**[Insert Name of Local Program] among 34 Educator Prep Programs Recognized for National Excellence**

*[Local Program] now 1 of 551 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 34 providers from 24states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to receive accreditation for their educator preparation programs. The Fall 2023 review by the CAEP [Accreditation Council](http://caepnet.org/accreditation/caep-accreditation/accreditation-council) resulted in 34 educator preparation providers receiving accreditation, bringing the total to 551 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 recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. 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. Approximately, 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 33 other providers to receive accreditation this fall, bringing the total number to 551 CAEP-accredited providers from 43 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

**Fall Class of 2023**

Albion College—Michigan

American University—District of Columbia

Azusa Pacific University—California

Belhaven University—Mississippi

Bluefield University—Virginia

Boise State University—Idaho

Charleston Southern University—South Carolina

Coppin State University—Maryland

Dakota State University—South Dakota

Hunter College of the City University of New York

Kansas State University

Miami University—Ohio

Otterbein University—Ohio

Ouachita Baptist University—Arkansas

Queens University of Charlotte—North Carolina

Randolph-Macon College—Virginia

Regent University—Virginia

Rutgers University-Camden—New Jersey

Saginaw Valley State University—Michigan

Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Southern New Hampshire University

State University of New York Brockport

The University of Alabama

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

The University of Toledo—Ohio

Universidad Ana G. Mendez-Cupey Campus—Puerto Rico

University of Central Missouri

University of Central Oklahoma

University of Evansville—Indiana

University of New Orleans—Louisiana

University of Sioux Falls—South Dakota

University of Utah

William Carey University—Mississippi

*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.*