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**U.S. News STEM Solutions National Leadership Conference  
Includes AVID in Panel Presentation on College Access**

*Dr. Sandy Husk, CEO of AVID,  
addresses the issue of equity and persistence for secondary students into higher education*

**May 6, 2015 (San Diego, CA)** – AVID® (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a San Diego-based nonprofit, proven college readiness system, announced today that Sandy Husk, CEO of AVID, will speak about the daunting road to college in a session entitled *Opening the Doors: Cultivating College Access and Completion* on June 30, 2015 during the U.S. News STEM Solutions Conference being held in San Diego, CA. She will be joined by Christopher Yanov, Founder and President of Reality Changers.

AVID is well known for its role in closing the achievement gap for all students, including those who are underrepresented in college, and it provides educators with proven, real-world strategies to accelerate the achievement of these students, as well as all students across the entire campus, so that they can succeed in college, career, and life. Graduation rates, admittance to college, and persistence data are all positively impacted as a result of implementation of AVID. Dr. Husk will speak to how schools can impact the lives and success of their students by enrolling them in rigorous courses and teaching them AVID strategies. The session is scheduled to take place starting at 9:45 a.m. at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel.

“It is an honor to represent AVID at this prestigious conference sponsored by U.S. News & World Report, where a rich cross-section of minds in business and academia meet to teach, inspire, and hire tomorrow’s workforce,” said Husk.

**ABOUT AVID**

AVID is a nonprofit organization that provides educators with proven, real-world strategies to accelerate the performance of underrepresented students so that these students and all students across the entire campus succeed in college, career, and life. Today, AVID is implemented in approximately 5,000 schools in 44 states, the District of Columbia, and 16 countries/territories and impacts close to a million students in grades K–12 and in 43 post-secondary institutions. To learn more, visit [www.avid.org](http://www.avid.org).

**ABOUT U.S. NEWS STEM SOLUTIONS**

U.S. News STEM Solutions is a mission-critical event focused on the shortage of STEM-related skills in the American workforce. U.S. News & World Report will bring together major corporations, leading educators, top policymakers, education technology companies, and many more to create a collective that will fill jobs now and advance the future STEM workforce.

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