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BECOMING ROOTED

Sharing our workshops, webinars, and other learning opportunities

Join BranchED for Mixed Reality Simulations Demonstrations

Experience our virtual reality lab for yourself! BranchED is excited to announce the opportunity for individuals to interact with our mixed-reality lab and learn how we can tailor experiences for various needs.

Our Mixed Reality Lab houses state-of-the-art technology that creates immersive, mixed-reality environments for participants to practice and master skills in the form of virtual simulation. Our lab is a resource that can support training and initiatives such as providing targeted professional development sessions to local school districts and businesses. For example, due to the mobility of our lab, we can provide training to local in-service teachers on effective positive behavior strategies, followed with real time practice and feedback in the simulator.

The opportunity to practice in a safe and scaffolded environment is an invaluable resource for all learners. We have multiple demos a month to showcase all limitless possibilities. **If you are interested in learning more or want to join us for one of our monthly (free) demos, email us at pk12@educatordiversity.org or register directly using a link below.**



[Register For The Aug. 10 Demo](#)

[Register For The Aug. 24 Demo](#)



BranchED hosts 3-day Mixed Reality Simulation Summer Institute

BranchED hosted more than 25 participants in a 3-day Summer Institute called **Immerse, Imagine, Innovate: Teacher Educators Using Mixed Reality Simulation (MRS)** in Orlando, Florida. Participants had the opportunity to experience the simulator in various scenarios and with various avatars. Watch the video recap to experience the institute.

[Watch the Recap](#)

PLANTING SEEDS

Learn more about BranchED's educator preparation work

Transformation Center Cohorts Participate in Professional Learning Day

Transformation Center cohort participants also joined BranchED in Orlando, Florida for a one-day special learning event called 'Dare to Translate: Turning Numbers Into Vivid Ideas for Impact. We enjoyed hosting them and look forward to a new academic year as they continue their Transformation Journey.



Cohort 3



Cohort 2

Deans from Hispanic Serving Institutions convene for 2-day working meeting in Arizona



BranchED convened a select group of deans and faculty to serve on our Joint Action Group (JAG) from five EPPs that received an HSI designation within the last three years. The HSI JAG is focused on supporting Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) within these new HSIs to explore what it means to be an HSI and what faculty within a Hispanic Serving EPP do to ensure the success of their student population and the students they will serve upon graduation.

The HSI JAG kicked off its work in October 2021 and recently convened at Northern Arizona University for a 2-day working meeting. In addition to reviewing its work to date, the group began to map out the outline for a toolkit that will be published to support EPPs interested in building an HSI identity within their EPP. The teams from the five EPPs also began to develop their respective action plans.

EXPERIENCING GROWTH

Read more about our other major organizational announcements

BranchED Team Celebrates 5 Years of Impact at Team Retreat

Also in Orlando, Florida, the BranchED team came together to celebrate 5 years of working alongside MSI EPPs and each other.

The team spent time strategizing and planning for the upcoming academic year. We are excited for what's to come this fall and spring!



BranchED staff and their families.

BRANCHING OUT

Highlights, accomplishments and other news.

TAMIU TAFE Students Victorious at Educators Rising National Competition

Our friends at Texas A&M International University shared that a group of their College of Education students recently rolled up their sleeves to join in a national competition, emerging as victors in four competition categories.

The students are members of TAMIU's Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) and traveled to Washington, D.C. to compete in the 2022 Educators Rising Conference June 24 - 27. They advanced to the national competition after their success at the Texas TAFE State Competition in March. They progressed to the State competition after winning the Annual Area One TAFE Conference in December 2021.

[Read More](#)

We want to hear from you

Do you have exciting professional news to share? We want to hear from you! Tell us about your book announcements, professional highlights, accomplishments or stories you'd like to share from your EPP. We'll highlight some of these in future BranchED bulletin.



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