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Education Pioneers Grows National Education Leadership Program by 25%, Expands to Denver

Organization selects and places over 430 diverse emerging leaders to provide critical capacity to districts, charter schools, and education nonprofits

Oakland, Calif.— Education Pioneers, a national nonprofit that is fueling the transformation of U.S. public education by bringing 10,000 exceptional leaders into the sector by 2023 to accelerate systemic change for all students, announced today that it has grown its flagship education leadership program by over 25 percent and expanded to Denver.

Over 430 diverse emerging leaders, selected from an applicant pool of over 3,800, are participating in Education Pioneers' 2014 Graduate School Fellowship, a career and leadership development program. Fellows work outside the classroom in nearly 200 education organizations nationwide - including districts, charter schools, local and state education agencies, and education nonprofits - provide mission-critical capacity, and participate in robust professional development workshops. This year, Education Pioneers expanded this program to Denver, and 13 Fellows are working with nine education organizations there, including Denver Public Schools, DSST Public Schools, and Generation Schools.

"We need more exceptional leaders and managers to fill the rapidly growing number of complex, high-stakes roles in the education sector," said Scott Morgan, Founder and CEO of Education Pioneers. "By connecting our national network of diverse leaders with outstanding education organizations, Education Pioneers is addressing this leadership talent gap while advancing important initiatives to educate all students at high levels."

Of the 2014 Graduate School Fellowship cohort, over 55 percent identify as people of color, 36 percent have business backgrounds, 28 percent have policy backgrounds, and 25 percent have education backgrounds. (The remaining 11 percent have legal and other backgrounds.)

The organization also operates an Analyst Fellowship to meet critical data and analysis needs in the sector, and is currently selecting its 2014 cohort. Education Pioneers expects to select more than 100 Analyst Fellows from an applicant pool of more than 2,700 professionals.

Since the organization's founding, Education Pioneers has brought more than 2,500 leaders into education, where they have contributed their unique skill sets to support teaching and learning results of more than 200 education organizations nationwide.

Beyond their Fellowships, more than 70 percent of the organization's alumni in the workforce have remained in the education sector full time, representing a significant and forward-thinking segment of education leaders and managers who guide the work of school districts, charter school networks, and other education organizations.

About Education Pioneers

Education Pioneers mobilizes and prepares a national network of talented leaders, managers, and analysts to accelerate excellence in education and transform our education system into one that equips all students with the skills they need to thrive in college, career, and citizenship. Through its programs, Education Pioneers increases the talent supply of top leaders in education to improve the leadership capacity in key education organizations such as school districts, charter school organizations and nonprofits. Education Pioneers has an ambitious goal to have 10,000 Education Pioneers leaders working at all levels across the sector by 2023.

More information about Education Pioneers can be found at www.educationpioneers.org.

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