



**Texas Hispanic-Serving Institutions
Consortium:
“Building Capacity to Close Equity Gaps”**

**TXHSIC Annual Conference 2023, UT-San
Antonio, Downtown Campus**



We are Hispanic-Serving Institutions.....

There is strength in numbers.....

Some quick reminders about Texas HSI Consortium

- Began approximately in 2005 with several founding institutions
- We have volunteer officers/director
& the Consortium is alive & well in 2023
- *Texas is the only state to have organized all of its HSIs into one unified organization
- *We are in many ways the “Texas delegation” of HACU and we thank HACU for all that it does for HSIs

Benefits to Membership in the TXHSI Consortium

- Networking
- Opportunity to form Partnerships to address program goals and seek grant funding \$\$\$
- Student Scholarships
- Annual Conference
- Did we mention **Student Scholarships \$\$\$**
- Building meaningful connections around a common interest

Partnership Opportunities:

Texas HSIs

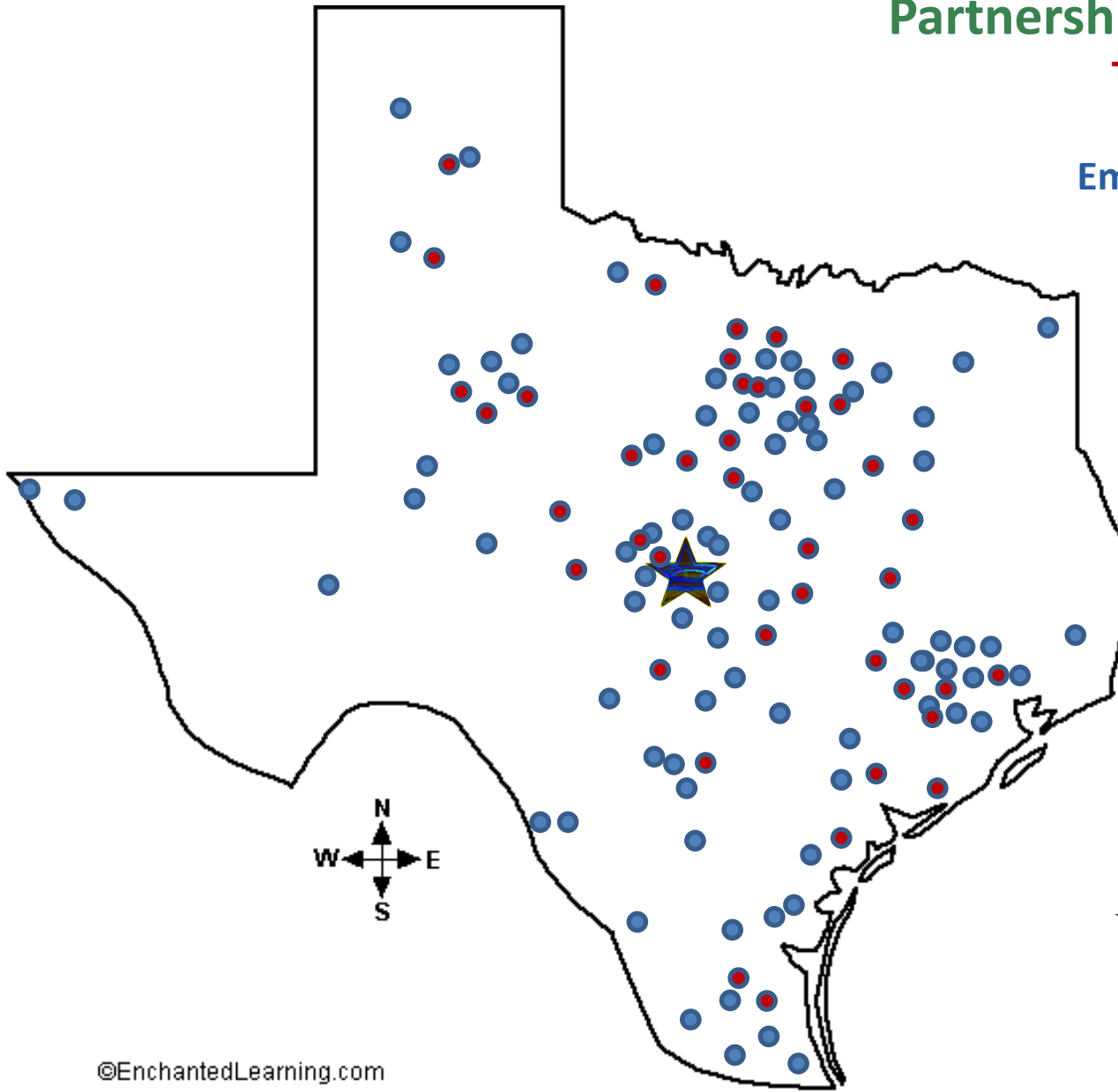
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Emerging HSIs

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90% of all Texas Colleges and Universities are either HSIs or emerging HSIs

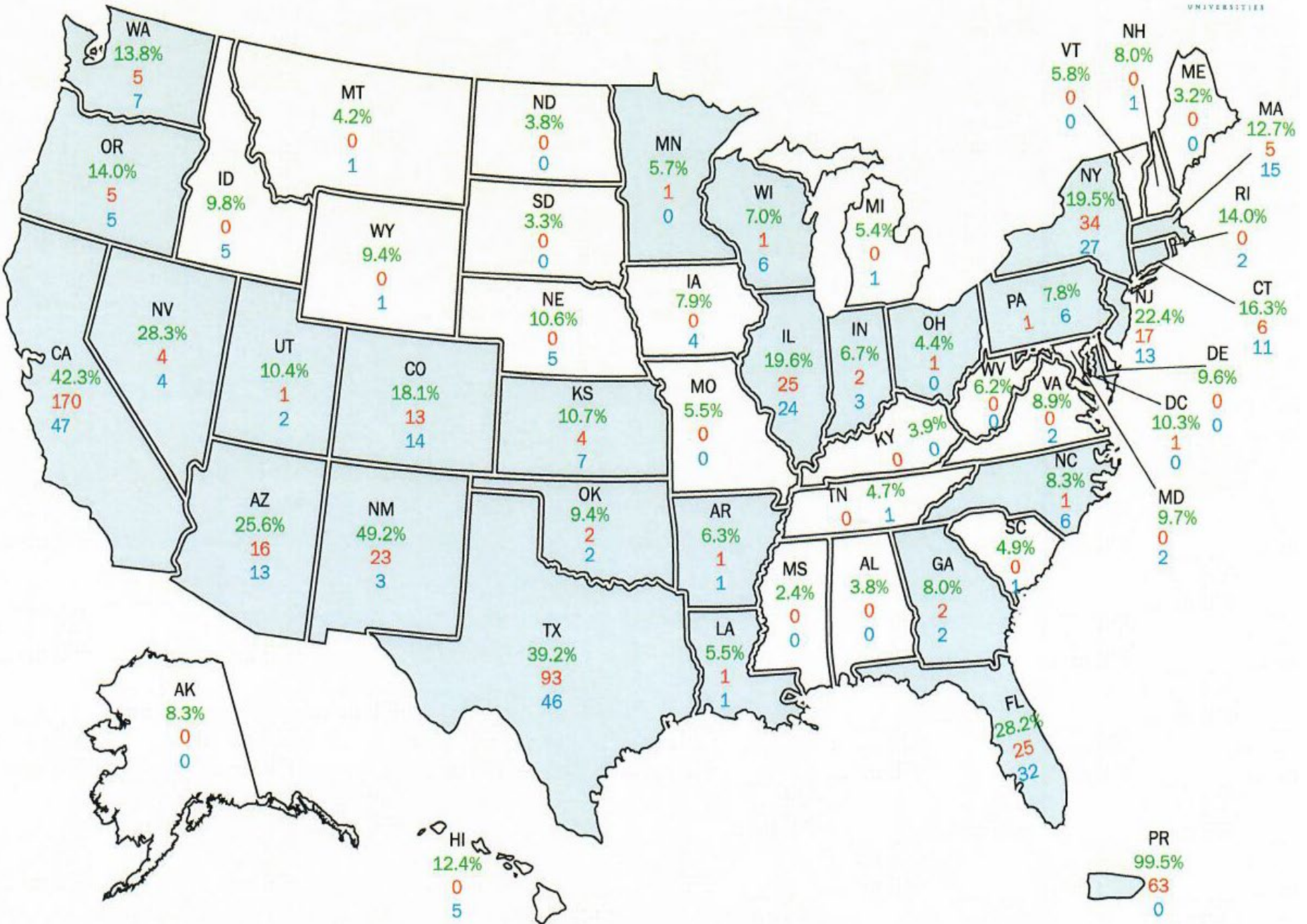
★ Over 2,500,000 students, faculty, & staff in total



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HSIs in 2023 total 572 colleges & universities in 30 states & Puerto Rico

OF COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES



Important Policy & Funding Successes for Texas HSIs

- Maintaining **Title V funding** levels at U.S. Dept. of Education through 2023
- Maintaining **USDA HSI funding** at current level through 2023
- Developing **HSACU designation** in statute
- Establishing an **HSI competition at NSF**, with at least \$30 million annually through 2023

Important Policy Challenges for Texas HSIs

- To move from Hispanic-Serving to Hispanic-Graduating institutions, we must **close the equity gaps in our students' success.**
- That means first **being transparent about the equity gaps that exist** in retention rates, graduation rates, and workforce placement rates between our Hispanic students (and all URM, and low-income students) and other students.

Data collection is crucial

- If you don't have good data about equity gaps at your institution, you **need to obtain it**....
- Collection **good data takes time**, money, staff, effort, etc.
- But good data about equity gaps and **the need to close those gaps can help obtain grants** for your institution
- Unless you have good data, you are just another person with an opinion.....

Important Resources for TxHSIs

- Scholarships and Internships for our students; see www.hacu.net
- Funding possibilities for our faculty, staff, students, and institutions at www.thecb.state.tx.us and www.collegeforalltexans.com
- Data and statistics at www.tacc.org, www.icut.org, www.postsecondary.org, and www.excelencia.org
- TxHSI Website at www.txhsic.org



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