

# Equitable Experiences @ Texas A&M International



COLLEGE OF  
EDUCATION

*Texas A&M International University, a Hispanic Serving institution located in the US-border town of Laredo Texas, strives to ensure equitable experiences for all 1300 candidates by developing Adelante, Juntos, and Sí Se Puede in all.*

## Impact – Access– Success – Mobility

117

Largest Cohort Admitted 2022

60

Si Se Puede Scholars Supported

55

Graduating Classroom Ready

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### Adelante – Candidates as in- and out-of-class equity agents. They: ...

1. create opportunities to access our program, work hard to ensure success in our program, and bring a can-do attitude when addressing the challenges of being a first-generation student in our program.
2. serve as pedagogical partners for our faculty and peer mentors for our candidates to ensure the success and retention of our future teachers.
3. include six national Educator Rising Collegiate champions, who began their journey to nationals at TAMIU.

### Juntos – Faculty create a unique ethic of care. They: ...

1. share a vision of success characterized by respecting language and culture, sharing responsibility for all candidates, and promoting a step-by-step (*paso-a-paso*) approach to success and mobility.
2. value of language and culture by lining our corridors with the wisdom or *dichos* of elders who provide our candidates with constant reminders of how to achieve the success they desire.
3. embrace a shared responsibility for all to the level of knowing every candidate by name and need, an approach that has contributed to success rates for our candidates (90+%) that far exceed the State benchmarks (75%) and have resulted in State commendation for the last three years.

### Sí Se Puede – Students, Faculty and Staff build relationships for fostering personal development and social adjustment. They: ...

1. create community spaces in our building to foster a sense of belonging in the college, to the profession and in the community to decrease feelings of isolation, increase levels of support, and promote persistence among our candidates.
2. provide enrichment activities to extend learning opportunities beyond the regularly scheduled class time.
3. Our *Sí Se Puede!* Scholars receive the structure, strategies and sanctuary they need to experience success from admission through to graduation. Fall 2022 resulted in:
  1. 95% of our Scholars continue to be active in Certify Teacher and/or 240 Tutoring programs
  2. 20% are moving closer to securing permission to take the State exam
  3. 40 % have qualified to take the State exam
  4. 15 % have taken the State exam and are awaiting results
  5. 25% have passed their State exam



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