Office of Community Engagement

Vision

You cannot have a great community without a great university connected to that community, and strategically beyond.

Mission

UNLV will partner with the community to enhance research, teaching and service in ways that build a stronger, healthier, and more vibrant community. Through partnership with the community and strategically leveraging our unique strengths, we can extend our impact beyond our immediate community to the region, the nation, and the world.

Values

*Entrepreneurial.* UNLV partners with our community to identify, stimulate, and support scholarly activities and scientific breakthroughs that advance academic disciplines and the community, including economic development and diversification.

*Collaboration.* UNLV fosters and supports collaboration with and among campus units and community organizations to increase capacity to develop and extend partnerships.

*Leverage.* UNLV leverages existing assets within the university and community to maximize collective impact of collaborative efforts.

*Diversity.* UNLV values student, faculty, and staff diversity. We systematically examine ways to ensure that all students and members of the academic community thrive, succeed, and advance.

*Responsiveness.* UNLV is a present, participatory, and viable member of the community. We take part in community-based conversations to stimulate and support scholarly activity that addresses the most pressing societal needs in our community, state, and the region we serve. UNLV is committed to responding on timely basis.

*Relationships.* UNLV recognizes the need to build strong and healthy relationships across the institution and with our community partners. We develop infrastructure that fosters mutual understanding, trust, and respect to enable co-creative definitions of problems, solutions, and metrics of success.

*Accessibility.* UNLV aims to increase the accessibility of the academic and research assets of the university to all constituencies we serve.

*Communication.* UNLV is committed to building and sustaining institutional and community communication systems to support a universally understood and well-coordinated approach to community engagement.

*Integration.* UNLV integrates community engagement into the teaching, research and service mission of the institution through the collaboration across institutional units and academic departments.

*Neutrality.* UNLV will maintain neutrality to serve in a mediating role when there are divergent disciplinary or community views.