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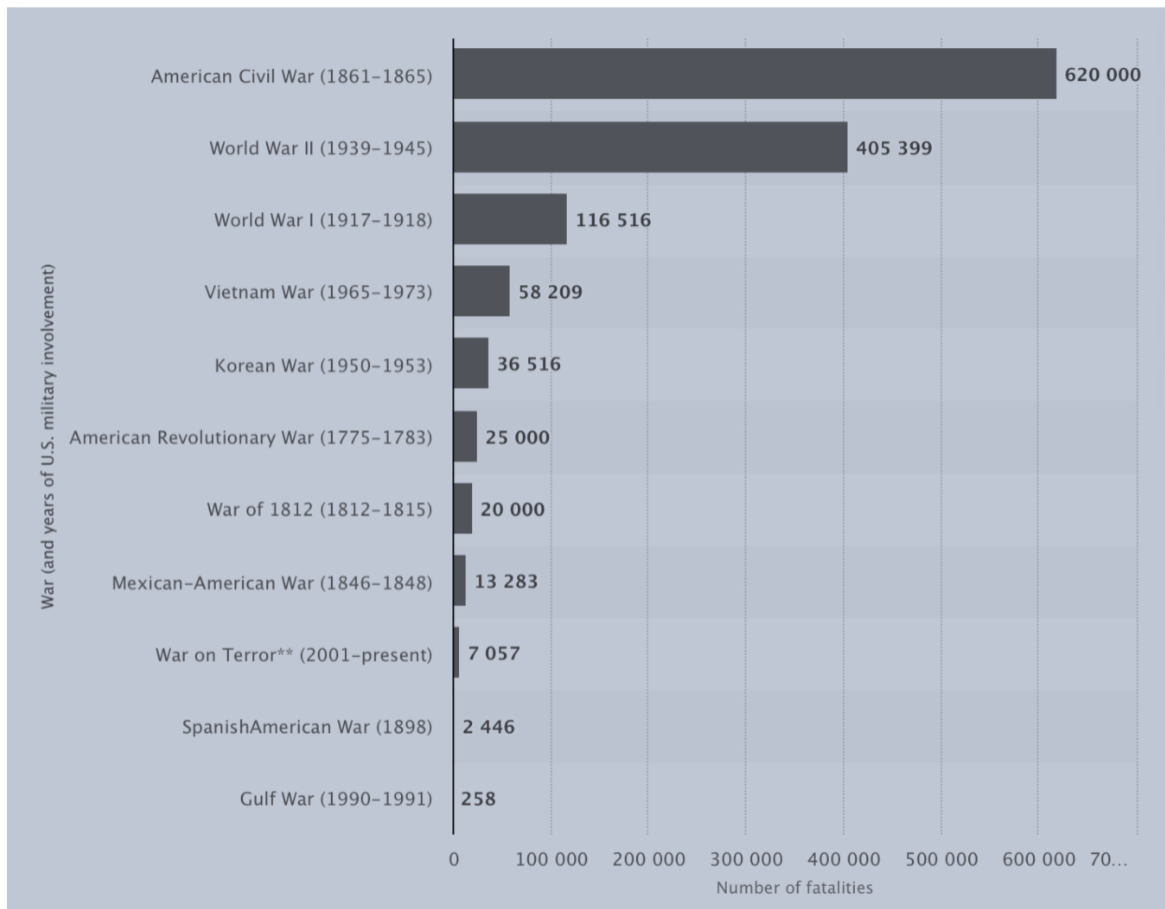
BranchED Salutes Those Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice

Branch Alliance for Educator Diversity (BranchED) salutes the many service men and women who lost their lives for the United States. Since 1775, more than 1.3 million

members of the armed services have died in the major wars involving the U.S., as well as their families who live with the sacrifices their loved ones have made. Do you have a military hero who made a difference in your life? [Share your "Memorial Day" story with our community through our LinkedIn Memorial Day post!](#) BranchED also honors and acknowledges the institutions who consciously serve U.S. veterans and active-duty service members. [Check out the [Military Times' "Best for Vets: Colleges 2020."](#)] "Thank you" for your service and your sacrifices for this country.



Source: <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1009819/total-us-military-fatalities-in-american-wars-1775-present/>



Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona Touts Benefits of Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

President Joe Biden's proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 was the topic of U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona's May 28, 2021 statement. The budget includes the two historic plans the President has already put forward — the American Jobs Plan and the American Families Plan — and reinvests in education, research, public health, and other foundations of our country's strength. At the Department of Education, the budget would make a number of transformational investments ... [\[Learn More\]](#)

**Branched President
and Board Member to
Join Artificial
Intelligence
Discussions at South
Korean-Organized
Global Conference**

Cassandra Herring, Ph.D., has been invited to participate in virtual panel that is part of the **High Touch/High Tech Conference** on "Narrowing the Gap While Embracing AI (artificial intelligence) Technologies." Dr. Herring's session, which is being moderated by BranchED board member **Jim Larimore**, Chief Officer for Equity in Learning at Riid Labs, will focus on the



importance of ethics, equity and human-centered design in the use of AI in education. The conference is being organized in Seoul, South Korea by Education Commission Asia (ECA), led by former Korean Minister of Education Ju-Ho Lee. ECA is the Asia branch of The Education Commission, a global initiative led by former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown to advance U.N. Sustainable Development Goal #4 to ensure inclusive and quality education. This global conference, with speakers and panelists drawn from all corners of the world, will be held in Seoul from **June 30-July 2, 2021**.



Celebrate National Caribbean American Heritage Month in June 2021!

On June 5, 2006, former President George W. Bush signed the first proclamation recognizing June as **National Caribbean American Heritage Month** to celebrate the contributions of Caribbean Americans (both naturalized

and citizens by birth) in the United States. BranchED joins in celebrating the wonderful achievements made by the many talented people of Caribbean descent who have been contributing to American society since its founding.

BranchED's Nuts & Bolts Webinar Series Remaining Sessions Address Assessment and Partnerships

**M. del Carmen Salazar****E. Williams****S. Rabkin**

Time to Take a New Look at Assessment and What It Means to Educator Preparation Programs - Registration Ends Soon!

How do you envision the future of assessment? BranchED's "Reconceptualizing the Future of Assessment" webinar will give you insight. It is part of the Nuts & Bolts webinar series, which are designed to synergistically engage educators toward the reconceptualization of teacher prep, field experiences, assessment, and partnership. Guiding participants through the process on assessment will be expert panelists, including [Dr. Maria del Carmen Salazar](#); Professor of Curriculum and Instruction and Teacher Education in the Morgridge College of Education at the University of Denver; [Dr. Ereka Williams](#), Associate Dean of Education, Quality Assurance and Community Engagement at Winston Salem State University; and [Dr. Sasha Rabkin](#), Partnership Director at EOS. In each webinar, panelists will critically discuss the urgency of the opportunity and shared responsibility to transform teacher education by responding to the following questions:

1. COVID has allowed us to clearly see the inequities that have perennially existed in education. What changes to teacher preparation are essential to improve equity and access in education?
2. What future do you envision for teacher education?
3. What actions can the participants of this webinar take to build this new future?

What: [Reconceptualizing the Future of ASSESSMENT](#)

Time: **Noon – 1:00 p.m.**

Date: **Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

Format: **Virtual - Zoom**

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Developing Beneficial Partnerships Is Key -- Learn More During the Final Webinar of the Nuts & Bolts Series

Partnerships between higher education institutions and school districts are a very important part of the success of educator preparation programs (EPPs) and their teacher candidates. BranchED has pulled together the experts in the field who can discuss how to develop partnerships in a way that creates the best benefits for both the institution and the district. Our expert panelists include (above L to R) [Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson](#), President of Texas A&M University-San Antonio; [Dr. Carl Sherperis](#), Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M University-San Antonio; and [Dr. Eduardo Hernandez](#), Edgewood Independent School District Superintendent.

What: [Reconceptualizing the Future of PARTNERSHIPS](#)

When: **Noon – 1 p.m. CT, Wednesday, July 14, 2021**

Format: **Virtual**

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