

Hey John,

While students nationwide are becoming more diverse, 80 percent of our teachers are white. Research tells us this diversity gap matters. Having diverse teachers, particularly a teacher who reflects their students, has shown to positively increase test scores, attendance and behavior.

For many, this challenge is secondary to the general challenge of simply getting people interested in the teaching profession. While enrollment in teacher preparation programs have struggled nationally, one graduate school of education continues to grow annually and maintain diversity within its student body. (Two-thirds of the educators in Relay Graduate School of Education are people of color compared to 25 percent enrolled in teacher prep programs nationally.) By recently opening its newest campus in Indianapolis, Relay is working to address the shortage of teachers of color in the region by attracting more diverse aspiring educators to the profession.

These results are only possible through deliberate recruitment and support as well as partnerships with K-12 schools. Below is a press release with more information.

Would you be interested in learning more about a graduate program and its partners that are helping to diversify the teaching force in Indianapolis?

What do you think?