



AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

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Carnegie Community Engagement Classification Committee
American Council on Education
One Dupont Circle NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of Auburn University, I am pleased to endorse this application for renewal of our Carnegie Community Engagement Classification.

This Carnegie classification, which Auburn first received in 2010, is both a reflection of our proud land-grant heritage as well as our ongoing commitment to community engagement. The values expressed in our Auburn Creed have long encouraged mutually beneficial partnership as the path to expanding opportunity and elevating quality of life for all. Engagement is valued and is critical to the academic, research, outreach and extension environment we call the "Auburn Experience" for our students, faculty, alumni, and community partners.

Our new university strategic plan amplifies "Catalytic Engagement" as a core institutional goal undergirding Auburn's position as a national model of university engagement. This ambitious ten-year plan challenges us to increase synergistic university/community partnerships to drive innovation and increase our impact across Alabama and well-beyond.

Auburn is a remarkable university with a firm foundation to support our engagement endeavors. We have a solid presence across the state through a network of educational outreach programs, research centers, and extension offices which provide Alabamians with comprehensive access to our university resources. We have outstanding leadership in administration and throughout our academic programs who are devoted to building engaged partnerships to address the significant needs of our communities. Through these partnership initiatives we are having a significant impact in many areas including access to housing, healthcare and education opportunities for people in underserved areas.

We have challenged ourselves to advance Auburn University in achieving even greater heights as a transformational and impactful institution. Engagement is strategically important to this aspirational goal. Thus, I enthusiastically support this application for renewal of our Carnegie Community Engagement classification, and I thank you for the opportunity to share our progress through this report.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Roberts
President