

Russell Dunlavy

In his role as Senior Associate Vice President for University Development at the University of Houston, Russell leads a team of 56 development professionals covering 16 colleges, 3 units, the office of Corporate Relations, Office of Foundation Relations, Office of Gift and Estate Planning, and Regional Development. This team is focused on major and principal level gift fundraising as part of the Division of University Advancement. Between 2012-2020, the University of Houston exceeded the \$1B goal of the Here, We Go capital campaign by raising more than \$1.2B. This was the university's first comprehensive capital campaign in over 25 years.

Prior to joining Advancement leadership in 2017, he heavily focused on raising major and principal level gifts in the Cullen College of Engineering, and for UH STEM. A major highlight was securing the college's first eight-figure department naming gift. Before joining the University of Houston in 2008, Russell worked as a regional gift officer for Texas Tech University.

Russell's team is responsible for establishing the university's annual fundraising goal, forecasting, and execution of those fundraising plans. In the 2022 fiscal year, the University of Houston secured \$182M in philanthropic support. As the university continues to push towards becoming a Top 50 ranked public university, philanthropy will continue to play a critical role in the university's success.

A native Texan, Russell attended the University of Houston before completing his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech University.

