



Branch Alliance for Educator Diversity



Partnerships Are Key to Building Diversity in Education

Branch Alliance for Educator Diversity (BranchED) strengthens partnerships between colleges and universities in its network and their PK-12 district partners, so together they can cocreate and co-implement robust and successful:

- Early pathways into teaching for middle and high school students;
- Equity-empowered teacher preparation programs, including residency program models; and
- Authentic professional development experiences for in-service educators that equip them to implement inclusive instruction in their classrooms, whether traditional or online instruction.

Supported by a U.S. Department of Education SEED grant, BranchED also supports principal coaching and professional development, with a focus on advancing equity for all students. This initiative involves partnerships with school districts, state organizations and the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET). It is one of the ways schools can begin the process of creating hospitable spaces for a diverse teacher workforce.

Diversifying the teacher workforce is not a solitary act. Strong partnerships make the difference.

What Do Schools Want Higher Ed Teacher Prep to Know?

BranchED is the first and only non-profit organization in the nation dedicated to strengthening and growing educator preparation at Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), with the larger goals of both diversifying the teaching profession and intentionally addressing critical issues of educational equity for all students. Tell us about the challenges you see in your teacher preparation-to-school-district pipeline, and we can develop strategies to help.

Diverse educators comprise only 20% of the teacher workforce in the United States.

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