

## MANAGING ENROLLMENT GROWTH

- Twelfth largest university in Texas
- Record Fall 2014 enrollment of 19,719 students outpaced state 10-year average growth rate by 46%

## EDUCATING THE TEXAS WORKFORCE

- Ranked #1 in placing students in the Texas workforce within twelve months of graduation
- Historically, over 50% of students are “first-generation”
- Over 71% of undergraduate degrees are awarded to “At Risk” students as defined by THECB
- Ranked 7th in the nation for African-American graduation rates
- The Elite program, established in 2010, is a success-oriented program targeting “at risk” first-time minority male freshmen. The program has improved retention and graduation rates.
- Undergraduate degrees awarded increased 74% from 2000 to 2014

## INNOVATING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Classified as a “Doctoral Research University” by the Carnegie Commission of Higher Education placing SHSU in the nation’s top 7% of all higher education institutions
- The Student Advising & Mentoring Center is nationally ranked for helping students stay on track and graduate
- Named as a “2014 Military Friendly School” – only top 20% of schools nationwide are listed
- Ranked 1st in state with over 2,250 articulation agreements with community colleges
- Sam Houston State is home to the Texas Invasive Species Institute, the first comprehensive effort in the state focused on early detection and elimination of invasive species
- The Southeast Texas Applied Forensic Science Facility or “body farm” is one of four facilities in the U.S.
- SHSU offers 1 Doctoral, 25 Graduate and 5 Undergraduate online degree programs
- In five years, online student credit hours increased over 500%
- For the third consecutive year, SHSU’s online programs ranked in the top 20% by U.S. News and World Report

## BUILDING EDUCATIONAL VALUE

- Ranked among the “Best Colleges for the Money” by College Factual
- Less than 1% of classes have over 100 students

- Over 59% of classes are taught by tenure/tenure track faculty, 10% over the state average
- Ranked as a “Most Affordable College in Texas” by [affordablecollegesonline.org](http://affordablecollegesonline.org)

## CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY

- One of 311 colleges and universities in the nation designated as a “Community Engaged University” by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education
- Named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, contributing over 600,000 hours of service worth approximately \$8.2 million
- Over 233 Academic Community Engagement courses have been approved over past five years
- For five years in a row, SHSU has been named a “Great College to Work For” by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*
- SHSU had a total regional economic impact of \$570 million and supported 6,008 jobs
- For every \$1 in state funding appropriated, the university returns \$0.68 in tax revenue to state and local governments

## OPERATING EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY

- Between 2003 -2012, administrative costs as a percentage of the total operating budget, were reduced in half from 15.5% to 7.7%
- The university has 11.7 employees per 100 students compared to the state average of 15.6
- State funding represented 21% of the university’s 2014 annual budget of \$277 million
- Legislated tuition waivers and set asides cost the university 25% of designated tuition
- SHSU ranks second-to-last in tuition revenue bond (TRB) funding for capital and infrastructure projects

