Message from the Dean, Dr. T. Scott Marzilli

I wanted to use my message this month to talk to you about “civility”. Civility is defined as a Courteous behavior; politeness; A courteous act or utterance. But to me, civility is more than just a definition in the dictionary, it’s a way of life. I am an optimist, so much so, that some say it is a fault. I tend to always see the good in people’s behavior; however, more recently, I have noticed in our society an increase in rudeness, self-centeredness, and the complete lack of being thoughtful towards other people. I just want you to think about “civility” this month. Please think about what type of courteous act or utterance you could do to make our College a better place to go to school and learn within. It is important to realize that sometimes, just sometimes, all it takes is that one act of kindness, patience, politeness and/or courteous utterance that could make someone’s entire day! Go for it!! Try it!!

In the News

Leadership from the University of Houston-Downtown, Houston Independent School District, Houston Community College and the Port of Houston Authority signed a collaborative agreement that will chart a pathway towards allowing Houston ISD students to begin earning college credit towards a career in the maritime field from Houston Community College, and then ultimately apply the college credit to the University of Houston-Downtown’s nationally ranked Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences (BAAS) in Applied Administration (ranked by U.S. News & World Report).

Once at the University of Houston-Downtown, students will be able to work with faculty within the Marilyn Davies College of Business that specialize in maritime logistics. This is an amazing opportunity for Houstonians!!

What’s New in University College

2019-20 Course Innovation Initiative Grants (CI²). In continuation of the award-winning UHD Course Innovation Initiative, the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) recently funded two excellent faculty proposals with the goal of enhancing student success in their classrooms. The first team, led by Dr. Sanghamitra Saha, will enhance integration of real-world and relevant topics into the Human Biology (BIOL 1310) course in order to increase student success overall, but especially in online sections. The second team, led by Dr. Hamida Qavi, aims to enhance Organic Chemistry Laboratory (CHEM 2101/2) instruction through the creation of pre-lab video lectures, all new interactive experiments, a new low-cost lab manual, and normalized assessments. These efforts, and the initiative as a whole, link critical innovation and support to the most frequent and continuous touch points the institution has with students – the faculty and classroom.
The Academic Advising Center is a dedicated team of professionals who are passionate about student success and advocacy. As your academic advisor, we pride ourselves on being your first resource in your UHD experience. With much care and attention, the Academic Advising Center empowers students to be the author of their life story through achieving their academic goals.

In the Academic Advising Center, students can expect their needs to be the highest priority of their advisor. Our Motto in the Academic Advising Center is quite simple: “Students Always Come First”!

During 2018, the AAC saw over 9100 individual students resulting in over 16,430 visits. These visits consisted of face-to-face, telephone and/or ZOOM video meetings. Students can call, email and/or walk in to make an appointment to speak to their academic advisor.

For More information call: 713-221-8006 or email them at: UHDAdvising@uhd.edu

Tip: Exam time can be the most stressful time of the semester. The most important thing to remember is that effective studying is not a sprint, but a marathon. Start getting ready for your exams at least two weeks in advance, and definitely avoid trying to study everything the day or night before! Trust me, it won’t work out!

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