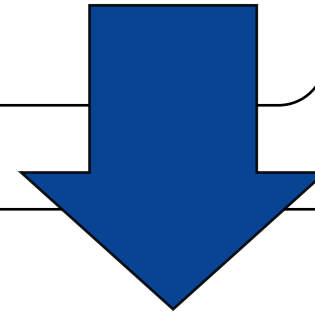


# Mission

## SHSU Mission

Sam Houston State University is a student-centered institution whose mission is to offer an accessible, quality higher education. The university offers a variety of innovative and flexible degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels focused on career readiness, personal and professional development, and community service. SHSU provides integrated academic and student success services designed to support traditional and non-traditional students from diverse backgrounds.



## First-Generation Center Mission

The SHSU First-Generation Center is dedicated to helping first-generation students and their families navigate their university experience.



# Priorities

**SHSU #1: Prioritize student success and student access**

**First-Generation Center Priority #1:**  
Connect and engage the first-generation population to university resources and services

**SHSU #2: Embody a culture of excellence**

**First-Generation Center Priority #2:**  
Enhance an inclusive environment that promotes a sense of belonging and empowers first-generation students to succeed (*Proud to be First-Generation*)

**SHSU #3: Elevate the reputation and visibility of SHSU**

**First-Generation Center Priority #3:**  
Identify, develop, and strengthen relationships with first-generation alumni, community groups/organizations, and other entities with a large first-generation focus to support first-generation students.

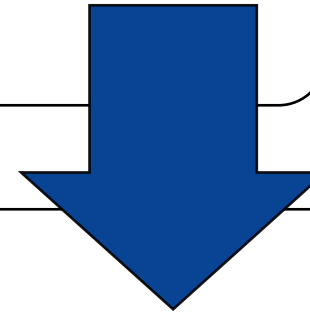
**SHSU #4: Expand and Elevate our service to the state and beyond**

**First-Generation Center Priority:** currently N/A

# Vision

## SHSU Vision

Sam Houston State University will provide a transformative environment that enables students from diverse backgrounds to become leaders who serve their families, communities, and professions. We aspire to make SHSU both the best value in higher education and the top regional public university in the state of Texas. We will accomplish this through providing high quality, innovative, and flexible academic programs; a commitment to student success, scholarship and creative works; and engagement that solves the most critical challenges facing the world.



## First-Generation Center Vision

First-generation students gain a sense of community, have a transformative experience, and complete a bachelor's degree. SHSU is the leader in first-generation student success.