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August 2026

PAST EVENTS

Put Your Business on Steroids

JUNE 27, 2026



Dr. Jennifer Kellough Holmes, Executive Director of Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses at Houston City College, joined the IACCGH Business Hour on Open Forum to explain how the free, Babson-designed curriculum positions business owners for growth. Houston has graduated over 1,200 businesses, and 87% of graduates go on to do business with one another.

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Work on Your Business, Not in It

JUNE 30, 2026



At Elite Restaurant in Sugar Land, Dr. Holmes opened with a show of hands and closed with three stories. Since 2011 the Houston program has graduated 1,200+ owners generating over \$2 billion in annual revenue and 21,000 jobs - free to scholars, and valued by their own CPAs at \$80,000 to \$100,000. The next cohort begins August 25.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

George Joseph

Principal, United Taxes and Insurance Services LLC

When the Medicare brochures start arriving, George Joseph starts with a conversation.

One of IACCGH's newest members, George Joseph brings more than twenty years of experience guiding individuals and families through the decisions that quietly shape their financial security. The principal of United Taxes and Insurance Services LLC holds Series 7, 63, and 65 licenses and the Chartered Financial Consultant designation, and relocated from New York to Texas in 2021. His counsel on Medicare is consistent: weigh Original Medicare against Medicare Advantage based on your own health, finances, and doctors, and never decide from a brochure alone. "Every situation is entirely different, and the right plan for your neighbor may be entirely wrong for you."

He can be reached at 845-323-3666. Click [here](#) to read the full article on our website.



"It is a philosophy that reflects why Joseph joined IACCGH in the first place—a belief in relationships built face-to-face and in service that any person in need can receive quickly and easily." - George Joseph

WHAT'S COMING UP

2026 Gala & Awards Banquet



The Chamber's Annual Gala & Awards Banquet returns to the Hilton Americas, bringing together business and community leaders under the theme "Connecting Business Across Borders and Beyond." Bal Sareen, Founder of Brask Inc., will be recognized for an extraordinary entrepreneurial journey marked by philanthropy and service to the community.

Four 2026 Annual Awards will also be presented: Sunny Bathija of Satya, Inc., as Businessman of the Year; Tina Khatri of TDK Construction as Businesswoman of the Year; William T. Harris of Space Center Houston as the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient; and Milton Thibodeaux of the Greater Houston Business Procurement Forum as Business Advocate of the Year.

The evening welcomes Chief Guest U.S. Rep. Lizzie Fletcher, Special Guests Mayor John Whitmire and Consul General D.C. Manjunath, and features a fireside chat with Commissioner Adrian Garcia and William T. Harris, moderated by Sanjay Ramabhadran.

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Venue: Hilton Americas - Houston

Sponsorships & tickets: almamach@aol.com or text 832-746-8372

Certification Is the Ticket to Ride

JULY 25, 2026



Ingrid M. Robinson returned to the IACCGH Business Hour on Open Forum for an hour on what certification actually does - and does not - do. HMSDC has spent 53 years connecting minority-owned businesses to corporate and government supply chains. The certification verifies that a company is 51% owned, managed and controlled by ethnic minorities, is recognized by the Port of Houston and Harris County, and moves approvals at the City of Houston and Metro to 14 days. It is, as she put it, "the ticket to ride" - the entry point, never the contract itself.

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