

DCET North American Alumni Association Leadership Meeting May 16-17, 2025 , Houston, Texas

Meeting Theme: PU/DCET's March to Regain Pre-eminence through Innovation, Creation, Collaboration and Association

Meeting Objectives:

- Exploring collaboration opportunities between DCET and Department of Chemical Engineering at University of Houston
- Networking and reconnecting with the Alma Mater
- Meet with a prominent Houston Academician (Dr. Renu Khator, Chancellor of University of Houston Systems)
- Examples of Transformation from Dr. Durga Agrawal, and Dr. M.S. Kalsi
- Success stories of Leaders and Professionals from DCET Alumni
- Developing solutions to issues and challenges faced by DCET/Panjab University in its journey to regain pre-eminence
- Enjoy Texas Hospitality

PRE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AGENDA:

Friday, May 16, 2025 Meeting with U of H , Department of Chemical Engineering / Panjab University Team/ and some Alumni leaders) –
Gathering information to assess areas of mutual interest in research and understand the challenges in offering a joint double degree program

1. Arrive at the Department of Chemical Engineering. 10:00 A.M.
University of Houston downtown campus.

2. Welcome

3. A brief tour of the facility

4. Presentations by U of H

a. Introducing the faculty

b. Brief introduction of the undergraduate and graduate program

c. Current areas of research

d. Potential areas of cooperation

e. Challenges and Opportunities

5. Presentations by the visiting PU/DCET team from India

a. Introductions-Dr. Y.P. Verma, Registrar, Panjab University (representing the VC)

b. Brief introduction of the undergraduate and graduate program

c. Current areas of research

d. Potential areas of cooperation

e. Challenges and Opportunities

6. Meeting concludes with an understanding to reflect on the information exchanged, assess potential opportunities of cooperation and develop a path forward in a follow-up meeting on May 19th

7. Lunch

8. Visiting Team returns to the hotel 2:00 P.M.

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AGENDA-16th &17th May 2025

Friday, May 16th , 2025

Leadership Conference Begins – Venue: Hyatt Regency Hotel, West Houston

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| 1. Meet and Greet | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. |
| 2. Welcome by President | 7:00 p.m. |
| 3. Introduction of Prominent Guests and a brief overview of the Conference, Dr. Arun Verma | 7:05 p.m. |
| 4. Dinner | 7:10 – 9:00 p.m. |
| 5. Introducing the Dinner Speaker, Dr. Arun Verma | 7:35 p.m. |
| 6. Dr. Renu Khator, Chancellor of University of Houston Systems
<i>Achieving great heights in the face of formidable Challenges</i> | 7:40 p.m. |
| 7.Q & A | 8:30 – 9:00 p.m. |

Saturday, May 17, 2025 Learning from the Leaders and Networking

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| 1. Welcome by the President
(Introduce & Recognize the Team behind the scene) | 10:00 -10:15 a.m. |
| 2. Address by Dr. Y.P Verma, Registrar of Panjab University | 10:15-10:25 a.m |
| 3. Alumni & Corporate Relations program at U of H
By Mike Pede, Associate V.P. for Aumni Relations & Joe Rera
Associate Director, Corporate Relations & Sponsorships | 10:25-11:25 a.m. |

Short Break

11:25-11:35 a.m.

4. Envisioning a brighter Future: Alumni Directed transformation Work
at DCET, By Dr. Arun Verma 11:35-12:05 p.m.

5. Leading DCET through a Transformational
Change Dr. Anupama Sharma 12:05- 12:35 p.m.

Lunch at Nirvana Restaurant, 14543 Memorial Drive, Houston, 12:35-2:00 p.m.

6. Sharing transformation Experiences from India & Houston-
Dr. Durga Agrawal and Dr. M.S.Kalsi 2:00- 3:00 p.m.

7. Select DCET Alumni to share success stories 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
By Puneet Sanan & Sunil Sibal

8. DCET's Areas of Excellence By Dr. Gaurav Verma 4:00-4:30

Networking Dinner at Paradise Briyani N Grill ,1801
S. Dairy Ashford Rd., Houston, Texas. 6:00 – 9:00

Note: Leadership meeting ends here

POST LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AGENDA, 18th AND 19th MAY, 2025

Sunday, May 18, 2025 Brainstorming Sessions with PU/ DCET Team to develop
an implementation plan going forward

1. Blue print for Premier status; Culture and efficiency of DCET; 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Feedback from Alumni Leaders to PU/DCET by Alok Jain

2. Lessons learnt from the past 2-days that should 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
be implemented by PU/ DCET ; establish timelines , responsibilities
& accountabilities with PU Registrar & DCET Chair

Session Moderated by Alok Jain & Dr. A. Verma

Break 10:30-10:45 a.m.

3. Discuss strategy for the follow-up meeting with U of H on Monday , the 19th May. 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

4. Other issues, if any between Alumni Leaders and PU Team 11:45—12:30

Lunch : 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Time off for sight seeing by the PU/DCET Team 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Dinner for PU Team, U of H Team, Conference registrants and Speakers
hosted by Dr. A. Verma at 'Verma Residence'
11725 Taylorcrest Road, Houston, 77024 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Monday, May 19th, 2025: Concluding Meeting with U of H, Dept of Chemical Engineering

1. Arrive at the Department of Chemical Engineering. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

2. Both teams seek clarifications, present their ideas in terms of the joint degree program and opportunities for collaboration in research and develop a path forward, timeline and identify the next steps

3. Concluding remarks by Registrar of Panjab University/DCET Chairperson/
Associate Dean, Univ. of Houston/Chairman of Chem/Engg. U of H

**Lunch at Eric's –Univ. of Houston-Hilton College Restaurant
1:00-2:00 p.m.**

PU Visiting Team departs after lunch for airport at the conclusion of Lunch

Note for DCET Alumni attending Pre and post Leadership Conference Agenda:
Since these events are outside the Leadership conference, and costs are not covered by Conference Registration; actual costs will be invoiced equally to all DCET Alumni attending these meetings; subsequent to the meetings.