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## BAHEP board officers offer diversified backgrounds

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership is a member-driven organization. Numbering approximately 265 members in 2013, BAHEP's service area extends from southern Harris County into northern Galveston County.

This region boasts a wide variety of businesses and industries, which are well represented by BAHEP's board and its officers who will lead the BAHEP team in 2014.

### Board Chair

**Brenda Hellyer, Ed.D.**  
Brenda Hellyer, Ed.D., is the fifth chancellor of San Jacinto College (SJC), the seventh largest community college in the state of Texas, and the first woman to hold that office. She began her career at SJC as an inaugural director of the SJC Foundation. In 2000, she was appointed executive vice president for Resource Development and in 2003 vice chancellor for Fiscal Affairs. She served as chief financial officer for five years before serving as executive vice chancellor. Prior to joining SJC, Hellyer worked in the corporate world in accounting. She holds a

bachelor's degree in accounting from Fort Hays State University, an MBA and an Ed.D. in Community College Leadership from the University of Texas at Austin.

### Board Vice Chair Victor Pierson

Victor Pierson is president of Moody National Bank, former mayor of Jamaica Beach, Texas, and a past chairman of the Texas Bankers Association. He serves on the board of directors of Moody National Bank, Moody Bank Holding Company, Moody Bancshares, Inc., Texas Independent Bancshares-Dallas, and Gal-Tex Hotel Corporation.

Pierson is past chairman of the United Way of Galveston, immediate past chairman of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, and a board member of the Galveston Central Appraisal District. He is also a member of the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors and previously taught accounting at Galveston College for over 16 years.

### Board Secretary John Elbon

John Elbon is vice president and general manager,

Space Exploration, a division of The Boeing Company's Defense, Space & Security. He is responsible for the strategic direction of Boeing's civil space programs and support of NASA programs such as the Space Launch System, International Space Station, and Commercial Crew Development Program. He assumed his present position on Aug. 29, 2011. Elbon previously served as vice president and program manager for Boeing's Commercial Programs and as vice president of Systems Integration for the Army's Future Combat Systems. He holds a bachelor of Aerospace Engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

### Board Treasurer Jennifer Bowers

Jennifer Bowers is a partner with the law firm of Bowers & Sadler, LLP. The firm specializes in a variety of legal services aimed at assisting closely-held businesses and their owners with their tax planning, business organization matters, estate planning, and probate matters. Bowers is board certified in tax law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

## BAHEP announces 2014 board



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**Victor Pierson**



**John Elbon**



**Jennifer Bowers**

Since 1976, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership has provided the leadership to stimulate regional economic development and employment. Now entering its 38th year of service, BAHEP is pleased to announce its leadership team for 2014.

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Vice Chair: Victor Pierson, President, Moody National Bank  
Secretary: John Elbon, Vice President/General Manager, Space Exploration, The Boeing Company  
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## BAHEP honors University of Houston's Dr. Renu Khator with prestigious 2014 Quasar Award

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership has honored Dr. Renu Khator, president of the University of Houston and chancellor of the University of Houston System, with its prestigious 2014 Quasar Award for Exceptional Leadership in Economic Development.

The Quasar Award was presented to Dr. Khator during BAHEP's 21st annual Quasar Award Banquet held Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center.

Texas Sen. Larry Taylor said, "Dr. Khator is an amazing woman who has made an incredible difference for not only the U of



*Dr. Renu Khator holds her newly-presented Quasar Award along with Stephen K. Jones, Jr., BAHEP's 2013 board chair; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, BAHEP's 2014 board chair; and Bob Mitchell, BAHEP president (from left). (Photo by Colleen Campbell.)*

H system, but the entire Houston area with her outstanding leadership."

Dr. William A. Staples, president of the University of Houston-Clear Lake, noted, "In her dual roles of chancellor of the University of Houston System and president of the University of Houston, Dr. Khator's 'no excuses and needle-moving' leadership has enhanced student access and success within the UH System and positioned UH as a Tier One University. She has also been very supportive of UH-Clear Lake's transition from an upper-level to a four-year university in fall 2014. The impact of Dr. Khator's commitment to enhancing educational opportunities in Bay Area Houston and beyond will be a major factor in advancing the economic development and quality of life of our region."

BAHEP President Bob Mitchell stated, "During

Dr. Khator's six-year tenure, the University of Houston has experienced record-breaking research funding, enrollment and private support. Through her impressive leadership and drive to have the university achieve a Tier One status, the University of Houston has grown to become one recognized for its educational excellence.

"The availability of a quality public university is instrumental in the development of our next generation of leaders. Dr. Khator's commitment to her students and the community are defining qualities that make her very deserving of the Quasar Award."

Dr. Khator was born in Uttar Pradesh, India, earning a bachelor's degree at the University of Kanpur. She received her master's degree and her Ph.D. in political science from Purdue University.

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