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**Dallas Host to 5,000 Educators at AVID Summer Institute
More Than 28,000 Educators Will Attend 10 AVID Summer Institutes Nationwide**

SAN DIEGO – More than 5,000 teachers, counselors, and administrators from 21 states will attend the annual Dallas AVID Summer Institute on June 23-25. Dallas is the largest of ten AVID Summer Institutes that will train more than 28,000 participants across the country.

“We are excited to have our largest Summer Institute in Dallas,” said AVID CEO Sandy Husk. “Texas, and especially schools in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, are leaders for us in expanding AVID as the focus on college and career readiness remains at the heart of education priorities and initiatives.”

“In a time where education budgets are still tight, it is gratifying to see record numbers of educators attending our Summer Institutes,” Husk continued. “I believe it is a testament to our high-quality professional development that is focused on critical thinking, study and organization skills, and giving students the support they need to achieve postsecondary success.”

Currently serving students in 45 states, Texas is second only to California with the number of students and schools served by AVID. In Texas, students in nearly 900 schools and 150 districts benefit from AVID. Educators in Arlington, Dallas, Carrollton-Farmers Branch, Ft. Worth, Garland, Grand Prairie, Irving, Keller, Lancaster, McKinney, Mesquite, Midlothian, Plano, Richardson, Rockwall and other North Texas districts currently implement the AVID system in their schools and will be attending this year’s Summer Institute in Dallas.

AVID, the leading college readiness system available for kindergarten through postsecondary students, will train educators at Summer Institutes in proven practices and strategies to improve student engagement, increase graduation rates, and close achievement gaps in underserved student populations.

As a schoolwide system, AVID impacts the leadership, systems, instruction and culture of a school, emphasizing the academic and behavioral skills that are necessary for success in college and careers. A major component of the system is the AVID Elective class, which places students on a college track and offers support through curriculum resources based on critical thinking, writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading skills. As students in the Elective class take rigorous courses, they are also supported through Tutorology™ a specialized coaching technique where they are taught to use critical thinking to solve problems facilitated by college students.

In addition to training, AVID participants at the Dallas Summer Institute will meet with their local school or district teams to make plans for the coming school year. The highlight of the AVID Institute is the featured teacher and student speakers. Scheduled to speak in Dallas are Anthony Ritz from Southeast High School in Wichita Union School District; Dr. Fernando Valle from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin; AVID alumnus Eddy Diaz from Garland, Texas; and students Manuela Garcia from Topeka High School in Topeka Unified School District, and Jacob Trevino from Juan Seguin High School in the Arlington Independent School District.

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After the Summer Institute in Dallas, AVID will hold institutes in Orlando and Tampa, FL; Indianapolis, IN; San Antonio, TX; Philadelphia, PA; Sacramento and San Diego, CA. Australia will also host its third annual AVID Summer Institute this December.

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ABOUT AVID

AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a non-profit, proven college readiness system that closes the achievement gap. Today, AVID is implemented in approximately 4,900 schools in 45 states, the District of Columbia, and 16 countries/territories and impacts more than 700,000 students in grades K–12 and in 41 postsecondary institutions. The AVID College Readiness System transforms a school's academic culture to increase the number of students who enroll in four-year colleges and succeed in higher education and training.

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