

# UIMPACTHOUSTON

An aerial photograph of the University of Houston campus. In the foreground, there are several large, multi-story buildings with a tan or beige facade. One building on the left has a prominent red sign with white letters, likely the 'UH' logo. The campus is lush with green trees and well-maintained lawns. In the background, the Houston skyline is visible, featuring numerous skyscrapers of various heights and colors, including blue and grey. The sky is bright with scattered white clouds.

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON



## Partners in Giving

**T**he University of Houston considers our philanthropic partners to be vital stakeholders in our success and longevity. We thank you for your unwavering loyalty and support as it fuels our continued progress in providing a Tier One, world-class education. Your contributions strengthen our ability to participate in ground-breaking research, attract and retain outstanding faculty, invest in new technology and serve students with new programs and scholarships.

As we embark on unparalleled heights in the areas of energy, research and health, we must prepare our students to play a prominent role in shaping our city's global landscape. This can only be accomplished by partnering with our faithful alumni and friends to ensure we have the resources in place to find solutions, inspire leaders and create an excellent academic climate for future generations.

Each day, new initiatives made possible by generous donors like you, touch the lives of untold thousands on campus, inspiring them to become avid learners and lead lives of significance. Generations of UH students thrive because of your generosity and excel in an incomparable learning environment that promotes the development of lifelong skills, knowledge, personal qualities and worldviews. ***You truly IMPACT Houston!***

This year, we have highlighted those individuals whose impactful stories of philanthropy demonstrate what it truly means to give back and change lives.

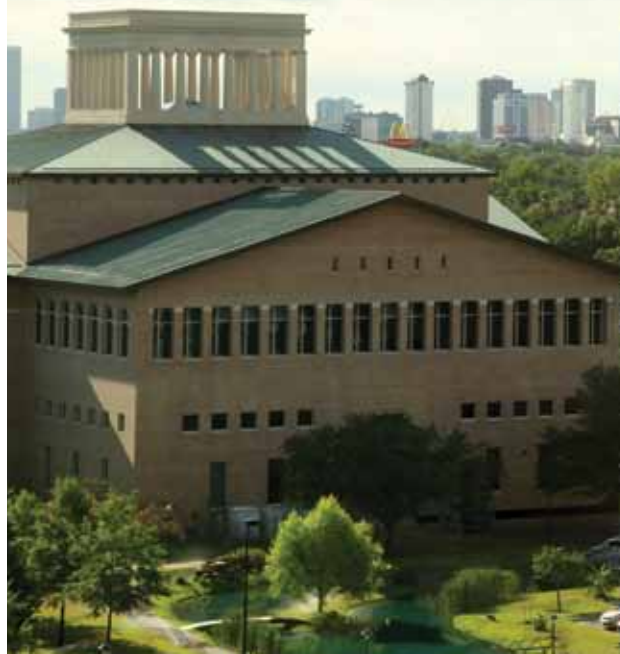




**“The University of Houston is an absolute treasure to have in our community. I am so thankful for what I received in terms of my education and overall development. UH has a penchant for connecting its students to the real world; there is so much learning beyond the classroom. Any amount you invest ensures the longevity and health of the school.”** DEBORAH GARY ('94)

## Making Dreams a Reality

The University of Houston is building a tradition of academic distinction by providing students with a Tier One, quality education. The quest to make students' dreams a reality requires strong philanthropic connections that help bridge the gap between the cost of educating students and fluctuations in state support. Regardless of the amount, gifts to the University are a long-term investment. Support enhances opportunities for current and future generations seeking to acquire the skills and experience required to succeed in an increasingly competitive world.



## Leaders of Today

The University of Houston enriches the educational experience by preparing students to sustain the city's global advantage and make an impact. With Tier One programs and resources, students leave the University having the business acumen to competitively succeed in a multitude of disciplines. Whatever direction life takes them, UH graduates stand ready to make meaningful contributions to Houston and beyond.

**“Being the first person in my family to go to college, I am so grateful for the education I received from UH. As a scholarship recipient and product of the Program for Mastery in Engineering Studies (PROMES), I am fortunate to be in a position where I can give back because I believe it is the right thing to do. As you learn and grow, you realize the rewards of giving are just as great, if not greater, than receiving.”** HERMAN FLORES ('97, MBA '04)





## Fostering Lifelong Connections

At the University of Houston, we make it our mission to establish a culture of philanthropy, promoting an awareness of how private gifts impact student life. By giving back to the University, soon-to-be-grads can donate and receive a commemorative Cougar Spirit Cord to wear at graduation, serving as an outward symbol of pride and gratitude for a treasured college experience.



“I remember wearing my spirit cord at graduation and was happy to do so because I wanted to show how much my education meant to me. I also hoped it would encourage others to give back to the University. I believe that giving back has truly strengthened the value of my degree, and I will always credit UH for helping me develop as a person and being successful in my career.”

DIANA PENA ('11, MBA '14)



“Being a student who works to supplement my education, I really am thankful for those who give back to the University. I see others whose financial circumstances are quite dire, and it helps to know that the University is investing its time and resources in students like me.”

ERICA PETERSEN ('17)

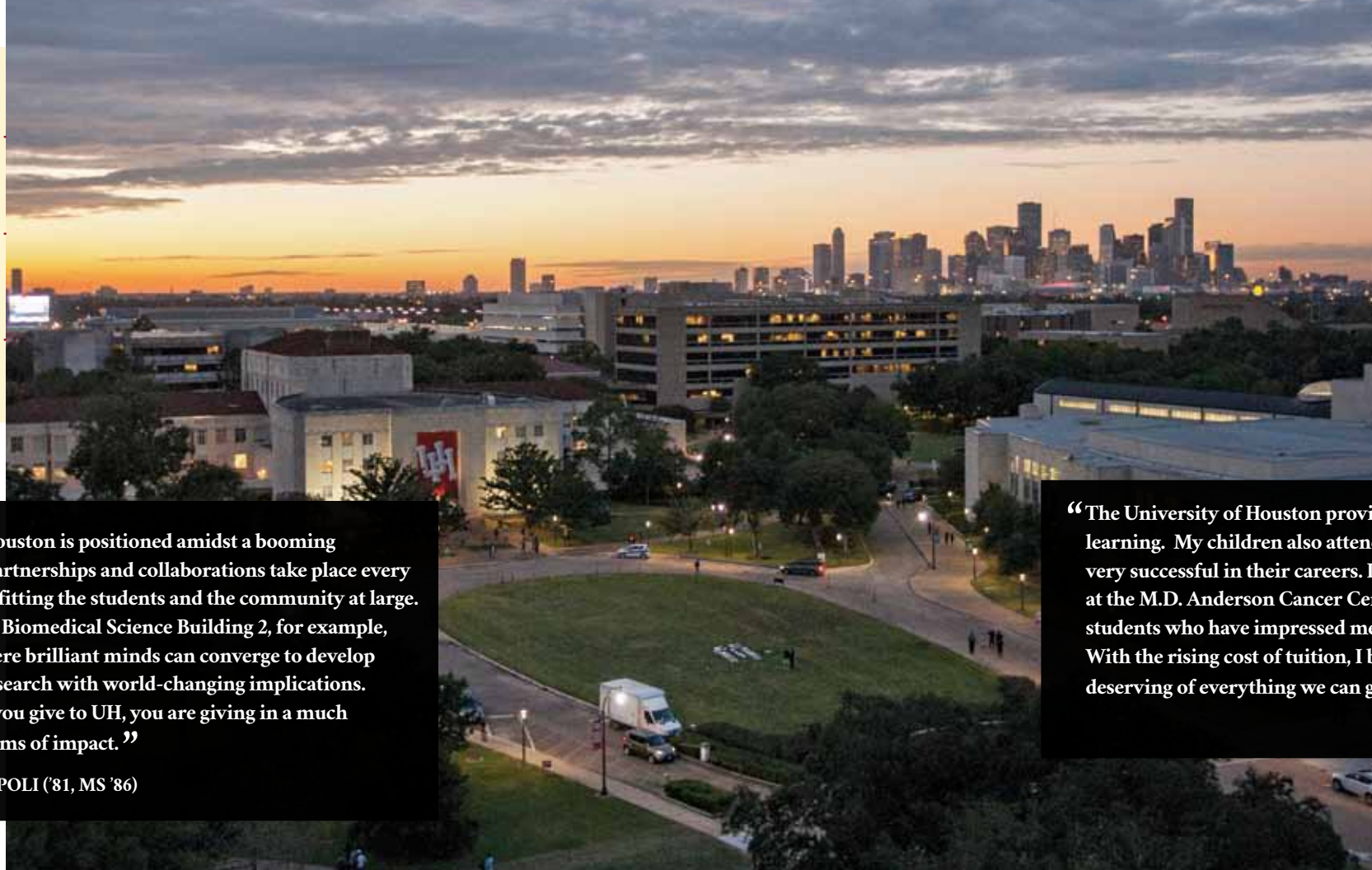


**44,263** friends gave to UH last year.

**42%** of the UH experience was covered by student tuition and fees last year.

**41%** of the UH experience was made up by private support last year.

**17,308** alumni gave to UH last year.



## Built to Endure

The University of Houston is well-positioned to endure the vast landscape of development and opportunity as it secures its foothold in the arts, energy, and health care enterprises. These areas serve as a resounding testament to the University's vibrancy and success in the community. We salute our donors for recognizing the importance of this role, and will continue in our quest to encourage research and explore the pursuit of excellence.



**“The University of Houston is positioned amidst a booming metropolis where partnerships and collaborations take place every day, ultimately benefitting the students and the community at large. The new Health and Biomedical Science Building 2, for example, provides a place where brilliant minds can converge to develop ground-breaking research with world-changing implications. In this sense, when you give to UH, you are giving in a much broader sense, in terms of impact.”**

**MICHAEL NAPOLI ('81, MS '86)**

**“The University of Houston provided me a great foundation for learning. My children also attended the University and have been very successful in their careers. In my 25 years as a pharmacist at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, I have mentored many UH students who have impressed me with their eagerness to learn. With the rising cost of tuition, I believe that UH students are very deserving of everything we can give them.”**

**RICHARD LOZANO ('77)**





## A Winning Tradition

The University of Houston prides itself on excellence in all aspects of athletics, providing student-athletes with opportunities to progress toward meaningful degrees and a rewarding future. Success on the field translates into lifelong lessons that can be applied to both academic and professional pursuits. We thank our generous donors whose gifts strengthen our core mission to provide students with a quality educational and athletic experience that will prepare them for exciting journeys ahead.



**“I describe the University of Houston as being a hidden gem in our city. My experience at UH taught me the meaning of hard work, gave me perseverance and prepared me for the real world. By giving back, we have the power to enhance the value and Tier One status of this great educational institution. There is nothing wrong with making the pathway easier for the ones who come behind you.”**

**JERRY PORTELE '96**

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