**[Insert Name of Local Program] among 30 Educator Prep Programs Recognized for National Excellence**

*[Local Program] now 1 of 559 total providers meeting rigorous CAEP Accreditation Standards to better prepare the teachers of tomorrow*

WASHINGTON – The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) announced today that **[Local Program]** is one of 30 providers from 18states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to receive accreditation for their educator preparation programs. The Fall 2024 review by the CAEP [Accreditation Council](http://caepnet.org/accreditation/caep-accreditation/accreditation-council) resulted in 30 educator preparation providers receiving accreditation. Currently, there are 559 providers approved under the CAEP [Accreditation Standards](http://www.caepnet.org/standards/2022-itp/introduction) – rigorous, nationally recognized standards that were developed to ensure excellence in educator preparation programs.

“These institutions meet high standards so that their students receive an education that prepares them to succeed in a diverse range of classrooms after they graduate,” said CAEP President Dr. Christopher A. Koch. “Seeking CAEP Accreditation is a significant commitment on the part of an educator preparation provider.”

CAEP is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Accreditation is a nongovernmental activity based on peer review that serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement. CAEP is a unified accreditation system intent on raising the performance of all institutions focused on educator preparation. Approximately, 600 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP Accreditation system.

Educator preparation providers seeking accreditation must pass peer review of the CAEP standards, which are based on two principles:

1. Solid evidence that the provider’s graduates are competent and caring educators, and
2. Solid evidence that the provider’s educator staff have the capacity to create a culture of evidence and use it to maintain and enhance the quality of the professional programs they offer.

If a program fails to meet one of the standards, it is placed on probation for two years. Probation may be lifted in two years if a program provides evidence that it meets the standard.

**[Insert local facts, data, description of the program or other accomplishments]**

**[Insert local quote]** “Our students and instructors should be very proud of the work they are doing. We’ve set a very high bar for our teacher prep program and CAEP Accreditation validates the hard work we are doing,” said **[Local Program Administrator].** “Our students and their

families are investing in an education program that is designated as nationally accredited for teacher preparation.”

**[Local Program]** joins 29 other providers to receive accreditation this fall, bringing the total number to 559 CAEP-accredited providers from 43 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Bahrain, Jordan, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

**Fall Class of 2024:**

#TEACH, LLC (Training Educators And Creating Hope)—Michigan

Anderson University—Indiana

Capella University—Minnesota

Christopher Newport University—Virginia

College of Staten Island/CUNY—New York

Fort Hays State University—Kansas

Howard University—Washington, DC

Indiana University – Bloomington

Marietta College—Ohio

Niagara University—New York

Northern Arizona University

Southern Adventist University—Tennessee

Spring Hill College—Alabama

Stillman College—Alabama

The University of Dayton—Ohio

The University of Vermont

Trine University—Indiana

Tuskegee University—Alabama

University of Akron—Ohio

University of Denver—Colorado

University of Florida

University of Holy Cross—Louisiana

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

University of Mount Union—Ohio

University of Puerto Rico at Cayey

University of Saint Francis—Indiana

University of Saint Joseph—Connecticut

University of Tennessee Southern

Wayne State University—Michigan

Wichita State University—Kansas

*The* ***Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation*** *(*[*www.CAEPnet.org*](http://www.caepnet.org/)*) advances excellence in educator preparation through evidence-based accreditation that assures quality and supports continuous improvement to strengthen P-12 student learning.*