

Office of Government & Community Affairs Update



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General Overview

- **Statewide Leadership**
 - Governor Abbott
 - Lieutenant Governor Patrick
 - **Speaker Bonnen**
- **Local Leadership**
 - Senator Hughes
 - Representative Schaefer
 - Representative Hefner



Budget

- **House Introduced Budget**
 - \$52,628,901
 - 2% increase
- **Senate Introduced Budget**
 - \$51,870,684
 - .54% increase



Legislative Initiatives

- Sovereign Immunity
- Student Right to Vote
- Houston Engineering Center
- National Championship Baseball Team



Sponsorships & Co-sponsorships

- Visibility in the region
- Leveraging campus resources
- Coordinating efforts to gain efficiencies & track effectiveness



100 Communities Initiative

- Build relationships throughout East Texas with goal of creating significant partnerships
- Visit 100 communities by August 31 to make initial connections
- Meet with Chamber CEO and his/her invitees
- Meet with School Superintendent and his/her invitees



East Texas High School Idea Challenge

- Largest idea competition for East Texas high school students
- Two-phase competition
 - YouTube elevator pitch due March 15
 - “Shark Tank” competition on campus May 17
- Schools earn \$\$\$; Students earn scholarships
- uttyler.edu/idea



Discount Program



DISCOUNT PROGRAM

- Partner with local businesses to offer discounts to UT Tyler students, faculty, and staff
- Early adopters listed now – encourage businesses you shop/eat at to apply!
- <http://www.uttyler.edu/community/discount-program/>



Discovery Science Place

- **Community Outreach Partnership**
 - College of Arts & Sciences
 - College of Education & Psychology
 - College of Engineering
- **Research & Service Opportunities**



More Information

- uttyler.edu/community

