



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

UHD President, Loren J. Blanchard



Dear Alumni and Friends of the University of Houston-Downtown,

It is an honor to extend greetings to all of you today as UHD's new President.

I arrive during a unique time for the University and our city ... but whether it's virtually or in-person and safely distanced, I plan to work with all of you in growing this University that is so critical to Houston and to higher education in the region and beyond.

My most immediate goal is to listen and learn, and I anticipate hearing about your relationship with the University and its impact on your lives. As alumni and friends of this institution, your insights and experiences will prove most informative as I begin my tenure as UHD President.

I have had the opportunity to connect with some of you and have begun learning the impact that the UHD experience has made in your life both personally and professionally. During these interactions, I've discovered that the University is indeed an extraordinary place and provides access to education and a commitment to excellence that revitalizes and energizes our community. Your support of UHD only enhances its commitment to current and future students and strengthens the University's role in the region. For that, I offer my sincerest gratitude.

As mentioned, I am eager to meet many of you very soon. On March 31 at noon, you can become better acquainted with me during a virtual reception conducted on [Facebook Live](#). I certainly look forward to introducing myself to you then and will look forward to answering questions from the UHD Community members. During this reception, I will also be anxious to learn more about you ... why you chose UHD ... what the University means to you ... why you support UHD ... and how we can continue to build on UHD's successes and continue its upward trajectory.

Regardless of your affiliation with this institution, your feedback will prove invaluable to UHD's ongoing journey as not just a university in Houston ... but a university for Houston.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D.
President, University of Houston-Downtown