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QEM UNITES HBCU AND TCU LEADERS TO HOST NATIONAL SUMMIT TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN STEM RESEARCH & EDUCATION

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) The QEM Network announced today that its national Quad-C Summit is scheduled for March 7 – 9, 2019. The overall goal is to broaden the participation of historically Black and Tribal serving educational institutions in research, and increasing the participation of their students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

INCLUDES is the NSF acronym for Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science.

“This Summit is designed to convene and connect the faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), in education research focused on STEM students,” says Ivory A. Toldson, Ph.D., QEM’s president and CEO. “Eligible faculty will be selected for support by the National Science Foundation (NSF), and other eligible faculty are encouraged to participate at their own expense or their institution’s expense,” he explained.

With this event, QEM expects to collect research findings and experiences for advancing STEM education research at HBCUs and TCUs, and to convey an action plan to continue to enhance the contribution of their students in the STEM Education Research Community of Practice. The hope is that these actions will result in connections that will stimulate collaborative activities following the Summit.

The partners who comprise the Quad-C Summit, invite all HBCU and TCU education research faculty and research coordinators to contribute to the Summit. “Any of these institutions that are committed to addressing the critical need for increased participation in STEM education research
designed and conducted by researchers from these institutions, are invited to engage in similar activities,” added Dr. Toldson.

Summit registration information will be disseminated in early November, with a registration deadline of January 11, 2019 for faculty seeking participant support, and January 24, 2019 for those attending at their own expense.

The QEM Network NSF INCLUDES Core Partner are Aaniiih Nakoda College (MT), College of Menominee Nation (WI), Lawson State Community College (AL), Morehouse College (GA), Morgan State University (MD), Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute (NM), Spelman College (GA), Tribal Nations Research Group (ND, Tuskegee University (AL), and United Tribes Technical College (ND). A small segment of America’s colleges, HBCUs and TCUs make a disproportionate contribution to the production of African American and Native American STEM degree recipients. The Summit’s dissemination strategies will catalyze their experiences and leadership to support the nation’s goal of a diversified STEM workforce.

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