

Learn to **TEACH**
TEACH to Transform Lives



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JOAN PEDRO

DEAN, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dear College of Education community, Alumni and Friends,

This school year has proven to be an exciting one for us as we celebrated the graduation of our Class of 2023.

My sincere congratulations go out to the graduates of our Bachelors and Master's of Science programs and the EDD in Educational Leadership and Curriculum & Instruction programs and their families. Our graduates continue to make us proud as they hold teaching and leadership positions in the greater Houston Districts and beyond. They exemplify our strategic themes by transforming lives, translating new knowledge and transcending boundaries in the education landscape.

Our faculty are also engaging in many transformative and innovative projects as they continue to receive grants and participate in many inspiring programs.

As we in the College of Education prepare for the upcoming academic year, it is our hope that our alumni and community stay connected with us this summer and into the new academic year.

Wishing you all a joyful and safe time with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Joan Pedro



WELCOMES NEW FACULTY



**Dr. Mary Curtis,
Curriculum & Instruction-**



**Dr. Lana Kharbi-Yamato,
Special Education**



**Dr. Cynthia Coronado,
Counseling**



Our Future Teachers

College of Education hosted its first High School Fiesta. High schoolers from 4 districts visited our campus and experienced a full day of fun group activities.

Students met our dedicated faculty and staff and toured the University of Houston - Clear Lake campus.



FACULTY SUCCESS



The Educational Leaders Without Borders conference in Athens, Greece presented Dr. Jennifer Grace and Dr. Queinnise Miller an opportunity to meet scholars of educational leadership from countries from all over the world including England, Nigeria, South Africa, Russia, Norway and many more! Dr. Queinnise Miller presented: Love Children: Culturally Responsive Caring in Action and Dr. Jennifer Grace presented: U.S. Educational Leader

Perspectives on Confronting Anti-Black Racism and Implications for Global Leadership.

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GRANT SUCCESS

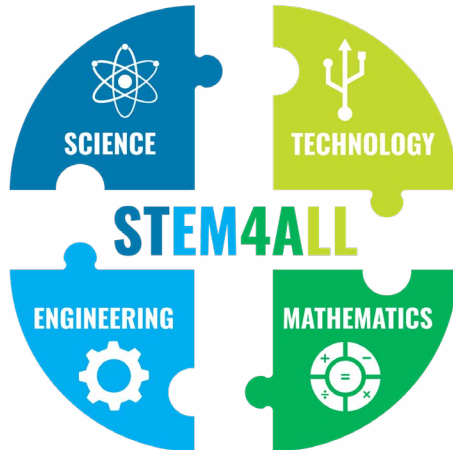
U.S. Department of Education
Augustus F. Hawkins Centers Grant awarded
to the University of Houston Clear-Lake.



Dr. Takisha Bolden-Gastile and College of Education faculty awarded the Augustus F. Hawkins Grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Through this grant, the STEM4ALL program recruits, retains and supports preservice teachers from the UHCLTeach program. The STEM4ALL program also awards scholarships and provides a yearly summer institute to participants.

Dr. Gastile has partnered with the Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation through the STEM4ALL summer institute to provide professional development opportunities for UHCLTeach preservice and in-service teachers. Additionally, participants receive training in Universal Design for learning, culturally responsive teaching strategies and ESL support.



STEM4ALL SCHOLARSHIP

Who Can Apply

- Students enrolled in the UHCLTeach program
- High School Seniors accepted in the UHCLTeach program

Apply NOW: <https://www.uhcl.edu/science-engineering/centers-initiatives/uhclteach/stem4all>

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PROGRAM SUCCESS



The University of Houston - Clear Lake UHCL Teach program has been named a recipient of the 2023 INSIGHT Into Diversity Inspiring Programs in STEM Award.

UHCLTeach recruits STEM majors and prepares them to become teachers in economically and culturally diverse secondary school settings. It combines demanding STEM content preparation with an emphasis on student-centered inquiry and project-based teaching methods through a rigorous, research-based, and clinically intensive instructional process.

Graduates earn both a degree in their STEM discipline and a teaching certificate in four years. The program recently received funding to financially support two underrepresented and low-income graduates for two years if they teach in high-needs schools in Houston.

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STUDENT SUCCESS

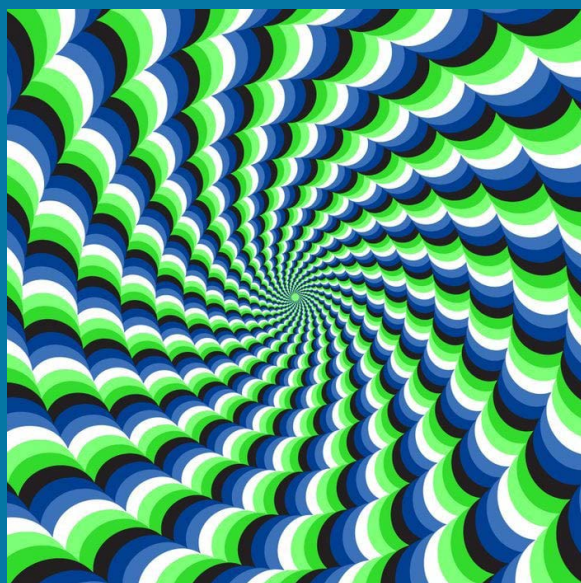


Dr. Sumeyye Osman, newly appointed Assistant Director of Student Attendance for Harmony Public Schools

Dr. Carmela Levy-David selected to lead Bridgeport Public Schools, CT, as next Superintendent



Dr. LaSondra Adigun, newly appointed Secondary Literacy Director at Houston ISD



Its not always what it seems, but it is sure interesting.

Optical illusions are like magic.

What is an optical illusion? Optical illusions are visuals that tend to be deceptive to the eye and brain. Numerous factors such as varying colors, patterns, lights, can create a false perception. When looking at these images what we see gets sent to our brains, and a false perception is created about the image our brain processes isn't actually what is in front of us.

Different people will often see these illusions differently which is completely normal since everyone's brain works in different ways—talk about perspective!



CELEBRATING STUDENTS

College of Education held a doctoral reception and graduated 15 doctoral Candidates in the Educational Leadership program.

The College of Education inducted 115 students into the teaching profession with 98% being First Generation students and 95% securing positions in school districts in which they completed their internship.

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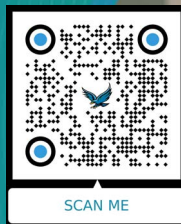
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CENTER FOR EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION FACULTY PROJECTS

Dr. Tashika Bolden-Gastile and Dr. Carol Waters - “YOU Belong in STEM”: Transformative Practices for your **STEM Classroom** - This project aims to support pre-service STEM teachers and faculty in the College of Education who support pre-service teachers in STEM. The workshop will focus on incorporating inclusive and diverse pedagogical perspectives and practices.

Dr. Randy Seevers and Dr. Elizabeth Beavers - SPED Program Faculty-Clinical Mentor Dialogue -SPED Dialogues are transformative experience both for candidates and faculty. These SPED Dialogues is an opportunity to expand upon the existing model by seeking to support the mentors that support our candidates and to add program elements that engage the Independent School District Mentors of our candidates.

Dr. Emily Horton - Body Neutral Training for Families - The proposed project is to facilitate a body neutral parenting group at UHCL’s Counseling Services for student parents. During this qualitative investigation, participants emphasized the need for a psychoeducational support group wherein they could learn about body neutral parenting.

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