International Advisory Board
Introduction to Texas A&M University Higher Education Center at McAllen

Uniquely Texas A&M University, Uniquely McAllen

https://youtu.be/SBvqDH5mONc
Introductions

➢ Small but Committed Team
  ▪ 14 Staff
  ▪ 26 Faculty
Students earn the Aggie Ring
Students earn the TAMU diploma
Students join the Aggie family
## Communities We Serve

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Majors at HECM

- Agricultural Economics
- Biomedical Science
- Construction Science
- Interdisciplinary Engineering
- Multidisciplinary Engineering Technology
- Public Health
- University Studies in Arts and Sciences
- Maritime Business Administration
- STEM Education for Middle Grades
- HR Development
Two Factors that explain Student Success

➢ Adult Mentor

➢ High Impact Practices
First Generation College Students and the HECM

➢ 2/3rds of our students are First generation College Students
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Gallup/Purdue 2015
Study Abroad As High Impact Practice

International Women’s Group

Meet Marco Cruz
McAllen Campus Student Shares Power of Academic Coaching

Division of Student Affairs
TAMU-McAllen Experience

- Small class sizes
- Strong Sense of Community
- Close student-faculty interaction
- Most classes taught by full-time faculty
- Very generous financial aid for McAllen students
- Cost savings
- Small college experience with backing of TAMU
What do our Students Say?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7GtvX9cmqY
Students and Financial Need

➢ Aggie Assurance Plus
  ▪ 64% All Tuition and Fees Covered
  ▪ 88% All or Portion of Tuition and Fees Covered
Word is Getting Out

- Growing number of applicants
- CS students transitioning to McAllen
- Community College Partnerships
- More Majors
Decade of Excellence – VISION 2020-2030

Four pillars:

- University as community
- Transformational education
- Discovery and innovation
- Impact on the state, the nation, and the world