



AACTE President/CEO Dr. Lynn M. Gangone Script for Member Video Message – July 2019

HAPPY SUMMER!

I am excited to report that AACTE's Board of Directors approved a new Strategic Plan framework at their most recent meeting.

AACTE's new vision statement is as follows:

- AACTE, its members, and partners collaborate to revolutionize education for all learners.

Our Board adopted this new vision with the support of our members, who asked them to be bold and innovative in building the Association's strategic plan.

AACTE's new mission statement is as follows:

- AACTE elevates education and educator preparation through research, professional practice, advocacy, and collaboration.

Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is one of three AACTE strategic priorities, recognizing our member commitment to prioritizing the diversification of our faculty and the students we prepare. Addressing the

teacher shortage, especially for teachers of color and special education teachers, is a persistent challenge we face as a profession.

AACTE's portfolio of programs, products and services to provide members with solutions to their problems of practice will continue to expand, guided by our new vision and mission. AACTE will build on work such as its issue brief "Education Students and Diversity: A Review of New Evidence," which identifies significant challenges and opportunities for all schools, colleges, and departments of education around the country as they prepare professionals for increasingly diverse and complex educational environments. AACTE's Networked Improvement Communities are identifying promising practices to increase and support the number of black and Hispanic/Latino male candidates in teacher preparation programs and examining effective ways to address special education teacher recruitment and retention. These NIC's are a critical part of AACTE's work in engaging with member institutions to learn and share strategies to diversify our profession.

AACTE recently posted its new videos in the research-to-practice spotlight series on special education on the AACTE home page. These videos highlight exemplary programs in special education clinical preparation at both Bowling Green State University and Portland State University. You can view the videos at aacte.org,

as well as find other resources such as the Special Education Clinical Practice Compendium.

Revolutionizing education for all learners. Elevating education preparation and educators. Be a part of the exciting work of AACTE through not just your membership, but through your active engagement in our work. We have much to do and we will succeed when we do the work together!

Thank you, and have a great day.

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