

## **INSTITUTIONAL SUCCESS IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT UofL**

1) UofL continues to be recognized for its **public service mission/commitment** to the metro Louisville community and Commonwealth since the founding of the university.

2) Achieved Carnegie Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for community engagement in 2008 and 2015. Achieving Carnegie classification demonstrates the efficacy of **central planning in community engagement for the university**.

3) The university has been successful in garnering **external recognition at the local, state, regional and national levels**. Twenty (20) or more institutions have sought the university's counsel and advice on **a)** establishing community outreach initiatives such as the Signature Partnership Initiative with west Louisville; and **b)** strategies aimed at facilitating institutional, faculty and student leadership in engaged scholarship, service and outreach. Awards worthy of note include:

- Exemplary Project Award from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Scholarship Awards to the School of Law Human Rights Advocacy Program with Professor Enid Trucios-Haynes
- 12th ranked in the nation in the "Saviors of our Cities: A Survey of Best College and University Civic Partnerships" from the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities and Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities

4) Engaging community through **partnerships, outreach, curricular engagement, and engaged scholarship**. While data collection is underway for the 2017-18 academic year a review of the 2016-17 data snapshot revealed that 2,146 community engagement activities were reported by academic and administrative units. *Refer to 2016-17 activity handout for more details.*

5) The university's **10-year initiative with the west Louisville community** addressing quality of life issues impacting community residents has been nothing less than spectacular. Highlights include a) 21,000 instances of student engagement with community projects in west Louisville; b) 4,200 instances of faculty and staff engagement with community projects in west Louisville; c) 200+ community partner organizations working with UofL and the residents of west Louisville; and d) UofL has garnered over \$30 million in grants and contracts for service and research projects that directly benefit west Louisville residents. *Refer to SPI 10-year summary for more details.*

6) Schools, Colleges, and Administrative units have been successful in securing and leveraging over **\$22 million in community engagement grants** during the 2016-17 academic year. *Refer to 2016-17 grants snapshot.*

7) UofL proudly celebrates over 50 years **fostering equity with college access initiatives** such as Upward Bound, Talent Search, GEAR Up, and Student Support Services aimed at providing support to first generation and low- income students. *Refer to College Access handout*

8) Vice President for Community Engagement office stands proud of its efforts to facilitate a **cultural/paradigm shift of advancing community engagement and engaged scholarship** since the University's initial commitment to community engagement.