

2021 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HERO AWARDS

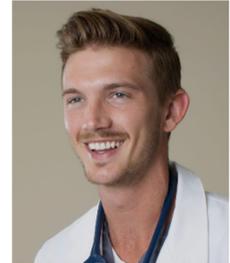
The IIIMS Community Engagement Hero Awards recognizes individuals who have worked as part of a community – campus partnership built on a foundation of reciprocal learning and trust for the improved health and well-being of South Texas communities. This year’s awardees are listed below.

Outstanding Student Award

This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated exceptional commitment and follow-through as part of a community service-learning project or internship that has created a tangible benefit for a community and academic partnership.

Awardee: Garrett Kneese – UTHealth San Antonio, School of Medicine Student

Partnerships: Lower Rio Valley Grande Valley Community Health Club



Outstanding Community Partner Award

This award recognizes community members who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and devoted their time, talents, and expertise for improving their community’s health and well-being.

Awardee: Jaime López, MS – Texas A&M Agrilife Extension – Frio County

Partnership: Frio County Translational Advisory Board



Outstanding Research Partner Award

This award recognizes faculty who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to collaboratively developing projects that promote leadership and shared learning while addressing community health concerns

Awardee: Pamela Recto, PhD, RN – UT Health San Antonio, School of Nursing

Partnership: American Indians of Texas Spanish Colonial Missions - SA Fatherhood Campaign



Outstanding Community Health Improvement Project

This award recognizes outstanding health improvement projects that address community-identified health concerns.

Partnership: Bexar County Translational Advisory Board and ReACH Center Community Service Learning
Voices: Vaccination Team - Kaivalya Gudooru, Vyas Sarabu, Kimberly Nguyen, Kathy Le, Meredith Hosek, Anna Phan, and Natasha Gonzalez, Armida Flores CHW, Ludivina Hernandez CHW, and Dr. Raquel Romero

