

# STRENGTHEN YOUR Father-Son Bond

## Program Overview:

The Father-Son Program (FSP) is focused on improving the father-son dynamic, offering participants the opportunity to strengthen their father-son bond and to engage in educational activities and shared learning. The Father-Son Program targets males in the sixth, seventh or eighth-grade level, and their fathers. The father-son program encourages and supports the completion of high school as well as the pursuit of higher education, specifically with an interest in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

### Target Audience:

The Father-Son Program at UTRGV presently serves teams from the Hidalgo to Cameron County area, with interest in expanding across the Rio Grande Valley.

### Objectives:

- Parental Involvement & Commitment to Educational Success
- Readiness for Higher Education & STEM Careers
- Recruitment & Retention

## Service:

- School Based Sessions - 45 minute sessions held during the week. These sessions take place during school hours and are designated for sons only. These sessions provide an opportunity for students to discuss their academic goals, and the pathway to higher education.
- Evening Sessions -1- 1 ½ hour sessions held during the week in the evening. Times are assigned by each school. These sessions are designated for both fathers and sons from the same school district to spend quality time together as they learn about the importance of higher education and the opportunities that follow.
- Special Events -Saturday events are for all father-son teams from all schools' districts. Events will take place in person. These events are typically six hour long. The conferences are designed to provide an opportunity for the FSP teams to hear from UTRGV STEM faculty, staff and organizations while engaging in STEM hands-on activities.
- Community Service Event-Community Service offers activities that are pre-planned by the P-16 Outreach and Testing Services FSP staff that allow the FSP teams to serve the community. These events are typically two to four hour in person or virtual workshops.

To learn more about the Father-Son Program, contact the office of P-16 Outreach and Testing Services

at (956) 665-2080 Email: [p16outreach@utrgv.edu](mailto:p16outreach@utrgv.edu)

