

TOLLESON, Ariz. (Sept. 26, 2017) – A new initiative to bring more teachers to Arizona's classrooms was launched today as education, civic, community, government and business leaders celebrated the creation of the Arizona Teachers Academy

to develop this important initiative for the state, and I am confident that we will continue to innovate to create additional options to grow our teacher workforce.”

The Arizona Teachers Academy offers an innovative approach with graduates receiving support through mentorship and connections to academy professors and alumni. With a ready job market for teachers, academy graduates will have a job waiting for them after graduation.

Academy participants at Arizona State University will utilize design labs, developing new knowledge and tools to create schools of the future in rural and urban communities.

“Graduates of the Arizona Teachers Academy at ASU will benefit from networked mentoring support during their first year of teaching,” said Michael Crow, Arizona State University president. “We partner with more than 30 K-12 school districts and 600 public, charter and private schools and will leverage these partnerships to recruit candidates, create design labs and deploy a new workforce of educators.”

As part of the Arizona Teachers Academy, Northern Arizona University will expand its Grow Your Own partnerships with local schools and community colleges. These partnerships identify and train future teachers in communities with teacher shortages.

