



RGV FOCUS
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RGV FOCUS, Local Education, Workforce, and Community Leaders to Release Annual Report and Scorecard in the Rio Grande Valley

May 19 Event to include new data on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education

What: For the 9th year, RGV FOCUS, an initiative of Educate Texas at Communities Foundation of Texas, will host an event to release its annual report and scorecard. At the 2021 Annual Report and Scorecard Release, RGV FOCUS leadership and area education and business leaders will share insights into the state of education in the Rio Grande Valley, reveal bright spots in student performance compared to peers in the state of Texas, and discuss opportunities for advancing partnerships to transform the region's education systems and improve student outcomes.

When: Thursday, May 19, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. program (9:30 - 10:00 a.m. check-in, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. media interviews and photo ops)

Where: Texas Southmost College ITEC Center, 301 Mexico Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520

In-person Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-annual-report-and-scorecard-release-in-person-attendance-tickets-311462882867>

Expected In-Person Attendance: 60-80 local education, business, and community leaders

Agenda:

9:30 a.m.	Check-In
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Annual Report and Scorecard Release Presentation
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Media interviews with RGV FOCUS and guest speakers

Event Presenters:

- Chris Coxon, Managing Director of Programs at Educate Texas

- Dr. Jesus Roberto Rodriguez, President of Texas Southmost College
- Teri Capistran, Point Isabel ISD Superintendent and RGV FOCUS Leadership Team Chair
- Patt Hobbs, Executive Director at Workforce Solutions Cameron
- Felida Villarreal, Executive Director at Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement (VIDA)

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About RGV FOCUS

RGV FOCUS, is a community partnership that exists to make sure all children in the Rio Grande Valley get the education they need and deserve to achieve meaningful careers and lives. It is comprised of a group of leaders from school districts, higher education institutions, community-based organizations, and the workforce partnering to improve student lives from cradle-to-career. In 2012, Educate Texas, an initiative of Dallas-based Communities Foundation of Texas, partnered with Valley leaders to launch RGV FOCUS to transform college readiness, access, and success across Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy counties. The work to date is driven by the vision that all RGV learners will achieve a degree or credential that leads to a meaningful career. Learn more at rgvfocus.org. Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/RGVFOCUSNetwork) or LinkedIn (linkedin.com/showcase/65430203/).

About Educate Texas

Educate Texas, an initiative of Communities Foundation of Texas, is a trusted change agent in Texas education, working through programs and policies to ensure every Texas student is prepared in the school, in the workforce, and in life. Since 2003, Educate Texas has partnered with school districts, institutions of higher education, businesses, community and civic organizations, state agencies, and policymakers to strengthen the public and higher education systems for all Texas students. Learn more at edtx.org. Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/educatetexas), Twitter (twitter.com/educatetexas) or LinkedIn (linkedin.com/showcase/educate-texas/).

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