

THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT CSUSM

<http://www.csusm.edu/community/>

Our Guiding Philosophy

At CSUSM, we value strong communities and believe that the exchange of knowledge and ideas makes them stronger by solving critical issues and better preparing their leaders. We believe that strong communities and strong universities go hand-in-hand. Higher education is changing the lives and creating opportunities for the 12,000 people who study, teach, and work on our campus every day, and we must channel this transformational power off campus to help the million-plus people living in our community. Community partnerships are the perfect conductor for that transformational power and for making our community stronger--for our youth, families, businesses, nonprofits, governments, military and veterans, and tribal members.

What We "Do"

The Community Engagement division works to build a stronger and more vibrant community by forging and growing strategic partnerships between the University and a multitude of regional entities, and expanding our relationships with the larger community in general.

Connections ----> Collaborations ----> Partnerships ---->

How We Do It (Our "Portfolio")

- School District Partnerships (*Lead: Jan Jackson, VP*)
 - Guaranteed admission agreements with six districts (plus two counties, one foster youth academy and one tribe)
- Tribal Relations and Engagement (*Lead: Tishmall Turner, Tribal Liaison*)
 - Office of the Tribal Liaison
 - ✓ Native Advisory Council
 - ✓ Annual Tribal Summit (Fall)
 - ✓ Annual Report to Tribal Nations (Spring)
 - ✓ CSUSM Tribal Task Force
 - ✓ General "bridge" to tribal communities
- Military Relations and Engagement (*Lead: Jan Jackson, VP*)
 - Strategic connections to MCIW for:
 - ✓ New program development via EL and Colleges
 - ✓ Base connections for faculty research and projects
 - ✓ Conduit between General's Office and President's Office
- Business and Economic Development. Linkages (*Leads: Anna Fleming, Community Liaison/Jan Jackson, VP*)
 - Chamber Champions program (16 area chambers of commerce; 65+ CSUSM faculty and MPPs; including 6 board seats)
 - Economic Development Councils (in SD, North SD, and SWRiv; including board seats on all)

- Community Leadership Programs (*Lead: Scott Gross, AVP*)
 - Leadership North County
 - Leadership Southwest County
- Presidential Engagement (*Leads: Various*)
 - President's Annual Report to the Community
 - University Council (community-based advisory council)
 - Annual Report to Tribal Nations
 - Community Letters Initiative
- General Community Engagement (*Leads: Various*)
 - Speaking engagements (Rotary, Kiwanis, Conferences, etc.)
 - VIP campus tours
 - Community events and representation
 - Information "clearinghouse"
 - Arts and Lectures
 - Public Art Program

Our Academic Affairs "Supporting Role"

- Office of Community Service Learning
- Arts and Lectures
- Faculty speaking engagements
- Faculty chamber and EDC engagement
- Research interests
- North County Professional Development Federation
- Tribal connections
- Military connections
- Community events and representation
- General resource for faculty for "all things community"
- Also link to Career Center in Student Affairs for internship connections

Our Community Engagement Team

- Dr. Jan Jackson, Vice President
- Dr. Scott Gross, Associate Vice President
- Anna Fleming, Community Liaison
- Tishmall Turner, Tribal Liaison
- Marilyn Huerta, Arts and Lectures Coordinator
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