



# NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PARTNERSHIPS

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**Amy Williams Hired as Executive Director of the  
National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships**

*Brings Montana expertise to lead organization into its third decade*

The National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) has hired Amy Williams of Bozeman, Montana as Executive Director of the leading national organization advancing quality college courses for high school students. Williams, who was selected by the Board of Directors after a very competitive national search, will assume the role February 1, 2019. She will provide strategic and operational management of the organization's 6-member staff and \$1.2 million annual budget.

"I am pleased and excited to have Amy take on leadership of the organization. Her skills, abilities and experience are an outstanding fit for building on NACEP's forward momentum and leading the organization into its next chapter," said Patrick Cannon, the President of NACEP's Board and Associate Director of Indiana University's Advance College Project. "I look forward to working with her to achieve NACEP's vision of a future where all high school students are prepared for, have access to, and succeed in quality college courses."

With more than 16 years combined experience in secondary and higher education, Williams brings a depth of experience that extends across the education spectrum. Her passion for students and transforming the systems that serve them have driven her to advance concurrent and dual enrollment in both Montana and national policy realms.

"Amy's state and national experience makes her an outstanding choice to continue NACEP's leadership in guiding the expansion of high quality concurrent and dual enrollment," said Melinda Karp, founder of Phase Two Advisory and the former Assistant Director of the Community College Research Center at Columbia University. "An educator and policymaker and a strong presence in Montana and the national arena, she knows how to balance the needs of on-the-ground practitioners and the advocacy community."

Formerly a nationally recognized educator and STEM consultant, Williams has spent the past five years of her career working with state leadership to build and implement a new vision for dual enrollment in Montana. Montana's dual enrollment vision resulted from Williams' active

engagement with NACEP as a member and as chair of NACEP's State Policy Leadership Committee. Her leadership on dual enrollment completely transformed the interface between high school and higher education in the state.

"Amy is a force of nature, helping to double student participation in Montana's dual enrollment program over the past five years," remarked Montana Governor Steve Bullock. He continued by noting that "she is passionate about the quality of dual enrollment courses and ensuring that students across the state, including in our rural schools, have access to these opportunities. I am grateful for her service to the state and know that she will continue to make a positive impact on students and the country as she takes the reins at NACEP."

Williams will become NACEP's second Executive Director with the planned departure of Adam Lowe. Lowe, who started as NACEP's first employee in 2009, led the previously all-volunteer professional organization through a period of growth and transition during its second decade.

Under his leadership, NACEP has become recognized as the voice for the movement and NACEP's accreditation services are widely recognized as the standard for program quality by states, institutions, and professional organizations, with the number of accredited programs doubling to 107. During his tenure, NACEP expanded opportunities for members to grow as professionals through conferences, workshops, webinars, leadership opportunities, and its network of affiliated state and regional chapters. Adam will continue to support NACEP through the transition as a Strategic Advisor through the spring of 2019.

"Adam Lowe and NACEP have been integral to Montana's dual enrollment accomplishments", stated Williams. "Adam will be greatly missed but leaves a legacy that will yield dividends for the organization far into the future. As NACEP enters its third decade, I look forward to building on that legacy and strengthening NACEP's commitment to and support of practitioners, programs, and policy advancing high quality concurrent and dual enrollment courses for all students."

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### **About NACEP**

The National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) is the leading membership organization supporting programs that successfully transition students from high school to college through college credit-bearing courses. We promote quality programming through national standards, accreditation, and professional development. Our members offer college courses to high school students through a variety of delivery methods and use a range of terms such as concurrent enrollment, dual enrollment, dual credit, and early college. NACEP's national network of over 450 colleges and universities, 70 high schools and school districts, 30 state agencies and system offices, and 10 state and regional chapters actively share the latest knowledge about best practices, research, and advocacy.