American University School of Education and Noodle Partners Celebrate First Online Graduation

The AU School of Education’s first online cohort will graduate this month.

WASHINGTON (PRWEB) May 13, 2019 -- The inaugural cohort of American University School of Education’s online Masters in Education Policy and Leadership (EPL) program graduated this past weekend, May 11, 2019. This marks the premiere graduating class for the online EPL at AU and the first graduating cohort across all of Noodle Partners’ programs.

American University joined forces with Noodle Partners in 2017 to bring their highly reputable Masters in Education Policy and Leadership program online. The program, designed for those looking to drive social change through policy, focuses on avenues to equitable education and increased access to quality learning environments.

The AU EPL was one of the first programs to launch in collaboration with Noodle Partners, and the partnership soon expanded to include the Master of Arts in Teaching and Doctor of Education programs. Noodle Partners has since added more than 30 programs and 15 additional universities to its roster.

Many of the recent graduates of the AU EPL program originate from Teach For America, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and City Year. Victoria Daniels, a member of the inaugural cohort, spent her undergraduate years at Howard University, and enrolled in the EPL program when she realized that her passion for inspiring students went beyond teaching.

“I started to realize the problem I wanted to solve was greater than any one classroom,” Daniels said. “My real aim was educational reform— having a hand in reforming curricula and getting more programs that reinvigorate learners installed in schools, particularly in urban areas where the school-to-prison pipeline is strongest.”

To date, graduates of the on-campus program have seen a vast array of career offerings upon graduation. Within six months of completing their programs, 97% of American University’s Education in Policy and Leadership graduates are working, continuing their education, or both.

“Graduation is always exciting for our students in the School of Education; however, this graduation is a true milestone because it’s our first graduating class of online masters students in education leadership,” AU School of Education Dean Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy said.

The graduation marks a major success for Noodle Partners as well, as they work to pioneer a new model of public-private relationships in higher education. “Our first graduating class represents the power of access and equity for all. We are excited about their future and the impact they will make in their communities and beyond,” AU School of Education Assistant Dean Julie Sara Boyd said.

“AU trusted us very early on to upend the conventional online program manager (OPM) model and built a program they could be extremely proud of, without us being an overbearing force,” CEO of Noodle Partners, John Katzman said. “We are immensely grateful for their trust, and together we’ve built a really powerful program.”

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