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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT is a core priority of UTRGV. I am honored to lead the division that serves as liaison between the university and the community, promoting partnerships that impact our region.

Through the efforts of our faculty, staff, students and community partners, UTRGV attained the prestigious Carnegie Community Engagement classification. The Carnegie Community Engagement Classification is an elective designation that indicates an institutional commitment to community engagement. The designation recognizes UTRGV’s effort in finding ways to engage with community partners by building on community assets and addressing a wide array of community challenges.

We invite you to submit information regarding the community engagement work of faculty, staff and students, which you are directly involved with, by completing a brief form in the UTRGV and the COMMUNITY portal. A broad range of community engagement activity that has been collected is featured in the portal. The interactive portal is a place anyone may discover the many ways UTRGV serves and learns with the community.

Click HERE
To report your 2019-2020 Community Engagement initiative

The Office of Community Engagement is a department of the Division of Governmental and Community Relations that helps communicate, coordinate and promote university-community partnerships.

Contact us at partnerships@utrgv.edu or 956-665-7566.
Community Engagement
Target, Type & Focus

Primary Target
- Adult Learners: 38%
- K-12 School System: 34%

Primary Type
- Education: 44%
- Community/Economic Development: 29%
- Health and Wellness: 19%
- Culture and Art: 8%

Primary Focus
- Community Engagement Research: 24%
- Continuing Education: 17%
- Technical Assistance: 17%
- Other: 16%
- Conference/Lecture: 11%
- College Access: 9%
- Clinical Service: 8%
- Youth Summer: 8%
- Athletics: 1%
University Student Engagement

High-impact practices that engage students, faculty and external partners in experiential learning transform both students and the community.

Types of Student Engagement

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<td>Experiential Student Learning (curricular/co-curricular)</td>
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<td>Student Involvement (extracurricular: non-credit/volunteer/association/peer mentorship, etc.)</td>
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Service Learning

The Office of Engaged Scholarship and Learning assists faculty with the integration of experiential learning by supporting and facilitating service and community-based activities. In the academic year 2018-2019, (42) faculty documented their courses as having a service-learning component.

The Engagement Zone

The Engagement Zone connects students with volunteer and service learning opportunities in our community. Opportunities are posted in real-time by nonprofit community partners.

Academic Year 2018-2019

45,212 Volunteer Hours

ECONOMIC IMPACT

45,212 Volunteer Hours = $1.1 Million
Divisional Engagement

- Academic Affairs: 39%
- Governmental and Community Relations: 21%
- Research, Graduate Studies and New Program Development: 13%
- Student Success: 13%
- Institutional Advancement: 5%
- Health Affairs: 4%
- Finance and Administration: 2%
- President: 2%
- Strategic Enrollment: 2%

College Engagement

- School of Medicine: 32%
- College of Liberal Arts: 14%
- College of Science: 14%
- College of Education: 10%
- College of Health Professions: 10%
- College of Fine Arts: 8%
- College of Business: 6%
- College of Health Affairs: 4%
- School of Nursing: 2%
Education

CHAPS
Civil War reenactors setup a living history military camp site and speak to guests during UTRGV's Community Historical Archaeology Project with Schools (CHAPS) Community Day.

Adopt A Beach
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

Annual RGV STEM Education Conference
RGV STEM Education Consortium

Annual Regional Science and Engineering Fair
Special Programs, University Marketing and Communications

Advanced Placement Institute
Student Educational Outreach

Agroecology and Resilient Food Systems
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

Border SPICES Parent-Practitioner Workshops
Human Development and School Services

Brain Health
School of Medicine

Autism Spectrum Disorder Training Workshops
Human Development & School Services

Border Health Office
College of Health Professions

Boys Learning Advanced Science and Technology
Office of Student Educational Outreach

Brain Health in the RGV
School of Medicine

Center for Bilingual Studies
B3 Institute, Division of Academic Affairs

Center for Border Economic
Robert C. Vacker College of Business & Entrepreneurship

CHARREADA
Office of Community Relations

Center for Mexican American Studies
B3 Institute
Division of Academic Affairs

Center for Advanced Radio Astronomy (CARA)
Office of the Dean
College of Sciences

Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Advancement
Division of Research and Graduate Studies

Civic Writing Workshop
Student Academic Success

Center of Excellence in STEM Education
Research, Graduate Studies & New Program Development

CHAPS Community Historical Archaeology Project with schools
College of Liberal Arts and College of Sciences

Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation
Office for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention, Division of Academic Affairs

Coastal Studies Laboratory Education and Outreach
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences
Community Engaged Scholarship Courses  
College of Sciences  

Community Open House  
College of Education and P-16 Integration  

Department of Intercollegiate Athletics  
Division of Institutional Advancement  

Department of Theatre  
College of Fine Arts  

Discovering Fort Brown Traveling Exhibit  
College of Liberal Arts  

Discovering the Rio Grande  
College of Liberal Arts, College of Sciences  

Donation of Weeded Material to Southwest Key Programs  
UTRGV University Library  

Early Head Start Program  
Early Childhood Education Program  

Edinburg Housing Authority Collaborative  
College of Education & P-16 Integration  

Entrepreneurship Conference  
Robert C. Vackar College of Business & Entrepreneurship  

Excellence in Online Learning Conference  
Division of Research, Graduate Studies & New Program Development  

FESTIBA  
Division of Governmental and Community Relations  

GEAR UP STEM Summer Camp  
Office of Student Educational Outreach  

Generation Texas Movement  
Office of Student Educational Outreach  

Girls Adventuring in Math, Engineering, and Science (GAMES)  
Office of Student Success  

Go-Centers/Collegiate Mentorship Program  
Office of Student Educational Outreach  

GreenPowerUSA South Texas Electric Car Competition  
Special Programs, University Marketing and Communications  

HESTEC  
Special Programs, University Marketing and Communications  

Holmes Cadets Program  
College of Education  

IDRA Youth Leadership Program  
Office of Academic Affairs  

Industrial Assessment Center IAC  
College of Engineering and Computer Science  

Insect Community Dynamics  
College of Science  

Integrating Food Science/Engineering and Education Network (IFSEEN) USDA Program  
College of Science  

International Conference on Data Intelligence and Security  
Department of Computer Science  

Kids Voting  
Office of Student Educational Outreach  

Latina Day  
Division of Governmental and Community Relations  

Latino Theatre Initiatives  
College of Fine Arts  

LRGV Sustainability Network  
College of Sciences  

Marine Mammal Response  
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences  

MATHCOUNTS  
Special Programs, University Marketing and Communications  

Mental Health, Substance Abuse & HIV Prevention Conference  
UTRGV School of Medicine  

Migrant University Summer Experience (MUSE)  
Office of Academic Affairs and Office of Student Educational Outreach  

Military and Veteran Success Center  
Office of Student Educational Outreach  

Mobile Lab Teacher Training Opportunity Program  
The Center of Excellence in STEM Education  

Mother-Daughter Program (MDP)  
Office of Student Educational Outreach  

NEA Big Read  
College of Fine Arts  

Office for Sustainability  
Division of Research, Graduate Studies & New Program Development  

Office for Victim Advocacy & Violence Prevention  
Division of Academic Affairs  

Office of Community Engagement and Economic Development  
Division of Governmental & Community Relations  

Office of Global Engagement  
Division of Research, Graduate Studies & New Program Development  

Office of Governmental Relations  
Division of Governmental & Community Relations  

Office of Public Art  
Division of Governmental & Community Relations  

Office of Research Translation  
Division of Research, Graduate Studies & New Program Development  

Office of Student Educational Outreach  
Office of the VP for Student Success
Pedagogical Foundation Training for the Bilingual International Sustainability Education Model
Office of Continuing Education

Project ACCESS
College of Education & P-16 Integration

Project Culturally Relevant Education in Social Studies (CRESS)
B3 Institute, Division of Academic Affairs

PSJA ISD Entrepreneurship Conference
Robert C. Vackar College of Business & Entrepreneurship

Rapid Response Manufacturing Center (RRMC)
College of Engineering & Computer Science

READ 3
College of Education & P-16 Integration

Reading Rock Stars
Division of Governmental and Community Relations

Red Tide Rangers
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

RedRover Readers Program
College of Education and P-16 and
College of Health Affairs

Regional Science Bowl
Special Programs, University Marketing and Communications

Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail
Professional Development Workshop for K-12 Education
College of Liberal Arts

School of Rehabilitation Services & Counseling-Addiction Resource Center
School of Rehabilitation Services & Counseling

Sea Turtle Response
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

South Texas ISD-STEM Camp
Office of Student Educational Outreach

STARGATE
Division of Institutional Advancement

STEP UP (Student Teacher Educator Preparation: University Partnership)
College of Education & P-16 Integration Educator Preparation Program

Substitute Teacher Training
Office of Student Educational Outreach

Subtropical Organic Agriculture Research (SOAR)
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

Summer Camp for Unique Learners with Autism
College of Education, P-16 Integration

Super Saturday
Office of Financial Aid

Texas Beach Watch
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC)
College of Engineering & Computer Science

TexPREP
Office of Student Educational Outreach & College of Engineering and Computer Science

The Father-Son Project
Office of Student Educational Outreach

The Office of Engaged Scholarship and Learning
Division of Student Academic Success

Those Who Can, Teach! Summer Camp
College of Education & P-16 Integration

University Recreation Summer Youth Camp
University Recreation

University Transportation Center for Railway Safety - UTCRS
College of Engineering and Computer Science

UTeach RGV
Division of Academic Affairs

UTEACH Saturday Challenge
College of Sciences

UTRGV Agroecology Professional Development Institute (APDI)
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

UTRGV Career Center
Division of Academic Affairs / Student Success

UTRGV Community Primary Care Clinics
School of Nursing

UTRGV Counseling and Training Clinic
Office of Student Life and Dean of Students

UTRGV Department of Health & Biomedical Sciences Partnership with Harlingen CISD
College of Health Professionals

UTRGV Engineering Week Girl Day
College of Engineering and Computer Science

UTRGV High Scholars Program
College of Sciences

UTRGV Simulation Hospital
School of Medicine

UTRGV Student Center in Matamoros, Mexico
Division of the Vice President for Strategic Enrollment

UTRGV Super Saturday Events
Office of Student Involvement

UTRGV- Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Degree Program
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

UTRGV Texas OneGulf Research Center
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

UTRGV-PSJA Early Head Start Child Care Partnership
College of Education P-16 integration

Vaquero Connection
Office of University Marketing and Communications
Coastal Studies Laboratory Education and Outreach
Local high school students learn how to gather samples and use scientific equipment, then spend a day on the Ridley (UTRGV’s floating classroom), cruising around the Laguna Madre bay gathering samples for study from various locations.
Insect Community Dynamics
College of Sciences

International Conference on Data Intelligence and Security
College of Engineering and Computer Science

Kids Voting
Office of Student Educational Outreach

LRGV Sustainability Network
College of Sciences

Marine Mammal Response
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
Office of Student Involvement

Military and Veteran Success Center
Office of Student Educational Outreach

Nonprofit Resource Center (NRC)
Division of Governmental and Community Relations

Office for Sustainability
Division of Research, Graduate Studies & New Program Development

Office of Community Engagement and Economic development
Division of Governmental & Community Relations

Office of Governmental Relations
Division of Governmental & Community Relations

Office of Research Translation
Division of Research, Graduate Studies & New Program Development

Office of Student Education Outreach
Office of the VP for Student Success

PSJA ISD Entrepreneurship Conference
Robert C. Vackar College of Business & Entrepreneurship

Rapid Response Manufacturing Center (RRMC)
College of Engineering & Computer Science

Red Tide Rangers
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

Rio Grande Valley Stormwater Management
College of Engineering and Computer Science

Sea Turtle Response
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

Marketing Service-Learning Projects
Robert C. Vackar College of Business & Entrepreneurship

STARGATE
Division of Institutional Advancement

STARGATE Technology Launch Pad
Division of Governmental & Community Relations

Student Food Pantry
Office Student Life and Dean of Students

Subtropical Organic Agriculture Research (SOAR)
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

Sea Turtle Research
College of Sciences

Texas Beach Watch
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC)
College of Engineering & Computer Science

Texas Rural Cooperative Center
Division of Research and Graduate Studies

The Office of Engaged Scholarship and Learning
Division of Governmental & Community Relations

University Transportation Center for Railway Safety (UTCRS)
College of Engineering and Computer Science

UTRGV Calendar
Division of University Marketing and Communications

UTRGV Career Center
Division of Academic Affairs / Student Success

UTRGV Career Expo
Division of Academic Affairs / Student Success

UTRGV Department of Health & Biomedical Sciences Partnership with Harlingen CISD
College of Health Professionals

UTRGV-Enactus Student Thanksgiving Meal Drive
Robert C. Vackar College of Business & Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship and Commercialization Center
Division of Governmental & Community Relations

UTRGV Farmers Market
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

Rio South Regional Procurement Technical Assistance Center PTAC
Division of Governmental & Community Relations

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
Division of Governmental & Community Relations

UTRGV Soccer Hurricane Disaster Relief Drive
Division of Institutional Advancement

UTRGV Student Center in Matamoros Mexico
Division of the Vice President for Strategic Enrollment

UTRGV Texas One Gulf Research Center
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

UTRGV Toy Drive
Division of Institutional Advancement

UTRGV Trunk or Treat
Division of Institutional Advancement

Valor Community Engagement and Inter-professional Education Summit
Division of Governmental & Community Relations

Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC)
Division of Governmental & Community Relations

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)
Robert C. Vackar College of Business & Entrepreneurship
UTRGV Farmers Market
A monthly Farmers Market is held at the Chapel Lawn, near the Student Union, to provide healthy food choices for students and staff.

1st Annual Community Health & Safety Fair
College of Health Affairs

Addictions Resource Center
College of Health Professions

Adopt-A-Beach
School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

Aging Healthy in the Rio Grande Valley
School of Medicine

Aging Healthy in the Rio Grande Valley Summit
College of Health Professions

Alzheimer's Ambassadors
School of Medicine

Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center for Minority Aging Research
School of Medicine

Area Health Education Centers - AHEC
School of Medicine and College of Health Affairs

Border Health Office
College of Health Professions

Brain Health in the RGV
School of Medicine

Campus Suicide Prevention Program
School of Medicine

Center for Vector-Borne Diseases
Office of Academic Affairs

Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation Conference (CAVE)
Office for Victim Advocacy & Violence Prevention (OVAVP)

Department of Intercollegiate Athletics
Division of Institutional Advancement

Donation of Weeded Material to Southwest Key Programs
UTRGV University Library

Drive-Thru Flu Vaccination Clinic
Division of Finance and Administration

Expressive Arts Association/Art for H-E-A-R-T (Healing Emotions and Releasing Traumas)
School of Art and School of Social Work

Get Fit Edinburg Academy
College of Health Affairs

HIV Drug Research
Division of Research, Graduate Studies & New Program Development

John Austin Pena Memorial Center
School of Medicine

Knapp/UTRGV Family Practice Residency Clinic
School of Medicine

Latino Theatre Initiatives
College of Fine Arts

Memory Disorders Center
School of Medicine

Mental Health, Substance Abuse & HIV Prevention Conference
School of Medicine

Office For Sustainability
Division of Research, Graduate Studies & New Program Development
Team Mario Fun Friday Summer Camp

The Team Mario Fun Friday Summer Camp is designed to help young students with Autism develop the social skills needed to participate in everyday life. Team Mario focuses on main different factors in the development of these social skills.
Hidalgo County Public Cemetery Project

The purpose of the course is to provide students with an introduction to the practice and debates of public archaeology, while also giving them the opportunity to participate in a local field project that directly engages with these themes.
Transforming through engagement
A CORE PRIORITY
UT Rio Grande Valley