**[Insert Name of Local Program] among 41 Educator Prep Programs Recognized for National Excellence**

*[Local Program] now among 541 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 41 providers from 23states, Puerto Rico and Bahrain to receive accreditation for their educator preparation programs. The Spring 2023 review by the CAEP [Accreditation Council](http://caepnet.org/accreditation/caep-accreditation/accreditation-council) resulted in 41 educator preparation providers receiving accreditation, bringing the total to 541 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 a nationally recognized accrediting body for educator preparation and accredits providers at the initial and advanced levels. 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. More than 600 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP Accreditation system, including some previously accredited through former standards.

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 40 other providers to receive accreditation this fall, bringing the total number to 541 CAEP-accredited providers from 43 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Bahrain, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

Spring Class of 2023

**Initial-Level Accreditation**

Alaska Pacific University

Connecticut Alternate Route to Certification

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Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Aguadilla

Kent State University—Ohio

Mitchell College—Connecticut

Oakwood University--Alabama

Oregon State University

Peru State College—Nebraska

Rochester University—Michigan

Southern University at New Orleans—Louisiana

Spelman College—Georgia

The University of Montana Western

Valley City University—North Dakota

Virginia Wesleyan University

Western Oregon University

Wright State University—Ohio

**Initial- and Advanced-Level Accreditation**

Anderson University—South Carolina

Bethel University—Indiana

Bowling Green State University—Ohio

Cameron University—Oklahoma

Idaho State University

Jackson State University—Mississippi

Missouri Southern University

Morgan State University—Maryland

Norfolk State University—Virginia

Ohio Dominican University

Nicholls State University

Saint Bonaventure University—New York

Sam Houston State University—Texas

Shawnee State University—Ohio

Southern Wesleyan University—South Carolina

The University of Hartford—Connecticut

The University of New Mexico

Trevecca Nazarene University—Ohio

University of Bahrain

University of Lynchburg—Virginia

University of North Dakota

University of Virginia

**Advanced-Level Accreditation**

Thomas Edison State University—New Jersey

*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.*