The promise and challenges of leading an anchor institution deeply committed to community engagement

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The Value of Community Engagement

- Increased Enrollment
- Stronger Curricular Connection
- Increased Retention
- Student Success
Engaged Alumni

“Alumni can be important partners in community-engaged learning and in strengthening the college’s public mission,”

Dr. Julie Ellision, the director of Citizen Alum, and a professor in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts at the University of Michigan.
“Did you...suppose democracy was only for elections, for politics, and for a party name? I say democracy is only of use there that it may pass on and come to its flower and fruits in manners, in the highest forms of interaction between men, and their beliefs—in religion, literature, colleges, and schools—democracy in all public and private life...”

-Walt Whitman