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Center for Urban School Partnerships

While all schools require highly-skilled teachers, the need is especially obvious in urban school districts. When compared to their peers in suburban neighborhoods, higher numbers of students in urban schools under-perform, according to national and local test data. Teachers in these areas often struggle with how to best prepare and encourage their students.

The Center for Urban School Partnerships within the College of Education and Human Development is the answer. As the only research center in the state of Texas that aims to improve urban schools via collaborative partnership, the Center aims to enhance educational experiences and outcomes for urban students. Through scholarly investigations and strategic collaboration, the Center provides data-based answers to the most pressing research questions in the field of urban education. This research forms the basis of a transformational partnership between Texas A&M and urban school districts, colleges and governmental agencies.

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Colonias Program

For 25 years, the Texas A&M Colonias Program, housed within the College of Architecture, has striven to enhance the quality of life for residents in the unincorporated, unregulated, substandard settlements on the Mexican border. Extending the reach of its selfless service to support underdeveloped communities in Texas, the Colonias Program serves nearly a million residents every year through 42 resource centers. The mission of these centers is to enhance the overall quality of

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Veterinary Emergency Team

The Veterinary Emergency Team was formed in 2009 after Hurricane Ike as a unit that could mobilize to help people and animals adversely affected by natural disasters. Today, the team is comprised of roughly 40 students, faculty and staff from the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences who provide first-responder critical care and support during times of need.

During the historic floods in Fort Bend County and Brazoria County in the summer of 2016, the Veterinary Emergency Team deployed to help rescue and treat animals affected by the disaster. In 2011, following the Bastrop wildfires, the team worked with Texas Task Force One to participate in canine search and rescue. They were also able to triage more than 150 animals injured during the wildfire. While back at home, the team educates and trains veterinary students by offering courses in emergency response and management.

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