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Thinking of the Communities Affected by Hurricane Ida

On Aug. 29, 2021, the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, residents along the Gulf Coast states faced another daunting and catastrophic storm event, Hurricane Ida. The fact that a number of Minority Serving Institution (MSI) members in Louisiana and Mississippi found themselves among the many who were in harms way is not lost on the Branch Alliance for Educator Diversity (BranchED) family. Damage assessments on these institutions and the communities they serve are underway. Our hearts are with the people of these states and institutions as they begin recovery efforts. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Nardos Ghebreab, Ph.D. Candidate   **Arturo Nevárez, Ph.D. Candidate**   **Shawn S. Savage, Ph.D. Candidate**

Emerging Research Fellows Advance
Their Higher Education Journeys

BranchED is excited to announce that two fellows from the Inaugural Cohort of its Emerging Research Fellows completed all the requirements for the doctoral degrees and are beginning their journey as full-time Assistant Professors. The inaugural cohort of BranchED's Emerging Research Fellows included six emerging scholars of Color whose research interests are within the scope of teacher education.

Dr. Arturo Nevarez is beginning his role as an Assistant Professor of Liberal Studies at California State University, Stanislaus, and **Dr. Shawn Savage** is joining the University of North Carolina Wilmington. Additionally, **Nardos Ghebreab** is one step closer to completing her doctorate having met all requirements for candidacy. She is ready to begin her original research for her dissertation.

More Nuts & Bolts Webinars Bringing
Innovative Pedagogies Your Way

Humanizing Pedagogy

The 2021-2022 Innovative Pedagogies Webinar Series will inspire participants to ***think about educational practice through lenses which center and humanize historically excluded learners***. The intent is for participants to walk away with an invigorated teaching philosophy and toolkits that revolutionize their practice. This Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, webinar features **Dr. María del Carmen Salazar**, who will discuss her experience with and development of pedagogical practices that humanize learners.

What: **Humanizing Pedagogy**
Time: **Noon – 1:00 p.m. CT**
Date: **Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021**
Format: **Virtual - Zoom**
REGISTER NOW!

HBCU Alumnus Becomes First African American to Have Complete Ownership of a National Burger Business

Nicholas Perkins, head of **Black Titan Franchise Systems, LLC**, and graduate of the historically black Fayetteville State University in North Carolina, purchased the Fuddruckers franchise for $18.5 million from Luby's this summer when the parent company began selling off its holdings. Perkins, 40, earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management from FSU and his MBA from Howard University, another HBCU. Perkins aspires improve the lives of other people with the more than 90 Fuddrucker restaurants he now owns in the United States. **[Read More...]**

BranchED Observes Labor Day

Labor Day, observed this year on **Monday, Sept. 6, 2021**, became a federal holiday in 1894 to salute the contributions and achievements of the American worker. BranchED honors the country's workforce and its own dedicated workers, by closing operations on Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day. BranchED will resume normal business hours beginning at 8 a.m. CT Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021.

Take a Deep Dive into Data Issues through BranchED's Fall 2021 Workshops

Ellen Mandinach   Juliana Cotto

Your Opportunity to Learn More about Data Privacy and Data Ethics Has Arrived -- *Register Now!*

From **noon to 2 p.m. CT on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 9 and 10, 2021,** BranchED is offering a two-day interactive workshop covering the importance of protecting student privacy through responsible and ethical data use. Though rarely addressed in educator preparation, data privacy and data ethics are becoming increasingly important — *especially with the prevalence of online and remote learning during the pandemic.*

DAY 1: Presenters will explain data privacy and data ethics, why the concepts are essential to educators' practice, and the role that educator preparation programs can and must play in helping future educators to be data literate.

DAY 2: Presenters will provide an opportunity for participants to engage in and work with scenario-based resources that have been developed to address the topics

These sessions will be presented by **Ellen Mandinach**, Senior Research Scientist and Director of the Data for Decisions Initiative at **WestED** and **Juliana Cotto**, Policy Counsel for **Youth & Education Privacy Project at the Future of Privacy Forum**. Participants Humanize Historically Excluded Learners L goint Action droup to Focus on Linguistic Diversity will walk away with a deeper understanding of these crucial topics, as well as resources and user's guides to implement.

    What: **Data Privacy and Data Ethics**
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-- Please also get the Data Empowerment Case Study --

BranchED Coordinates Joint Action Group to Focus on Linguistic Diversity

BranchED brought together a select group of faculty/scholars to serve on our Linguistic Diversity Joint Action Group (JAG) to focus on linguistic diversity. It aims to create resources for teacher educators that prepare teacher candidates for bilingual learners. The education field includes diverse approaches to the role of language in learning. It was, therefore, critical for BranchED to include subject matter experts that represent the diversity in the field. The JAG includes six faculty from California MSIs, four faculty from Texas MSIs, and a faculty member from a Hawaii MSI. The Linguistic Diversity JAG members are finalizing their respective tools/resources and will have their last meeting in October. The tools/resources will be made available through the BranchED Repository. For more information about the Linguistic Diversity JAG, please contact **Dr. Luzelma Canales**.

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