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**The University of Texas at El Paso: A Flagship for Strengthening the STEM Workforce**  
**VIRTUAL TOWN HALL AGENDA**

December 11, 2020

**Session 1 (11:00-12:30 pm ET) | Session II (3:30-5:00 pm ET)**

Webcast Live Here: <https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/12-11-2020/the-university-of-texas-at-el-paso-town-hall-a-flagship-for-strengthening-the-stem-workforce>

**OVERVIEW**

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) and The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) invite you to join a virtual town hall. UTEP is a top-tier public research university and a flagship for preparing students, in particular Hispanic students, who enter a competitive STEM workforce through its inclusive, participatory, and integrated education and research environments.

- **Session I** will explore UTEP's deep commitment to providing access to exceptional education. National experts will highlight UTEP's efforts at supporting student success at multiple levels and how such efforts are recognized.
- **Session II** will focus on UTEP's collective approach to institutional transformation.

The audience will have an opportunity to engage through Q&A throughout the agenda.

**Session I**

**UTEP: A Flagship for Strengthening the STEM Workforce**

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM ET**

- 11:00-11:10A **Introduction: Overview of the NASEM [MSI Report](#)**  
Mr. Tom Rudin, *Former Director of the Board on Higher Education and Workforce, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine*
- 11:10-11:45A **Welcome**  
Dr. Heather Wilson, *President, The University of Texas at El Paso*
- 11:45-12:05P **Enacting Hispanic "Servingness": Insights from UTEP**  
Dr. Anne-Marie Núñez, *Professor of Educational Studies in Higher Education and Student Affairs, The Ohio State University*
- 12:05-12:20P **Seal of Excelencia: Recognizing Institutions of Higher Education that Intentionally Serve Hispanics**  
Ms. Sarita Brown, *President of Excelencia in Education*
- 12:20-12:30P **Closing Remarks**



**Session II**  
**UTEP's Collective Approach to Institutional Transformation**  
**3:30-5:00 PM ET**

- 3:30-3:40P     **Introduction**  
Dr. John Wiebe, *Provost, The University of Texas at El Paso*
- 3:40-4:05P     **An Asset-Based Framework for Student Success**
- Leveraging Students' Assets for Academic Success  
Dr. Erika Mein, *Associate Dean College of Education*
  - Faculty and Student Engagement  
Dr. Virginia Fraire, *Associate Provost*  
Mr. Louie Rodriguez, *Associate VP for Student Affairs*
- 4:05-4:50P     **UTEP Exemplars: Transformation in Action**  
Moderator: Dr. Lucía Durá, *Associate Dean, Graduate School*
- Moving the Nation's Research Agenda: Contributions of an HSI  
Dr. Roberto Osegueda, *VP for Research and Sponsored Projects*
  - Tapping Hispanic Talent through Undergraduate Research  
Dr. Lourdes Echegoyen, *Director of the Campus Office of Undergraduate Research Initiatives*
  - Establishing a Culture of Community Engagement  
Ms. Azuri Gonzalez, *Director of the Center for Community Engagement*
  - Advancing Excellence in Computing through a National Alliance of HSIs  
Dr. Ann Q. Gates, *Vice Provost Faculty Affairs*
- 4:50-5:00P     **Closing Remarks**

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**NOTES**

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- For more information on this event and partnering with the National Academies to host a town hall event please visit this webpage to get in touch: <https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/closing-the-equity-gap-report-dissemination>
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