

The information in this section addresses many important institutional contributions to Ohio, as Ohio's universities forge key relationships and partnerships with our local, state, national and international communities. This data represents a sample of our best practices in university-community engagement and is designed to ensure that our public universities are recognized for their societal contributions as well as demonstrating greater accountability to individual students, parents and the public at large.

BGSU's \$700 million **economic impact** on Ohio as of 2004 are available.

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BGSU is a signatory to the **University Presidents' Declaration on the Civic Responsibility of Higher Education**.

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Awards

BGSU was among five U.S. colleges and universities whose curricular engagement with the community was recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in its inaugural recognition.

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The University's commitment to service-learning and civic engagement has earned it a place on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for 2007.

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UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Examples of University Engagement with External Constituencies

PreK-12 Partnerships: BGSU has a rich and extensive history of collaboration and partnership with PreK-12 schools. Although the College of Education and Human Development has been the most engaged, numerous colleges are participants in diverse, interdisciplinary collaborative partnerships with elementary and secondary schools.

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Sponsored Programs and Research Activity: In FY08, BGSU received external support for 187 projects for a total of \$17.9 million dollars. Fifty-two of the were the result of collaborations with universities throughout the nation and three were the result of international collaborations.

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A **collaborative agreement** between BGSU College of Technology's Electric vehicle Institute and EBO Group, Inc.

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Service-Learning is a key component of our commitment as an engaged public university to be an active partner in creating vibrant communities, promoting justice and equity as part of a democratic society, supporting economic development and educational access, and enriching the quality of life for all.

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BGSU has many examples of **business and industry collaborations**, including the Bob Sebo Lecture Series on Entrepreneurship, the Institute for Organizational Effectiveness, the Institute for Service Excellence, agreements with business schools in Hong Kong, students' work with companies on applied projects, and startup companies that have partnered with the Dallas-Hamilton Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

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Internships, cooperative education, practica, and clinical placements help students to gain practical experience related to their majors, serve the needs of our community partners, and, in some cases, help students to pay for college. See details below:

[Cooperative Education and Intership Program Office](#)

[The Cooperative Education Program in the College of Technology](#)

[The College of Education and Human Development's Office of Research and Field Experience](#)

[The College of Health and Human Services](#)

BGSU's **Center's and Institutes** provide a variety of opportunities for engagement with external constituencies.

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BGSU has approximately thirty **international collaborative agreements** with overseas institutions that serve faculty and students at BGSU seeking teaching and study opportunities abroad and research collaborations with colleagues at foreign institutions, with several under development with institutions in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Korea.

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Ohio Universities' Mission-Specific Engagement Initiatives

Arts, Culture, and Engagement: BGSU arts units are exemplars of community engagement. Through broad partnerships with regional organizations, our educational offerings produce opportunities for our students to benefit from professional arts resources on campus and beyond.

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Health and Wellness Community Partnerships: Partnerships between academic programs and area hospitals, medical clinics, and health and human services agencies provide unique capstone educational experiences for students in the College of Health and Human Services.

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Energy: Recent national discussions regarding transformation of the United States from a nation of petroleum consumers to that of a nation of green energy generators has been quite robust. The work currently undertaken at Bowling Green State University in the area of alternative energy is of vital national importance.

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