

Russell Dunlavy

A proud native Texan, Russell Dunlavy was born in Houston before his family relocated to Midland, Texas during his early childhood. Though his roots stretched across the Lone Star State, Houston remained a meaningful cornerstone, both as his birthplace and as the home of the University of Houston, a family tradition that spans generations. He is the proud son of two UH alumni, brother to a UH alumnus, and nephew and cousin to many more Cougar graduates. After graduating from high school in Midland, Russell returned to Houston to begin his college career at the University of Houston, living in Moody Towers during his freshman year. He eventually transferred to Texas Tech University, where he would complete both his bachelor's and master's degrees.

Russell launched his career in higher education advancement with Texas Tech University. In 2008, he joined the advancement team at the University of Houston, where he has served in various roles of increasing responsibility. Over the years, Russell has helped lead major fundraising initiatives while cultivating transformational support that is helping shape the university's future.

Russell is married to Kelley, and together they are the proud parents of their daughter, Ellie.