

## UWG QEP Topic Submission

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**QEP topics should be submitted using this form and address each question below:**

1) What QEP topic are you submitting? (5-10 words)
Civic Engagement: Increasing Students Community Awareness & Involvement
2) What is UWG currently doing in this area relative to student learning?
Currently, various departments and organizations around campus participate in and host community events. The Office of the Provost, along with the help of the Political Science and Planning department, were instrumental in the development of a Civic Engagement Program website in the fall of 2010. The purpose of this program is to increase community awareness and involvement of West Georgia students by bringing diverse interests together and as a means of defining a more cohesive campus-wide civic engagement strategy. Having a centralized calendar of projects and events available has allowed more students to see what opportunities are available to them in the local community and beyond. "Civic engagement helps students understand the importance of responsible citizenship in the sustainability of democracy, without which, higher education as we know it would not exist. Civic engagement also helps in building and maintaining healthy, productive communities on and off campus." <i>Dr. Sandra Stone, Former Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
3) How does this topic relate to the UWG strategic plan and/or assessment data?
Civic Engagement ties with goal #4 of UWG's strategic plan: <i>Meaningful Engagement with Off-campus Communities</i> . "We [West Georgia] are committed to our external community from Atlanta to India to Japan, but we are quite mindful of our local community of Carrollton, Georgia, and will build on all of our current obligations of giving students opportunities for service work in the community even as we invite the community into our campus and thus work together to develop our neighborhood as a recognizable university village." UWG Strategic Plan

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Please submit all topic ideas (no later than Oct 1, 2010), to [qep@westga.edu](mailto:qep@westga.edu)