



California State University
SAN MARCOS

Carnegie Foundation Once Again Names CSUSM a Community Engaged University

“As a public university, I believe that community engagement is a moral obligation. Quite simply, community engagement makes sense because it builds on a core CSUSM strength: putting academic inquiry at the service of solving real-world problems. In the case of Cal State San Marcos, what I wish to emphasize is that everything we do – every initiative, every project, every program, every event – grows out of a deeply ingrained institutional culture of community engagement.”

~ Karen S. Haynes, President



The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching announced in January 2015 that California State University San Marcos had once again achieved the prestigious designation as a Community Engaged university. CSUSM’s reapplication for the Carnegie Elective Community Engagement Classification documented – through 72 pages – the exemplary institutional practices of community engagement happening all around campus. Below are just a few of the highlights from the document:

- In 2011, a separate [division of Community Engagement](#) (CE) was founded to coordinate outreach and engagement efforts with external organizations; maximize opportunities for curricular engagement; and support strategic University-community partnerships
- [Incentive Grants for Community Engaged Scholarship](#) support faculty in building mutually beneficial, reciprocal partnerships with community organizations to enhance their research, creative activity, teaching and/or service
- Representative faculty from all colleges form the [Community Engagement Faculty Advisory Council](#) which works to identify ways to build strong University-community partnerships that are anchored in the rigor of scholarship and designed to help build community capacity



- The [Office of Civic Engagement](#) curates a growing list of official community partners to support service learning and offers workshops and trainings to facilitate further collaboration
- The [Alliance to Accelerate Excellence in Education](#) (The Alliance) serves the K-12 guaranteed admissions school districts, strengthening the relationships between the campus and districts
- The [Office of Tribal Engagement](#) engages with tribal communities and works to increase access and pathways to college for Native students
- Curricular engagement -- in the form of capstone courses, Senior Experience, internships, study abroad, service learning, etc. -- relies on sustained community partnerships that help students bridge their learning from theory into practice
- The [Co-Curricular Model in Student Affairs](#) identifies student learning outcomes related to civic engagement and social responsibility and facilitates opportunities that achieve these outcomes
- In 2008, the start of an innovative partnership with the City of Temecula resulted in the opening of CSUSM's first satellite campus, [CSUSM at Temecula](#)
- Founded in 2012, the [CSU Institute for Palliative Care](#) is the first statewide educational and workforce development initiative focused on palliative care education
- Through [ACE Scholars Services](#), CSUSM serves more former foster youth per capita than any other university in the nation
- In partnership with the [Veteran's Center](#), the division of Community Engagement works to promote collaboration with the numerous military installations in our region, and seeks to identify ways to expand educational programs and services
- Innovative affiliation agreements that create public-private partnerships, like [The Quad](#), allow the University to leverage resources to serve even more students with a high-quality college experience

Read the complete [California State University San Marcos reapplication](#) for Carnegie's Community Engagement Classification.



About the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

The [Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching](#) is a national organization responsible for classifying all institutions of higher education. In 2006, the [Carnegie Foundation began a Community Engagement Elective Classification](#). Institutions were welcome to submit documentation for this evidence-based classification in two categories: 1) Curricular Engagement and 2) Outreach and Partnerships.

In 2006, CSUSM was one of 76 institutions in the country to achieve the elective classification, and one of 62 to receive classification in both categories.