COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT UNO

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UNO AS NEBRASKA'S METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY
Elective classification

Requires data collection and documentation of institutional practices

Application reviewed to determine if institution qualifies for recognition as a community engaged institution
UNO one of original 74 institutions, and one of just 27 public institutions classified in both curricular and outreach engagement
UNO reclassified and now one of 361 institutions with the elective classification
LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTIONAL IDENTITY AND CULTURE
INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT
CURRICULAR ENGAGEMENT
FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP
OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIPS
2,668 students in Service Learning courses

5,350 students in community-based service and volunteering

384,805 community service hours from UNO students
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY EXEMPLAR PROJECTS

AQUAPONICS

COMPUTER BASICS
FOR INMATES

SUMMERWORKS
SERVICE LEARNING AT UNO

BEGAN IN
1997
100 students
7 courses
1,450 Service Learning Courses
10,000 P-12 Students in P-16 Partnerships
23,000 UNO Students
$16.49 Million Value Added to Community
2014-15
2,600 students
205 courses

P-16
1,360 P-12 students
86 courses
COURSES IN ALL 6 COLLEGES
AT EVERY LEVEL FROM FIRST-YEAR TO GRADUATE SEMINARS
IMPACT OF SERVICE LEARNING

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT
PERSONAL GROWTH
COMMUNITY IMPACT
More than 2,800 UNO students in 2012-2013

More than 6,000 volunteer with K-12 students and community volunteers

97,000 hours of community service

Volunteers satisfied and willing to participate again
ONE YEAR LATER...
The estimated number of community-based organizations outside of the university that have utilized space at the Weitz CEC is 195.

The number of events hosted for the university, students, partners, nonprofits, and government organizations to date is 3,000+.

The number of hours the Weitz CEC has been used for events benefiting the community and campus is 11,000.

The estimated value of contributed space and IT services for workshops, trainings, conferences, open houses, dialogues, and other events is $700,000.

The number of university and community-based nonprofit partners that reside in the CEC is 29.

The number of parking stalls reserved for the community is 20,000+.