



NOTEWORTHY

The University of Houston launched a \$1 billion **capital campaign**. Plus, the College of Education became the first in Texas to meet **tougher accreditation standards**.



RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

The college won state approval to house an Education Research Center — a **game changer**! More: Virginia Snodgrass Rangel won a Spencer grant to study STEM; Nicole Coleman and Jonathan Schwartz work to curb racial bias in policing; Dean Robert McPherson was tapped to represent peer research institutions; and Amy Jones became a certified research administrator.



Virginia Snodgrass Rangel



Nicole Coleman
Jonathan Schwartz



Dean Robert McPherson



Amy Jones



INNOVATION & INSPIRATION

Experts gathered to explore the future of **MOOCs**; Prof. Augustina Reyes started a new course on the school-to-prison pipeline; Ph.D. student Kimberly Smoots studies mindfulness with an eye on at-risk youth; Ed.D. student Saira Siddiqui promotes Muslim voices in books for kids; and academic advisor Tracy Rider draws on her experience as a high school choral and theater teacher.



Augustina Reyes



Kimberly Smoots



Saira Siddiqui



Tracy Rider



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Natalie Zuniga serves as a champion for Hispanic small business owners; Kelly Zuniga leads the Holocaust Museum Houston; and Cy-Fair ISD honors Janet Hoover with school name.



Natalie Zuniga



Kelly Zuniga



Janet Hoover



SAVE THE DATE

05/12/2017 | UH General Commencement

05/14/2017 | COE Spring Convocation



KUDOS

Alumna Bethaney Jones won her school's rookie teacher of the year award, and Assoc. Prof. Kristi Santi assumed a new role with the Council for Exceptional Children.

More in **College Roundup**.



Bethaney Jones



Kristi Santi



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