



KENNESAW STATE
UNIVERSITY

Quality Enhancement Plan 2019

It's About Engagement

*Success is more about what you do while in college and less about what college you attend. A recent study by Mayhew et al. (2016) showed that the most successful students are those who participate in experiences such as **internships, undergraduate research, and service-learning**. These engaged learning opportunities allow students to take what they learn in the classroom and apply it to the real world. Through internships, research, and service-learning, students also gain unparalleled opportunities to hone their critical thinking and communication skills. More importantly, these opportunities pay dividends for students well beyond graduation. At Kennesaw State, we believe that doing is the key to learning, which is why we are focused on increasing the number of engaged learning opportunities and giving more students the chance to learn by doing.*

The goals for *It's About Engagement* are to

- increase the number of opportunities for students to engage in internships, undergraduate research, and service-learning in undergraduate degree programs in each of the academic colleges and for the University as a whole; and,
- increase the number of students engaging in internships, undergraduate research, and service-learning opportunities in undergraduate degree programs in each of the academic colleges and for the University as a whole.

The student learning outcomes for *It's About Engagement* are

- Students will cite meaningful and valuable connections of their HIP experiences to their overall educational preparation.
- Students will gain new insights on the connectedness and integration of the academic preparation of their disciplines of study to the applied settings of their HIP experiences.
- Students will build upon prior knowledge and experiences to respond effectively to the new and challenging demands of their HIP settings.
- Students will demonstrate growth in professional and personal core values and sense of self as a result of their HIP experiences.

It's About Engagement advances KSU's mission of student success by focusing on the dynamic nature of engaged learning in each of the academic colleges and the university overall.

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