be hung in the UHV School of Business Administration. They will also be invited to serve as panelists at future case competitions.

UHV will hold its Fall 2004 MBA Conference on Saturday, December 4, 2004, at the Hilton Houston Southwest in Sugar Land. Participants will prepare an original case on SYSCO. For additional information about the upcoming conference, please visit the SoBA website at: <http://www.uhv.edu/bus/new/students/mbacasecomp.asp>.



Spring 2004 Case Competition Winners

## In the Spotlight: *Rosie McCusker* Recruitment Coordinator

You may have met Rosie McCusker at a corporate education fair, open house, community college, MBA conference or similar event in the Houston area. Possibly you have had email dialogue with her when you were first starting our program or if you have had advising questions along the way. She is one of the four responders to the [busadvisor@uhv.edu](mailto:busadvisor@uhv.edu) email address and may be recognized as the one with the "accent"!

Rosie joined the SoBA team in August 2001 as Recruitment Coordinator and has an office in the advising center at UH System Cinco Ranch (Katy). Prior to this she worked for the University of Houston System coordinating distance education programs.

She moved to Texas in 1996 from Aberdeen, Scotland. In the UK, she held various Contracts Analyst positions with British Aerospace, Grampian Regional Council (Social Work Department), and Kyle and Carrick District Council (Housing Department).



### Fall 2004 GMAT Sessions

#### ***UH System at Cinco Ranch***

A SoBA GMAT Session is scheduled at the Cinco Ranch location on Friday, October 8 from 3:30-5pm in Room 125.

#### ***UH System at Sugar Land***

A SoBA GMAT Session is scheduled at the Sugar Land location on Friday, November 5 from 4-5:30pm in Room 102.

### Fall 2004 Open Houses

#### ***UH System at Cinco Ranch***

A SoBA Open House is held at the Cinco Ranch location the last Wednesday of each month from 4 to 7pm.

#### ***UH System at Sugar Land***

A SoBA Open House is held at the Sugar Land location the second Wednesday of each month from 4 to 7pm.

### **Policy on Equal Educational and Employment Opportunity**

It is the policy of the University of Houston-Victoria to ensure equal opportunity in all its educational programs and all terms and conditions of employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicap, or veteran status.

### Upcoming Dates

**October 8**—GMAT Session at UHSCR

**October 13**—UHSSL Open House

**October 21-23**—NSHMBA Conference in Fort Worth, Texas

**October 27**—UHSCR Open House (all programs)

**November 4**—UHSSL Open House (all programs)

**November 5**—GMAT Session at UHSSL

**November 18**—Women For Hire Career Expo

**November 19**—Last day to drop or withdraw from the university

**November 24-27**—Thanksgiving Holiday

**November 29**—Spring Registration Opens

**December 4**—SoBA MBA Conference

**December 6-11**—Final Exam Period

**December 16**—Estimated date for grades to be available on VIP

**January 5**—UHSCR Open House (all programs)

**January 8**—Fall 2004 Commencement

### Contact Numbers for UHV SoBA

Current and prospective MBA and BBA students are encouraged to contact one of the following advisors with any questions about our programs:

- Rhiannon Davila, University of Houston-Victoria, (361) 570-4232
- Rosie McCusker, University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch, (832) 842-2858
- Kristy Hennessey, University of Houston System at Sugar Land, (281) 275-3318

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