



# Student Success

## The College for Health, Community and Policy

### OVERVIEW

Already UTSA's largest college, the College for Health, Community and Policy (HCaP) was launched in 2020 with a mission to create an interdisciplinary and synergistic environment that will transform how the university prepares students for the modern setting of health-related careers. The college focuses on the advancement of human health by bringing together UTSA's experts from nine separate disciplines: Criminology and Criminal Justice, Demographics, Kinesiology, Nutrition and Dietetics, Psychology, Public Administration, Public Health, Social Work, and Sociology. As part of its mission, HCaP is building an innovative model for higher education focused on improving well-being and developing recommendations for complex social problems. With a high percentage of first-generation students, HCaP is committed to providing student success programs that will meet the challenges of our student population, ensuring that all are successful in their studies, through graduation, and into their careers.



### CHALLENGE

The synergy that is cornerstone of the College for Health, Community and Policy must also be reflected in the opportunities available to its student to ensure their success at the highest level. While helping students with the expense of college is crucial, we must also work to provide them the skills they need to succeed once they are enrolled. Currently, HCaP lacks a dedicated space for students to gather for events, tutoring, and study groups.

This can cause the sense of a community to be lost and students may feel isolated with the perceived lack of support. To create a sense of community, HCaP is committed to providing a Student Success Center that will offer tutoring, mentoring, advising, and career assistance, among other services to help improve recruitment and retention, and increase the chances of academic and professional success.

### IMPACT

A Student Success Center that brings the HCaP community together and allows for more interaction between students, faculty, and staff will provide invaluable opportunities for all students. This is particularly important for our first-generation and under-represented minority students. It will serve as a meeting place for advising and peer mentoring, an event space for career panels, meetings with leadership, discussion forums, study groups, tutoring, presentation practice, and well-being sessions. At the Student

Success Center, we will not only build community but will provide advising and career assistance, as well as coaching and mentoring programs. In essence, the Student Success Center will be a hub for our students to share perspectives and practice essential skills and habits for academic success by learning with and from their peers and mentors. It is through these efforts that the Student Success Center will provide direction, support, and connection to UTSA.

## PARTNERSHIPS

While we seek partners to help provide financial support for our undergraduate and graduate students, we are also looking forward to connecting with UTSA alumni and friends who are interested in investing in the success of HCaP students beyond scholarships. HCaP welcomes the opportunity to partner with prospective employers and agencies that can provide experiential learning opportunities for students who want to further their career preparation.



## PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) has launched a comprehensive campaign to support UTSA's 10-Year-Strategic Vision introduced by President Taylor Eighmy in 2017. **Be Bold: A Campaign for Our Future**, which also extends 10 years and has a working goal of \$500 million, is focused on providing the infrastructure and resources needed to become a model for student success and research discovery.

The campaign supports all divisions, schools, departments, and institutes across UTSA. Scholarships make a tremendous difference and help UTSA attract and recognize high-achieving students. **Endowed Faculty Positions** help foster excellence in research and support efforts to recruit and retain highly qualified educators, researchers, and administrators. **Capital Projects** provide the necessary spaces to stimulate learning, research, creativity, and collaboration among students and faculty. There are numerous philanthropic opportunities within the College for Health, Community and Policy:

- Student Success Center - Technology and Software Support, Books and Supplies, Special Equipment
- Student Success Programs - Mentorship and Engagement, Experiential Learning Opportunities
- Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships - Annual and Endowed Scholarships
- Graduate Fellowships – Endowed Fellowships

UTSA has multiple avenues available to make an incredible impact. Gifts made annually can provide scholarship, research, and programmatic support across all areas. Gifts made through certain assets also have many benefits and include stock, IRAs, donor advised funds, real estate, life insurance, intellectual property, collectibles, matching gifts, in-kind gifts, estate gifts, and more.

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