New Faculty Orientation
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GCE Mission – External Facing

- UNLV’s Office of Government & Community Engagement seeks to support, facilitate, and promote collaboration, partnership and engagement between the university and its many communities.

- Direct report to President Whitfield
Intergovernmental Advocacy (Local)

- Clark County
- City of Las Vegas
- City of Henderson
- City of North Las Vegas
Intergovernmental Advocacy (State)

- Nevada System of Higher Education
- Nevada Legislature – Biennial 120 day Session every odd year
- Interim Committees
- Southern NV Forum
- Joint Policy Forums
- NV State Boards & Commissions
  - [https://admin.nv.gov/Boards/](https://admin.nv.gov/Boards/)
UNLV Legislative Wins - $540M (base + bills)

- Restoration of Budget Cuts...............................................................$18M
- Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine............................................$9.2M
- Graduate Teaching Assistant Funding........................................$14M
- Summer School Funding for Teachers.......................................$320K
- Boyd Law Immigration Clinic.........................................................$1M
- NV Institute for Teacher Education Prep......................................$1.6M
- Expanding the Leaderverse .........................................................$750K
- GCUA Tourism Safety Institute......................................................$1M
- Summer School Funding for Teachers.........................................$320M
- Research Operations and Maintenance......................................$5M
Intergovernmental Advocacy (Federal)

- Federal Appropriations Process
  - Programmatic Requests
  - Language Requests
  - Congressionally Directed Spending ("earmarks")
- Federal Agencies
- Interdisciplinary Cross Institutional Collaborative Research Endeavors
Community Engagement at UNLV

- Guided by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
- Community engagement describes the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.
- Purpose of community engagement - partnership of university knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors to enrich scholarship, research, and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.
- President Whitfield Priority

Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement - In 2020, UNLV became a first-time recipient of the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement after a multi-year examination of the university’s identity and culture, assessment, policies, and service learning. UNLV is currently preparing its application for recertification.
Community Partners

- Primary Partners:
  - Clark County School District
  - Business Community
  - Nonprofits
  - State Agencies
  - Government
  - Trade Unions

- FY23 Community Engagement Data
  - 1,109 Projects
  - 535 Community Partners
  - 99% of Partners are Nonprofits
  - 23% of Projects Focus on Poverty, Food Insecurity, and Homelessness
  - 4% Focus on UNLV Neighborhood
Community Resources UNLV Provides

- Virtually every college, school, and unit at UNLV is involved in community engagement in some way. UNLV's GCE offers the **Guide to UNLV Resources** for the Community, which lists a variety of resources, programs, services, and offerings provided by UNLV in the following categories:
  - Arts
  - Athletics
  - Community Events
  - Dental
  - Differently Abled
  - Education
  - Event Services & Venues
  - For Educators
  - For Nonprofits, Government, & Businesses
  - Health & Wellness
  - Lectures
  - Legal
  - Libraries & Literary
  - Medical
  - Mental Health
  - Nature and Environment
  - Services and Safety
  - Youth Programs & Camps
The UNLV GCE partners with UNLV colleges and administrative units across the campus community to facilitate collaboration with the community. GCE shares a variety of resources on its website to help support UNLV faculty and staff involved in community engagement.

- https://www.unlv.edu/gce
- Guide to Forming Community Partnerships
- Guide to Common UNLV Community Collaboration Agreements
- A Step-by-Step Guide to Community Based Participatory Research
- Office of Service Learning and Leadership
- Faculty Center
- Top Tier 2.0 Community Partnerships Goals
- American Council on Education (ACE)
- Coalition of Metropolitan and Urban Universities (CUMU)
- Campus Compact