**[Insert Name of Local Program] among 38 Educator Prep Providers Recognized for National Excellence**

*[Local Program] now among 559 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 38 providers from 17 states, the District of Columbia, Bahrain, and Oman to receive accreditation for their educator preparation programs. The Spring 2024 review by the CAEP [Accreditation Council](http://caepnet.org/accreditation/caep-accreditation/accreditation-council) resulted in 38 educator preparation providers receiving accreditation, bringing the total to 559 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.

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 37 other providers to receive accreditation this fall, bringing the total number to 559 CAEP-accredited providers from 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Bahrain, Jordan, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates.

Spring Class of 2024

**Initial-Licensure Level**

Ashland University

Birmingham-Southern College

Indiana University Kokomo

Langston University

Limestone University

Louisiana State University at Alexandria

Moreland University

Northern New Mexico College

Oklahoma Baptist University

Randolph College

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

State University of New York at Potsdam

Sultan Qaboos University

Talladega College

The University of Science and Arts at Oklahoma

The University of Virginia’s College at Wise

Tulane University

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

University of Mobile

Washington and Lee University

**Initial and Advanced Levels**

Baker University

Central Michigan University

Cleveland State University

Elizabeth City State University

Friends University

Grambling State University

Montana State University-Bozeman

Murray State University

New Mexico State University

Salem University

Seton Hall University

Towson University

Troy University

University of Alaska Fairbanks

University of Louisville

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of Southern Indiana

**Advanced Level**

Arabian Gulf University

*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.*