

# March 2020 Updates



Partnerships  
at Work for  
Greater  
Baltimore

## BTU DATA UPDATES: Engagements

Towson University faculty, staff, and students have

**386** ENGAGEMENTS with **575** PARTNERS\*

\*Many engagements address multiple impact areas

## IMPACT AREAS: BTU Partnership Highlights from December 2019–February 2020



**197**

**CURRENT  
ENGAGEMENTS**

### High-Quality & Equitable Education

- ▶ In collaboration with the College of Education, 100 new and veteran Community School Coordinators attended a professional development day at Towson University, participating in a variety of workshops and trainings, including one led by TU Faculty, Dr. Jessica Shiller.
- ▶ 30 students from City Springs Elementary/Middle School came to TU to learn from librarians about how to do research for their History Day Project, an annual competition organized by Maryland Humanities, where students prepare projects exploring the impact of a particular event in history.



**159**

**CURRENT  
ENGAGEMENTS**

### Strong Neighborhoods & Sustainable Communities

- ▶ Towson University Anthropology Students, working alongside students from Benjamin Franklin High School, have begun working with a local photo journalist to develop a book to tell the story of environmental injustice in their communities and engage Baltimore residents about the need to implement zero waste as alternatives to incineration.
- ▶ Through the EMPOWER Project, which builds capacity within the College of Education and in the community to serve the increasing population of English learner students, TU participated in an International Night at Monarch Global Academy, which was attended by students, parents, and community members and featured authentic food, artifacts, interactive games, and performances.



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ENGAGEMENTS**

### Lifelong Health & Well-Being

- ▶ To highlight ableness and potential accomplishments when accommodations are made, TU's College of Health Professions and College of Fine Arts & Communication are working with Towson Town Center to feature an exhibit of Dan Keplinger's work, a TU alumnus and artist with Cerebral Palsy.
- ▶ Students representing several campus LGBTQ+ student organizations gathered at the Chase Brexton LGBT Health Resource Center to meet with the Elders Support Group and further connect with their resources, programs, events, training, and services and learn about the LGBTQ+ rights movement in Baltimore.



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ENGAGEMENTS**

### Vibrant Arts & Cultural Community

- ▶ TU's Department of Music has launched a new partnership with The Maples Towson, where seniors will participate in drum circles, allowing them to feel a sense of community and enjoy social interaction with TU students.
- ▶ Since the exhibit "Collected Watershed" opened in January, TU students have been providing k-12 students with tours, bringing together the arts and sciences, while exploring the importance of local waterways in the overall well-being of the Chesapeake Bay.



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ENGAGEMENTS**

### Thriving & Competitive Economy

- ▶ The TU Black Economic Empowerment program within the Department of Political Science hosted a grant-writing workshop for community partners to help further efforts around enhancing the capacity of community-based organizations engaged in community development work.
- ▶ The Outstanding Young Women Leaders program launched its inaugural cohort with 25 young women from Baltimore County Public High Schools who will participate in a full year of leadership activities and events on TU's campus and throughout the community.

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