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AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Civic program gets funding

A \$102,040 grant from the office of Gov. Rick Perry will underwrite an effort by the Texas Campus Compact and Austin Community College to blend civic and community service elements into science, technology, engineering and math programs.

Research shows that students who are engaged in their communities are more likely to graduate from college.

The STEM in Action Community Impact program is expected to involve 7,500 students in the Austin area. The initiative includes student and faculty mentoring at the high school, community college and university levels, as well as special training for high school and community college instructors.

Texas Campus Compact is part of a national coalition of college and university presidents committed to the civic purposes of higher education.