



**Branch Alliance for Educator Diversity (BranchED)
Transformation Center Coaching Cohort
Quotes from Partner Institutions**

California State University, Fresno

“Participating in the Transformation Center Coaching Cohort represents a unique and invaluable opportunity to receive guidance and support from experts, as well as fellow teacher prep programs, to fundamentally change the way we support and prepare California educators.”

Lisa Bennet, Multiple Subject Coordinator, Associate Professor of Literacy Education, Fresno State, Co-lead

North Carolina A&T State University

“For us, partnering with BranchED and the other universities is an opportunity to be a part of a robust community of practice that will allow us to share what we have found to work well and, importantly, to learn from others about how we can continue to improve teacher preparation.”

Nakeshia Williams, Assistant Professor, North Carolina A&T State University, Co-lead

South Carolina State University

“Partnering with BranchED and fellow Minority Serving Institutions is an incredible opportunity to learn how we can prepare the next generation of educators to effectively teach – and reach – all students. We are ready to learn and share and, importantly, implement new ideas to affect positive change in our program.”

Dr. Charlie Spells, Interim Department Chair of Education, South Carolina State University

University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley

“As a Hispanic Serving Institution, we value and honor our students and our community. Participating in the Transformation Center Coaching Cohort means that we will be able to better support the training, resources, and skills needed to improve how educators teach – all through a community of practice that understands and reflects our values and the those of the individuals we serve.”

Dr. Alma Rodriguez, Interim Dean, College of Education and P-16 Integration, University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley, Co-lead