

2022-2023 Annual Report

Ettling Center for Civic Leadership & Sustainability



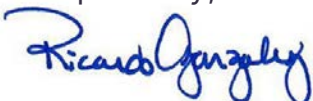
Director's Note

The following is a brief impact summary of a few of the programs, activities, events, and efforts conducted by the students, faculty, staff, and friends of the Etting Center for Civic Leadership & Sustainability to support the goals and objectives of the University of the Incarnate Word and impacting over 40,000 members of our global community during the 2022-2023 academic year. As we continue to work through the ramifications and the impact of our "new society" as a result of COVID-19, we must be forward thinking to prepare and adjust to the next "global" challenge that awaits us. Therefore, the Center must continue to teach, educate, and develop members of our campus community to become leaders and problem solvers for any obstacle that may arise in the near future.

Thus, the focus over the next three academic years will be to strengthen, enhance, and expand programming and services in the areas of leadership, global service, and advocacy. The Center plans to implement programming to develop leadership skills at all academic levels, beginning with undergraduate students and student organizations. Additionally, the Center will provide global service experiences and opportunities for students to ensure they are enlightened, engaged, and understanding of the needs of the most vulnerable, poor, uneducated, and less fortunate throughout the areas served by UIW. Finally, the Center will provide "meaningful mission focused experiences" for the campus community with an emphasis on serving and supporting those who are in poverty, food insecure, homeless, and migrating due to a social injustice.

The Center looks forward to the continued opportunity to make an impact both locally and globally in today's society. The Center professional staff and student support team understand the importance of providing and assisting those in need despite the challenges that may arise due to a social injustice, natural disaster, and/or failure within the systems prejudiced against those that are poor, sick, and hopeless. We will strive to continue to be a voice for those that feel hopeless, destitute, and lost, in alignment with our Catholic Social Teaching and the support of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

Respectfully,



Dr. Ricardo Gonzalez, Director



Vision Mission & Core Values



Vision

- Advance social change to address the needs of our global community.

Mission

- In the spirit of Christian service, to develop global leaders who promote social justice in partnership with members of our diverse global community.

Core Values/Tenets

- Facilitate a sense of global citizenship and cultural sensitivity
- Promote the development of civic responsibility and civic leadership through service
- Develop and encourage an inclusive interfaith perspective
- Work collaboratively to promote sustainable communities, wellness, and civic engagement
- Foster a sense of connecting local to global
- Advocate for a deeper understanding of social justice issues

Ettling Center History

2012-2013: The Beginning

Sr. Dorothy (Dot) Ettling, CCVI, founder of the Ettling Center for Civic Leadership, had a vision to support and mentor UIW students to become civically engaged leaders that would serve in the community, develop their leadership potential, and graduate as concerned and enlightened citizens with a passion for promoting social justice both locally and globally.

The focus of the three programming and services supported and conducted by the Center was to expand the possibility for students to learn leadership skills from extended service experiences both locally and globally. The premise of this focus was the thought that students can have greater potential for problem solving, civic engagement, and civic leadership only after having experienced and reflected upon meaningful service encounters.

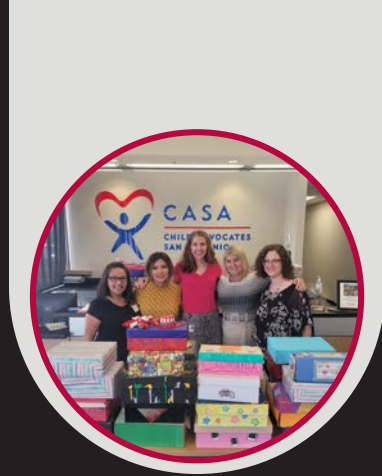


2022-2023: Today

The Ettling Center for Civic Leadership & Sustainability today supports, assists, and implements over thirty different programs focused on leadership, mission, and service to members of our global community. Over 40,000 members of our global community participated, were engaged, or were impacted by the programs offered by the Center. These ranged from community garden days, social justice marches, to global service missions in Mexico or South Texas.

Over the next three years, the Center will be focusing on areas of leadership, global service, and advocacy. Which we will continue to move forward with Sr. Dot's premise of developing students as they have the greater potential for problem solving, civic engagement, and civic leadership as a result of their personal experiences as part of a meaningful opportunity.

Ettling Center Goals 2022-2023



Leadership

Provide leadership opportunities and experiences for members of the UIW community to develop engaged and enlightened citizens for an ever-changing global society.



Advocacy

Provide "meaningful experiences" for the campus community with an emphasis on poverty, food insecurity, homelessness, and immigration.



Global Service

Provide global service experiences and opportunities for students to ensure they are enlightened, engaged, and understanding of the needs of the most vulnerable, poor, uneducated, and less fortunate in areas supported by the Sisters' of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

Leadership

Sr. Dorothy "Dot" Ettlting had a vision that the leaders of tomorrow should understand 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 at all levels for a dynamic, innovative, and ever-changing global society.

- Cardinal Community Leaders Program
- Young Women's Global Leadership Program
- UIW Student Leadership Symposium
- Brotherhood Summit
- Sustainability Scholars
- Southwest ISD College & Career Expo
- Health Professions Summer Camp
- Sustainability Advisory Board
- Faculty Service-Learning Advisory Board
- Cardinals' Cupboard Food Pantry Advisory Board

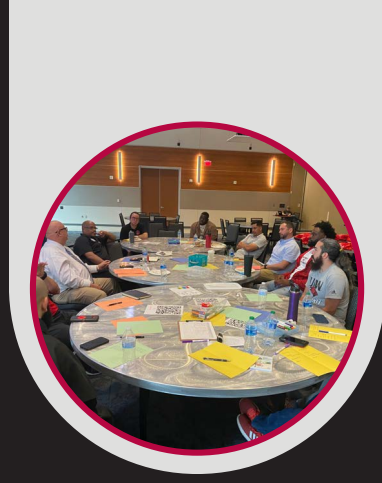
*Do not follow where the
path may lead.
Go instead where there is
no path and leave a trail.*

--Ralph Waldo Emerson



Leadership Highlight

Brotherhood Summit



The Ettling Center for Civic Leadership hosted a one day summit to bring together students, faculty, staff, administrators, and support staff to discuss issues, challenges, and areas to provide support for “Men” on the University campus.

The program was developed as a result of on-going conversations with undergraduate, graduate, and professional male students who felt overwhelmed, lost, disconnected, and spiritually spent after two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. Roughly 18 members of the campus community attended the first annual event in the Spring of 2023. As a result of the 2023 event, plans have begun to conduct the second annual event as well as the planning process to begin a counterpart program for Women by the end of 2025.



Advocacy

Sr. Dorothy "Dot" Ettling understood that the core focus of the Center should be the mission of the University which is to not only educate future leaders, but to encourage the student body to become actively involved in social justice issues and programming that educates and brings awareness with respect to an ever-changing, cultural, spiritual, racial, and global environment.

- Cardinals' Cupboard Food Pantry
- UIW Votes
- UIW Cardinals in the Community:
 - Global Day of Service
- Golden Harvest Food Drive
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Peace & Social Justice Week
- St. Vincent De Paul Society of SA Food Drive
- MLK Jr. March
- Black History Month
- Cesar Chavez Si Se Puede March
- Women's History Month
- UIW Campus Blood Drives
- UIW Community Garden Days
- UIW Juneteenth Celebration
- UIW/IWHS Las Posadas

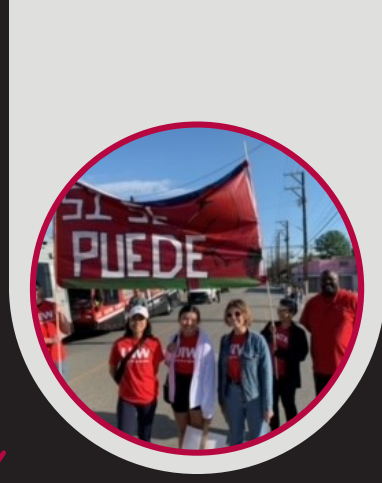
*When the world is silent,
Even one voice becomes
powerful*

--Malala Yousafzai



Advocacy Highlight

Cesar Chavez March



The Etling Center for Civic Leadership hosted a day with Cesar Chavez's grandson, Eduardo Chavez, (director, speaker, and podcast host) in the Fall of 2022. Eduardo discussed his recent documentary film which tracked his journey to connect with his grandfather's legacy and the role his grandfather had in making a change in the lives of so many farmworkers and union workers throughout the Southwestern United States.

The Etling Center expanded on the learning opportunity in the Fall by sponsoring in association with various campus departments an experience for student organizations, individual students, faculty, and staff members to walk and march in solidarity as part of the 27th Annual Cesar Chavez Si Puede March in San Antonio to continue the fight and bring awareness to continued challenges and obstacles that exist in today's society in the United States and throughout the world. Over 350 students, faculty, and staff participated in these collaborative events highlighting the work and vision of Cesar Chavez.



Global Service

Sr. Dorothy "Dot" Ettlting personally partook in global service missions which involved students, faculty, and staff to better understand the needs of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. The Center supports, assists, and provides financial support for various health, education, business, and multidisciplinary missions throughout the world.

- El Paso Health/Wellness Missions
- Del Rio/Eagle Pass Health/Wellness Missions
- Brownsville Entrepreneurship Mission
- ARISE Summer Immersion Experience
- Guanajuato, Mexico (Centro Fox Leadership Program)
- Oaxaca, Mexico Health Mission
- ARISE Winter Health Mission
- CCVI Migrant & Immigrant Refugee Network
- CCVI Frontera Project
- Young Women's Global Leadership Project

*Life's most persistent
and urgent question is:
What are you doing for
others?*

--Martin Luther King, Jr.



Global Service Highlight

Centro Fox Leadership



In Spring of 2022, former Mexico President Vicente Fox visited the UIW campus as part of a collaboration with the UIW Liza and Jack Lewis Center of the Americas. The Etting Center for Civic Leadership & Sustainability has since continued and expanded this partnership with President Fox over the past two years by developing a servant leadership mission experience for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from UIW.

Over a four day period, students are exposed to various cultural events, service opportunities and a dedicated time to visit and chat with the former global dignitary to discuss his perspective on the critical characteristics, leadership qualities, decision making processes, and communication skills necessary to be a leader for tomorrow's global environment.



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Ettling Center Future Goals 2023-2024



Leadership

Provide leadership opportunities and experiences for members of the UIW community to develop engaged and enlightened citizens for an ever-changing global society.

- Expansion of the one-day Student Leadership Workshop Symposium
- Development of a Catholic High School Student Council Leadership Summit



Advocacy

Provide "meaningful experiences" for the campus community with an emphasis on poverty, food insecurity, homelessness, and immigration.

- Develop an open market/"Mercado" for the Cardinals' Cupboard
- Implement an online inventory and shopping mechanism for the Cardinals' Cupboard by the end of 2025
- Provide SNAP/CHIP informational sessions for the campus community



Global Service

Provide global service experiences and opportunities for students to ensure they are enlightened, engaged, and understanding of the needs of the most vulnerable, poor, uneducated, and less fortunate in areas supported by the Sisters' of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

- Provide a mission experience for a San Antonio area Catholic HS
- Develop a partnership with another College/University to enhance the Global Service Mission experience
- Expand opportunities and experience to include UIW Irapuato and Mexico City campuses



Administrative

Notes

Fiscal Sustainability

The Ettlign Center for Civic Leadership & Sustainability Executive Leadership Team has very thoughtful when it comes to the fiscal responsibility of the Center. Since 2016 the Center has applied for various local, regional, and federal and private grant opportunities to ensure services, programming, and activities continue despite anticipated fiscal cuts or challenges as a result of the dynamic economic environment of the Texas and U.S. economy. In short, the Executive Leadership Team has been able to garner over \$650,000 in additional funding to support the Center's efforts. The Center will continue to explore and research opportunities to ensure the fiscal sustainability of programs, services, and activities supported and implemented by the Center.

Changing Landscape

COVID-19 has changed the way we work, it has changed the way our students and our community see and adapt to the world around them, and it should change the way we think as we continue to move forward and address the needs of our students, our parents, our businesses, and work-force community, in the Greater San Antonio area and beyond. Thus, we must continue to be innovative and creative in the development of student success support mechanisms, building and maintaining strong relationships with our community partners, creating opportunities for local businesses to be engaged with University, and provide a positive, thriving, and vigorous environment that will allow our students to achieve their dream of persisting, and receiving a degree from the University of the Incarnate Word.

Global Commitment

Sr. Dorothy "Dot" Ettlign believed that we are bound by each other and that we should treat, support, and assist each other as a brother and sister regardless of the color of our skin, gender, language, ethnicity, age, or any other discriminating factor. The Center supports that believe and plans to continue to provide meaningful global service mission experiences for our students and members of our campus community in an effort to "make change happen". We cannot stand by and watch social injustices taking place around us without acting, doing something, helping, or becoming a voice for others. The Center plans to expand the global service offerings in the coming years as well as developing partnerships with other colleges and universities throughout the Southwestern United States.

Meet the Team

- Sr. Walter Maher, VP of Mission & Ministry
- Dr. Ricardo Gonzalez, Director
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- Mayra Carbajal-Levy, Assistant Director
- Robert San Martin Jr., Program Specialist
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- Dr. Benjmain Miele, Sustainability Advisory Board Chair
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- Noelani Rodriguez
- Nathan Smith
- Madison Tulaba
- Esmey Valls

*It is better to lead
from behind
and put others in front*

--Nelson Mandela.

Reflection



**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 ten 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 this community,
the Ettlign Center for Civic Leadership & Sustainability,
the University of the Incarnate Word,
the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word,
and every member of our global community.**



Thank You

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