Teach.com Launches to Encourage, Promote Great Teaching in STEM and Other Areas

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Los Angeles, December 15, 2011 — Teach.com, a comprehensive educational web resource dedicated to discovering, discussing and encouraging great teaching around the world, was launched this week. With America’s need for more great teachers, particularly science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) teachers, Teach.com provides current and aspiring teachers an easy-to-navigate map outlining the steps to become a teacher, including information on teacher salaries, teacher preparation and certification requirements for all 50 states as well as information on teaching abroad. The site also profiles great teachers from around the country and highlights the need for more STEM teachers.

Teach.com also provides current and aspiring teachers in STEM and other fields, with the opportunity to receive information about the MAT@USC, the top-ranked and highly rigorous teacher preparation program delivered online from the University of Southern California.

“We are thrilled to launch Teach.com to inspire and provide aspiring teachers in STEM, or any subject area, with information they need to start their path towards a teaching career,” said USC Rossier Dean Karen Symms Gallagher. USC Rossier launched the MAT@USC online program in 2009, which, coupled with its on-campus program, has graduated nearly 600 new teachers, increasing its size more than tenfold in two years.

Recently, USC Rossier was the first non-profit school of education to join the “100Kin10” STEM Initiative. The initiative includes cross-sector partners who have pledged to meet President Barack Obama’s two fold challenge to train 10,000 new STEM teachers in two years and 100,000 new STEM teachers in 10 years. As a part of this initiative, USC Rossier has committed to prepare 2,800 new STEM teachers for urban school districts by 2015, through the online and on-campus MAT programs, and will work with Teach.com to further this mission.

“Rossier is committed to graduating the best prepared teachers, both in STEM fields, which are a priority for our country, and in any and all classrooms,” said Melora Sundt, USC Rossier Associate Dean for Academic Programs. “Teach.com is a great additional resource for teachers.”

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About MAT@USC
The MAT@USC is a Master of Arts in Teaching program delivered online at the University of Southern California Rossier School of Education. The program requires the same strict admissions criteria as the on-campus MAT program, and offers identical services and resources. The curriculum is implemented through the integration of online classroom experience with intensive school-based fieldwork in each student’s home city. Graduates receive a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from USC, a Tier I research university.

About Teach.com
Teach.com aims to discover, discuss and encourage great teaching around the world. It offers a comprehensive educational resource for current and aspiring teachers, including information about teacher preparation and certification in any state across the country, profiles of great teachers and the tactics they use, STEM Education and much more. Teach.com is made possible by MAT@USC, a Master of Arts in Teaching delivered online at the University of Southern California Rossier School of Education.

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