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RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH RURAL COMMUNITIES

Abstract. How can rural universities build meaningful, lasting partnerships that truly benefit both campuses and communities? Drawing from a recent chapter in *Sharing Leadership Stories in Rural Education: Leading Rurally* across Australia and the United States, this session explores one rural-serving university's ongoing journey to develop collaborative, place-based relationships with local school districts. We will discuss the power of reciprocal engagement—where both the university and the community grow through shared goals and mutual support, and gain insight into real-world examples of partnership in action.

