



One Word *Determined*



IMPACT REPORT
2021-2022

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I have had the pleasure to serve in various roles and capacities while working at several institutions throughout my 25 years in my professional career. These past years have been challenging, but as a team and institution we were able to overcome each and every obstacle that was set before us. The challenge of the past two and half years has only demonstrated how people, areas, issues, and social injustices continue to persist for those that do not have the economic, political, or social ability to impact their circumstance. Moreover, as I have reflected about the past two years, I feel as if we have not taken the time to mourn, assess, analyze, or truly understand the roads we have all traveled to get us to this place we call, "now". So much has happened. So much has changed. I hear people and the media talk about "going back to normal". What does that really mean? Our world will never be the same. We cannot turn back time. Similar discussions were spoken of after the tragedy of September 11, but we did not go back to our way of life as it was on September 10, 2001. We must reflect. We must learn. We must move forward and yet we must also look back to how we got here and how we, collectively, must move forward to make the world a better place. Are we ready for the next pandemic? Will we be a voice for the injustices that continue exist in our society? Will we answer the call?

I believe the Ettlign Center for Civic Leadership & Sustainability did its best to answer the call to support, assist, and help those most in need. The Center in collaboration with its partnering organizations, educational entities, and non-profits were able to provide much needed support and assistance to the most vulnerable at a time of desperate need.

Despite the many challenges, including working remotely and the cancellation of all global health missions through April of 2022, the Ettlign Center for Civic Leadership & Sustainability was able to offer students and members of the UIW community various innovative service options that impacted over 45,000 members of our local and regional community.

The following is a summary report of the various programs, activities, events, and efforts conducted by the students, faculty, staff, and friends of the Center to support the goals of the Ettlign Center and the University of the Incarnate Word. We will continue to serve and support those in need, poor, sick, voiceless, and hopeless in our global community throughout the 2022-2023 academic year regardless of the obstacles that may persist in our society.

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Mission

In the spirit of Christian service, to develop leaders who promote social justice in partnership with diverse local and global communities.

Vision

The UIW community will gain a sense of global citizenship & cultural sensitivity as a result of programs, activities, and service experiences that develop and transform participants' sense of civic responsibility, awareness for social issues, and efforts to be ecologically minded to build more sustainable communities.

Values

- Civic Responsibility
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Global Citizenship
- Interfaith Perspective
- Leadership Development
- Social Justice Awareness
- Sustainable Initiatives
- Work Done in Collaboration



The programs, services, and activities conducted by the Ettlign Center for Civic Leadership & Sustainability are in alignment with the Catholic Church's social teaching which is focused on building a just society and living our lives as God would want us to, amidst the challenges of modern society. The following are seven key themes that may be ascertained from modern Catholic Social teaching:

- *Life and Dignity of the Human Person*
- *Call to Family, Community, and Participation*
- *Rights and Responsibilities*
- *Option for the Poor and Vulnerable*
- *Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers*
- *Solidarity*
- *Care for God's Creation*



- Provide leadership opportunities, social justice awareness, and diversity/equity experiences for the UIW campus community. **Achieved**
- Apply for at least 2 grants and/or funding opportunities, in the hopes of obtaining \$50,000 in funding to support programs and services conducted by the Center by 6/30/2022. **Achieved**
- Strengthen and expand the "story telling" and communication of services and activities of the Center to include a wider audience, specifically CIW and UIW Irapuato campuses. **Achieved**
- Provide students with opportunities to "make meaningful experiences" as part of their graduation service requirement with an emphasis on poverty, food insecurity, homelessness, and immigration. **Achieved**
- Increase sustainability and ecological educational awareness programming and activities during the 2021-2022 academic year, focusing on issues such as climate change and recycling. **Achieved**
- Begin "piloting" the experiential/service learning component on the GivePulse platform system including contactless & socially distant options. **In-Progress**
- Continue to assist and support programs and events that address diversity, equity, and inclusion for the campus and local community throughout the 2021-2022 academic year. **Achieved**



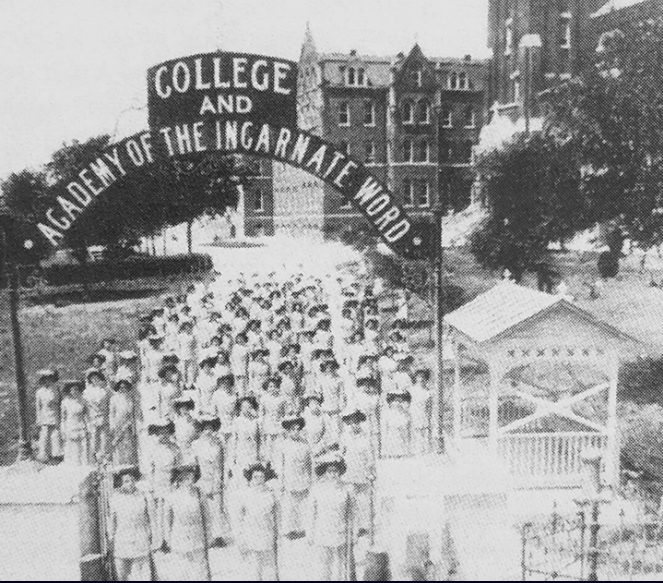
- In alignment with Catholic Social Teaching, the Center will provide educational experiences, hands-on opportunities, and informational sessions on social justice issues focused on :
 - health, wellness, and nutrition disparities;
 - food insecurity;
 - climate change/sustainability;
 - immigration; and
 - civic engagement/ voter education;

- Provide leadership educational experiences and opportunities for students within and beyond the community served by the Center, to include:
 - Cardinal Community Leaders
 - Sustainability Scholars
 - K12 student leadership opportunities

- Provide global service experiences and opportunities for students to ensure that they are enlightened, engaged, and understanding the needs of the most vulnerable, poor, uneducated, and less fortunate in areas supported by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word that include:
 - McAllen-Pharr, Texas
 - Oaxaca, Mexico
 - Guanajuato, Mexico
 - Las Piedras, Puerto Rico
 - Natalia-Pearsall, Texas

- In an effort to ensure the financial sustainability of programs, services, and activities conducted by the Center, the leadership team will submit at least two grant applications to public, private, governmental, and business entities during the 2022-2023 academic year.





One Word



Engaged



Social Justice

The Ettlign Center conducts various programs, services, and activities that bring awareness to various social justice issues that exist in our current society. These programs and activities are to support and supplement the in-class discussions, academic curriculum, and course projects conducted by University faculty in an effort to educate men and women who will become concerned and enlightened citizens. The following is a brief listing of programs conducted during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Food Insecurity

- Cardinals' Cupboard Food Pantry
- Golden Harvest Food Drive
- Si Se Puede/Yes U Can Food Drive
- 40 Cans Catholic Charities Food Drive
- St. Vincent De Paul Food Drive

Sustainability

- Spring Global Day of Service
- UIW Community Gardens
- UIW Move In
- UIW Green Games
- UIW Move Out

Health & Wellness

- College Health Scholars Program
- K12 Summer Health Professions Camp
- ARISE Health/Wellness Sessions
- South Texas Vaccinations Initiative
- Let's TACO About It-Mental Health Fair
- Spring Health/Wellness Fair
- UIW Blood Drives
- Refugee Simulation

Civic Engagement

- La Frontera Border Project
- UIW Votes
- DiversiTEA
- Migration, Refugee, Immigration Network
- Civility Week
- Juneteenth Celebration
- Shoebox Project



Social Justice Highlight

South Texas Vaccinations Initiative

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COVID-19 impacted so many communities throughout the nation and the world, including various parts of the South Texas community. One such area was the San Juan De Los Lagos Catholic parish located on the Westside of San Antonio. In late Fall of 2021, an outbreak hit the community which resulted in so many becoming ill, losing time from work, hospitalization and losing their lives. During the month of October, over 18 funerals were performed that were a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to support the needs of the community the Etting Center in association with the UIW schools of Nursing and Pharmacy hosted a one-day COVID 19 vaccination clinic to mitigate the flow of the virus.

18

Number of UIW Pharmacy & Nursing students and faculty who volunteered to support the five hour COVID, FLU, and COVID Booster vaccination clinic .

88%

Percentage of San Juan de Los Lagos community participants who were receiving the COVID-19 vaccinations for the first time since the inception of the pandemic.

10%

Percentage of clinic participants from the San Juan de Los Lagos community who were able to obtain the "second booster shot" for those over the age of 12.

136

Number of residents from the San Juan de Los Lagos community who received a Flu, COVID 19 Vaccine, and/or COVID 19 Booster shot during the one-day vaccination clinic.

CHALLENGES

- The event was planned over a three week time frame, so marketing and distribution of information was a challenge.
- Dispelling myths in a heavily Latino community regarding the COVID 19 vaccinations and the actual side-effects.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In visiting with the local priest of the congregation, he anticipated about 30-40 residents to attend the clinic. Over 135 attended the event.
- Over 10% of those who attended the clinic were able to obtain their booster shot, including some young school aged children.

REFLECTION

- Many of the residents were at first hesitant to walk in thinking that they would have to pay or not sure of the side effects. This program highlighted to our students and faculty of the health disparity that continues to exist in many parts of our state, especially in areas with large percentages of people of color.

IMPACT

- Drammatically reduced the number of deaths in the community in the subsequent months; additionally, the clinic helped reduce the myths and fears of the vaccine and booster shots.



Leadership

Sr. Dorothy "Dot" Ettlting had a vision that the leaders of tomorrow should have an understanding of key components to becoming a successful leader such as ethics, values, social justice, and truth. In alignment with Sr. Dot's vision, the Ettlting Center for Civic Leadership & Sustainability has implemented various leadership programs and support activities to help develop leaders for a dynamic, innovative, and ever-changing global society.

Student Leadership

- Cardinal Community Leaders Program
- Sustainability Scholars
- SWEET Ambassadors
- Young Women's Global Leadership Program
- SUSTAIN Sustainability Student Organization
- College Health Scholars Program
- Health Professions Summer Camp

Community & Campus Leadership

- Anti-Bullying Student Leadership Planning Committee
- Southwest ISD College & Career Expo Planning Committee
- International Student Leadership Planning Committee
- Faculty Academic Service Learning Advisory Board
- Sustainability Advisory Board
- International Affairs Advisory Council
- Cardinals' Cupboard Food Pantry Advisory Council



Leadership Highlight

UIW Health Professions Summer Camp

The one-day enrichment camp is focused on enlightening high school students on the various health careers and the opportunities available in the health, wellness, & nutrition fields in collaboration with each of UIW's Health Professional Schools, the UIW School of Math, Science, & Engineering, the Office of the VP of Enrollment Management and the Ettlign Center for Civic Leadership & Sustainability. The Health Professions Summer Camp is part of the Ettlign Center's College Health Scholars Initiative.

137

Number of high school students participating in the Summer 2022 UIW health professions summer camp.

41%

Percentage of students attending the summer camp who self-identified themselves as entering high school as a Junior for the 2022-2023 academic year.

7

Number of different graduate and professional health related programs presented at the 2022 summer health professions camp

13

Number of San Antonio area high schools represented at the health professions summer camp held on the UIW Broadway campus.

CHALLENGES

- Planning for the number of student participants due to the timing of the event which may conflict with other summer programs and activities for high school students.
- Coordination with the school districts due to their summer hours and schedule.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Overall number of actual participants of 137 exceeded the goal of 115 attendees.
- Happily surprised by the diversity and representing high schools of the 137 participants.

REFLECTION

- Many of the participants noted in the program survey that they had not considered as a possible career path the following health programs of Optometry, Physical Therapy or Pharmacy prior to attending the one day program. This event had changed their thought process.

IMPACT

- The impact of those in attendance will not be seen for five to nine years from now, but via anecdotal and qualitative data obtained throughout the day, students truly learned and gained from this educational program.



Global Missions

Since 2015, the Ettlign Center for Civic Leadership & Sustainability has led the University in coordinating and facilitating global health and education missions to various parts of the world including the Greater San Antonio area and South Texas. At the end of this reporting period, the Center was given the "green light" to continue to provide health and education mission opportunities and experiences to our UIW faculty, students, and staff. The Center looks forward to a more robust program offering during the 2022-2023 academic year.

2021-2022 Global Service

- CCVI La Frontera Project
- CCVI Migrant, Immigrant, Refugee Network
- International Affairs-Centro Fox Initiative

2021-2022 Mission Trips

- Guanajuato, Mexico
- Las Pirdas, Puerto Rico

2022-2023 Mission/Outreach Efforts

- Oaxaca, Mexico
- Natalia/Pearsall, Texas
- Pharr/McAllen, Texas
- Brownsville, Texas



Global Mission Highlight

Puerto Rico Health Mission

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Unfortunately the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the Center's ability to facilitate and conduct global mission trips over the past two years. In late Spring of 2022, the Center in collaboration with UIW's Feik School of Pharmacy was given the "green light" to move forward to provide our UIW students, faculty, and staff with an educational global experience while providing a service to those in need in Las Piedras, Puerto Rico. A UIW team of sixteen, including thirteen students, traveled in May of 2022 to provide elderly residents of a senior citizens center with basic health, wellness, and pharmaceutical support to improve their daily lives.

920

Number of community service/volunteer hours provided by the UIW Puerto Rico FSOP team to support the needs of Senior citizens.

1

Visit to the Merck Pharmaceutical company based in Las Piedras, Puerro Rico as part of the Health Mission Intinerary for the PR FSOP team.

1

Formal presentation made to the community of Las Piedras, Puerto Rico regarding health & wellness support provided by the UIW PR FSOP team.

13

Number of UIW Feik School of Pharmacy students who participated in the inaugural PR Health Mission in May of 2022.

CHALLENGES

- The COVID-19 pandemic created various logistical issues as the health protocols to and from PR changed during the planning period;
- The lack of a strong technological infrastructure in PR outlined several challenges.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Senior Citizen home supported by this particular health mission was very appreciative of the work conducted.
- University of Puerto Rico School of Pharmacy invited our UIW PR FSOP team to present and attend a group discussion regarding future collaborations.

REFLECTION

- Many residents and members of the community who were served during this unique opportunity in May of 2022, were impacted by Hurrican Ian's devastation in September of 2022. The Center and team members are contacting the "island" to see what support might be provided.

IMPACT

- Team members left the health mission feeling as support and assistance was provided, although the recent impact of Hurrican Ian refocuses and recenters us to remember how important relationships, time, and assistance can may a difference.



Reflection

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We have always been taught to love thy neighbor,
assist those in need,
look for the best in others,
trust,
have faith,
understand that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers,
be the voice for others,
not to dwell on the problem, but find a solution,
fight for a reason and a cause,
provide hope to those who otherwise feel hopeless or despair,
and work so hard that you fall asleep knowing that you did the Lord's work.

Over the past two years we have had to work through obstacles, challenges, and problems,
because this is who We are and What we do--- care for the Lord's flock.

Many of our brothers and sisters
were losing hope, losing faith, hungry, afraid, sheltered, sick, poor,
unemployed, homeless, and not sure of the future.

But with the Lord's blessings, support, and assistance, we have been able to
to do the Lord's work during this unique time in our history here on Earth.

May the Lord continue to bless us, the University,
the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and all members of our global community.





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