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AVID Summer Institutes begin June 21 in Dallas

DALLAS, TEXAS - The first of eight AVID Summer Institutes for professional development entitled, “A Tradition of Innovation. A Future of Transformation.” begins June 21 in Dallas, Texas. AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, will train more than 18,000 teachers and administrators on AVID strategies and methodologies focused on preparing students for college and postsecondary success. “AVID takes good teachers and makes them great teachers,” said Jim Nelson, Executive Director for AVID Center. “Our Summer Institutes offer high quality professional development that is focused on critical thinking skills, study and organization skills and giving students support they need to succeed in rigorous coursework.”

Professional development strands include Critical Reading, Essential Academic Skills for College Readiness, Leadership for Expanding AVID Schoolwide, Tutorology, Socratic Seminars, Writing, Culturally Relevant Teaching and more. AVID’s Student Leadership Team will assist staff developers and AVID school site teams by giving them the student’s point-of-view as they work to develop and refine the AVID program at their school.

In addition to Dallas, other AVID Summer Institute cities include Sacramento, Atlanta, Orlando, Chicago, and San Diego (two Institutes). The highlight of each Institute is the luncheon where both AVID alumni and current AVID students tell their personal story of struggle and hardship and about their current success and plans for the future. Their stories motivate and inspire the entire audience.

For more information on the conference, visit www.avid.org.

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AVID Center is the national headquarters for AVID. AVID mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. The AVID college readiness system provides school districts with the curriculum, methodologies, and training to prepare low-income and culturally diverse students for college eligibility and success.