



# **\$10,000 FOUR YEAR DEGREE**

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# TEXAS PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION

- Since 2003 deregulation, tuition more than doubled.
- Closing the Gaps between 10 largest states and Texas
  - To be competitive in the world, Texas needs better educated workforce.
- Medicaid and other mandated expenses have the effect of reducing state expenditures on higher education.
- Low producing programs
  - Chemistry is #1 nationwide
  - Proposed standards would close 46% of Texas physical science programs



# GOV. RICK PERRY'S CHALLENGE: \$10,000 DEGREE

- 4 year degree with textbooks for \$10,000
- University of Texas Regents supportive
- A few four year schools have created \$10,000 2+2 programs with community colleges.
- A few have added dual credit and Early College High School.



# \$10,000 TEXAS SCIENCE SCHOLARS: HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Five majors: Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Information Science and Mathematics
- Freshmen must meet admission requirements (950 SAT) for top 50% class rank
- No developmental deficiencies
- Texas resident
- 30 hours in a year
- Pay \$2,500 in Fall.
- Textbooks not included.



# PRE-CONDITIONS FOR \$10,000 TSS

- Commitment to maintain “critical” programs
  - Would I do this in sociology?
  - Could be for any academic undergraduate program with vested costs.
- Underutilized programs
- Enough space
- Faculty support
- Agreement as to upper limits
- There is only marginal, additional cost and enhanced revenue.



# DOES IT WORK?

- Announced in May 2012
- 28 TSS participants Fall 2012
  - 13 Chemistry
- Real costs associated with attrition and degree non-completion
- Real costs associated with loss of programs
- Should help improve 4 year graduation rates



## OTHER INNOVATIONS @ UT PERMIAN BASIN

- Texas' first remote Early College High School with Presidio, TX
- Dual credit via online; innovative pricing.
- In addition to 9 online UTPB programs, through Academic Partnerships, UTPB offers 7 shortened format degrees.



## MORE INFORMATION?

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