

# KUDOS

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**School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Professional Development**

**Workplace Learning and Performance Institute**

## Congratulations to our Summer 2020 graduates!

<b>Patrice Dunn</b>	M.S. HCD	<b>Ashleigh Bowen</b>	M.S. HCD (ITD)
<b>Madelyn Gray</b>	M.S. HCD	<b>April Jordan</b>	M.S. HCD (ITD)
<b>Mollie McCarroll</b>	M.S. HCD	<b>Cerri Parker</b>	M.S. LTT
<b>Laura Waldrop</b>	M.S. HCD		

## Awards/Accomplishments

**Jonathan August**, M.S. WTD alumnus (2011), has joined Regions Financial Corporation as a Consumer Market Visit Coach supporting the Greater Gulf Coast District. Jonathan's responsibilities include facilitating training, inspecting internal consumer market process execution, and coaching consumer market associates through the organization's footprint.

**Patrice Dunn**, M.S. HCD alumna, accepted a position at Hood Industries in Hattiesburg, MS, as the HR/People Operations Specialist.

**Dr. Felicia Hall**, HCD Ph.D. alumna, was selected in September as a Senior Human Resources Specialist with The Selective Service System, a federal agency.

**Dr. John Hubbard**, HCD Ph.D. alumnus, was elected to the Fairview (TX) Town Council on November 3, 2020.

**Dr. Cheryl Kirby**, HCD Ph.D. alumna, was appointed to the Florida Small Business Development Center in October 2020.

**Dr. Robert J. Thompson**, HCD Ph.D. alumnus, was recently elected Director of Marketing for the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Instructional Education (ICHRIE) Southeast, Central and South America Federation (SECSA).

# Publications/Presentations

**Dr. Robert J. Thompson**, HCD Ph.D. alumnus, was requested to join as a Member of Advisory Board (GNU University) and participate as keynote speaker for the E-Conference on Hospitality and Tourism (ICOHOST – 2020) on *"Hospitality and Tourism Industry: A Better Future for All"*, organized by the Faculty of Hospitality, GNA University, November 07, 2020

**Dr. Shuyan Wang**, MS HCD (ITD) faculty, was invited to give a keynote speech "Teaching Online: Strategies and Practices" at the 2020 4th International Conference on Digital Technology in Education (ICDTE 2020), which was held in Busan, South Korea, on September 15-17, 2020: <http://www.icdte.org/ks.html>



## Special Events



Together, our ISPD faculty, staff, students, and alumni raised \$458 dollars in the 2020 Gulf Coast Heart Walk Digital Experience



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Our ISPD/CoBED team collected over \$450 in donations. Along with other USM Gulf Park faculty, staff, students, and community members, we were able to provide 11 students (and their families) with gift cards, food, hygiene products, and other household items to help make the holiday season a little brighter.



## Reminders

- Share your good news for an upcoming issue of **KUDOS** by emailing Melissa Q. Lomas at melissa.queen@usm.edu.
- You are our best recruiters! Tell a friend or colleague about the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Professional Development academic programs!
- Share your **Plus Three** [here!](#) That is, three colleagues, friends, or family members you think would be a great new addition to the HCD family and who would benefit from the program just as you have.

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