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](http://carnegielaureate.org) for Carnegie’s Community Engagement Classification.