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KAPPA DELTA PI CALLS FOR QUALITY TEACHER RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

Classroom learning is most effectively supported by teachers who have pursued high-quality preparation programs, according to research. Motivating the most promising students to pursue careers in education and providing rigorous teacher preparation is key to having the most effective teachers in our classrooms. Quality education preparation programs work to develop candidates' teaching abilities and ready them for the realities of the classroom, further raising their chances of success.

Kappa Delta Pi (KDP), International Honor Society in Education, along with 24 other organizations, has issued a joint statement affirming their strong support of high standards in education and calling for united efforts to recruit quality and diverse candidates into the teaching profession.

The full statement can be found at <http://bit.ly/Teaching2017>.

These entities understand that educators have long been struggling under the weight of a negative narrative about the teaching profession as well as the increased scrutiny and demands placed on them. Additionally, enrollment in teacher education programs has declined 30% nationally since 2008, and the number of high-achieving undergraduate students considering a career in education is at its lowest level in decades.

"A key indicator of the public's lack of respect for the teaching profession can be seen in the declining numbers of people entering the profession," stated KDP Executive Director Faye Snodgrass. "As an organization that is committed to ensuring that all children have a highly effective teacher, KDP invited other education organizations to be a part of an effort to change the narrative and recognize the teaching profession for the noble profession that it is."

Through the collaboration and partnering of our organizations, we are positioning ourselves to promote education as an attractive career, actively participate in teacher preparation, and continually support the career-long professional growth of teachers. We deeply value the collaboration and support of our colleagues in helping to amplify our voice.

"The Association of American Educators is proud to sign on to this broad coalition in supporting the recruitment of talented individuals to the teaching profession," stated Gary Beckner, President of AAE. "We must work together to ensure every student has access to an effective teacher. The statement is an important first step in uniting around an effort to recruit, train, and retain the next generation of professionals."

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About Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 1911 to improve the practice and perception of education. Through its programs, services, and strategic partnerships, KDP advances quality education by inspiring teachers to prepare all learners for future challenges and does so by giving educators the means to implement research-based strategies, continue professional growth, assume leadership, and become master teachers. The organization currently has more than 625 chapters and an active membership of nearly 40,000 worldwide.