

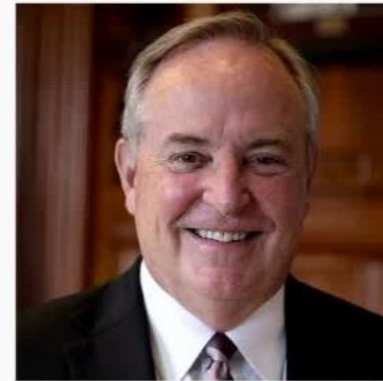
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President's Summit on Citizenship and Service



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Why



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- Decline in civic trust and participation; an increase in divisiveness
- Universities play a critical role in democracy, and a more integrated effort is required to meet the moment.
- Texas A&M has a special responsibility, rooted in the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862 and its own founding mission, to cultivate educated citizenship.

Our Ultimate Goal: Each student who graduates from Texas A&M University, through reflection on the Aggie Core Values, instruction, high-impact experiences and leadership opportunities, will be ready and willing to serve as contributing citizens of their communities, the State of Texas, and the United States.

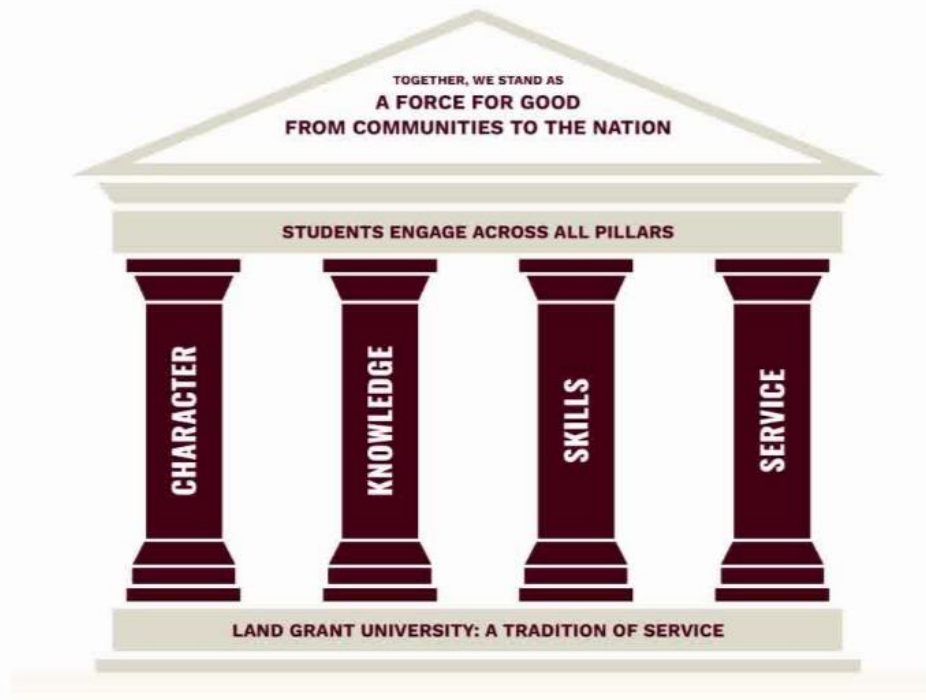
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Unique Framework



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Working definition of Citizenship: A relationship between individuals and the state that entails responsibilities, rights, and "civic friendship."



Every pillar will be led by a College or Unit.

There will be collaboration across campus so students can obtain experiences across all pillars.

What We're Doing & When



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Fall 2025

- Governor's School
- Fish Camp, Hullabaloo U & New Student Conference Content
- Citizenship Toolkit
- Assessment Framework

- Review of Learning Outcomes
- Teachers' Corps
- Aggie Lyceum
- KAMU Programming
- Civics/Bush 241
- Call for Proposals
- Pilot Purpose Tool
- National Ethics Challenge

- Civic Engagement Minor
- Badging for Service
- Student Recognition Protocol and Mapping Tool
- Presidential Awards
- National Symposium
- 3 Credit Service Course
- Carnegie Classification
- Aggies Run for Office Boot Camp
- Civics Bee and We the People

Spring - Summer

2026-2027

Institutionalizing and Integrating



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Character

- Hollingsworth Center for Ethical Leadership
- Mays Business School
- Ethics Challenge
- Purpose Tool

Knowledge

- Bush School
- Bush 241
- Citizenship Toolkit
- Civic Engagement Minor

Skills

- Arts & Sciences
- Education & Human Development
- Aggie Lyceum
- Haynes Teachers' Corps for Leadership, Citizenship and Civic Engagement

Service

- Provost
- Division of Student Affairs
- Recognition systems
- Service learning

Great Aggies & Great Citizens through institutionalized integration of character, knowledge, skills, service.

Gaps and Requirements



- Integration Tools
- Government Courses $\approx$ Civics Courses
- Resources to pilot more and scale, e.g. Visiting Professor/Chair; National Presidential Awards
- Research

Now resourced from President, \$200K one-time Foundation, grants (TBC)

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Citizenship Initiatives

Comprehensive approach to cultivating active and engaged citizens through various programs and initiatives.

Student Leadership Roles



Common Activities:

- REPRESENTING STUDENT VOICES IN CIVIC INITIATIVES
- STUDENT GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT AND MENTORING
- LEADING VOTER ENGAGEMENT
- HOSTING DEBATES, FORUMS, OR LEGISLATIVE TRIPS

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Service Learning & Volunteerism

Common Activities:

- COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS TIED TO COURSEWORK
- REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS FOR GRADUATION OR PROGRAMS
- RECOGNITION THROUGH TRANSCRIPTS OR STOLCS



Civic Discourse, Civil Communication, & Media Literacy



Common Activities:

- TRAINING IN RESPECTFUL DEBATE & NEGOTIATION
- MEDIA LITERACY INSTRUCTION
- DIALOGUE SESSIONS ACROSS DIFFERENCES

Constitution Day & Civic Holidays



I am
a voter

Common Activities:

- PUBLIC LECTURES OR GUEST SPEAKERS
- EDUCATIONAL HANDOUTS ABOUT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES



Academic Integration of Citizenship

Common Activities:

- CROSS-DISCIPLINARY CLASSES WITH CIVIC THEMES
- ETHICS MODULES IN PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS
- INTERNSHIPS IN PUBLIC SERVICE OR POLICY



Recognition & Awards for Civic/Service Work

Common Activities:

- BADGES OR CERTIFICATES
- GRADUATION REGALIA TIED TO SERVICE
- NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS



Global Citizenship & International Perspectives



Common Activities:

- CULTURAL COMPETENCE TRAINING
- GLOBAL-LOCAL ACTION CONNECTIONS

