Our Top Tier vision and mission guide our efforts at UNLV, and we have made remarkable progress on our journey. We continually evaluate our actions, and it is time to expand our plans to become an even greater university. Top Tier 2.0, the next evolution of our strategic plan, is a forward-looking roadmap that our university will continue to refine and follow over the next decade. It builds on our progress and recognizes our opportunities as we continue on our path to becoming a top public research university.

The work we do continues as we advance retention, graduation rates, research expenditures, doctoral degrees, non-faculty researchers and postdocs, and community impact.

Top Tier 2.0 is focused around our current core areas:
- Student Achievement;
- Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity;
- Academic Health Center; and
- Community Partnerships.

There will be two new cores:
- Socio-Economic Development and
- Promote and Support a Culture of Social Justice, Equity, and Inclusion.

These cores are all made possible through continuing to develop our infrastructure and ensuring shared governance practices are at the heart of what we do, which is our foundational core. An additional foundational core of philanthropy and alumni engagement has been created as we must strategically deepen the culture of philanthropy and alumni connection since this area is key to our financial stability.

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Core Areas

**Advance Student Achievement**
Student achievement continues to focus on improving undergraduate student learning outcomes, experiences, and co-curricular opportunities. More focus will be directed to closing the achievement gap, financial aid, and workforce development, in addition to carving out and optimizing opportunities for graduate student success.

**Foster Community Partnerships**
Economic development has been moved to its own core, separate from community partnerships. The core community partnerships seeks to leverage our resources for public good to advance the university and the communities we serve. There will be increased focus on K-12, civic engagement, and community needs.

**Bolster Research Scholarship, and Creative Activity**
Research, scholarship, and creative activity will increase innovation and excellence in research, especially as we develop multiple interdisciplinary opportunities, and seek opportunities that further enhance scholarship and creative activities.

**Stimulate Socio-Economic Development**
Economic development is now a standalone area, focused on the research park, industry engagement, and entrepreneurship and innovation. It includes the humanistic element, which is why it is named socio-economic.

**Create an Academic Health Center**
A highly functioning academic health center will not only provide high-value quality care for the community, but also provide a source of economic diversity for our economy and provide cutting-edge research, and we are on the path to put into place the structural and processes components needed to guide our efforts.

**Promote Social Justice, Equity, and Inclusion**
In addition, to address culture a new core to promote and support a culture of social justice, equity, and inclusion has been developed. Through cultural change, we will foster an environment that is inclusive, welcoming, and supportive for all.

**Foundational Cores**

**Infrastructure and Shared Governance**
We enable progress in our cores by continually developing and leveraging the conditions necessary for success, including an improved infrastructure and meaningful faculty engagement.

**Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement**
We will strategically engage in comprehensive and cohesive coordination as we deepen the culture of philanthropy and alumni connection.

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