

Relay

Graduate School of Education

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GRADUATE SCHOOL of EDUCATION

About Us

Our Mission



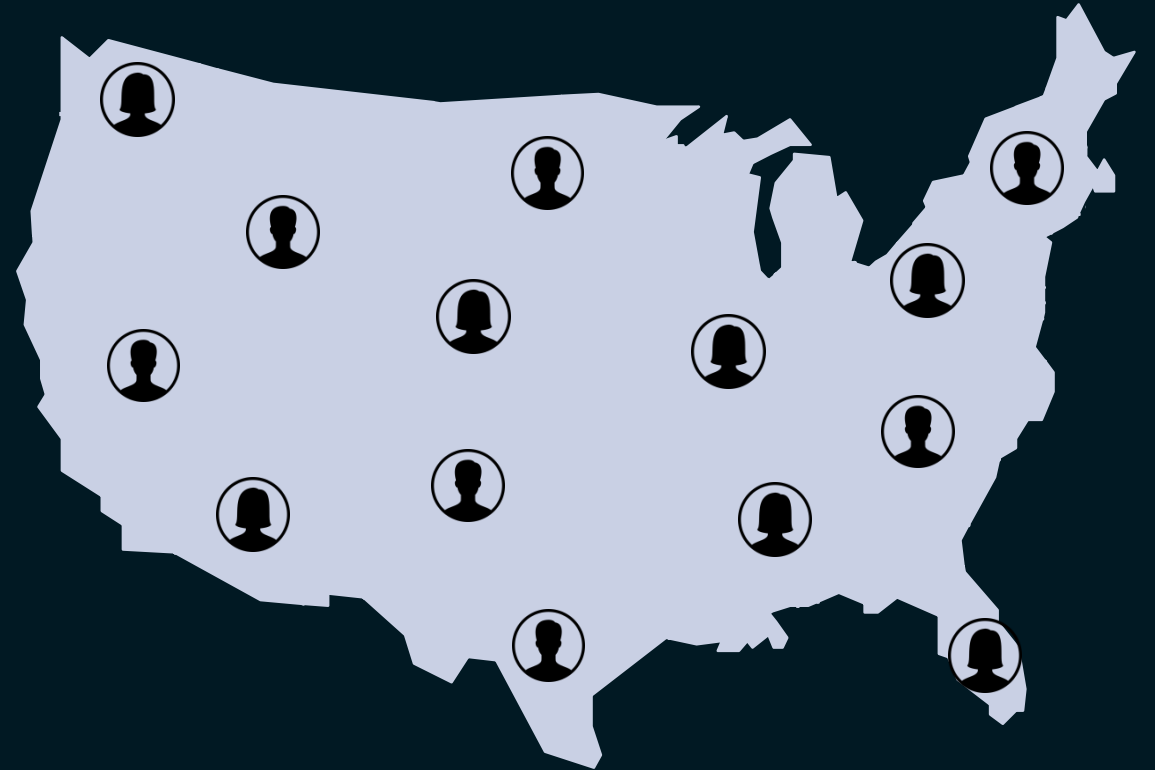
Grow the number of great teachers and school leaders who are preparing their PK-12 students for success in college and career.

Education creates **freedom.**

Studies affirm that highly effective teachers not only raise student achievement in the short term — but they also significantly improve their students' long-term life outcomes.

Great teachers are **made**, not born.

Our goal is to become *the* place where a new generation of dedicated, continuously-improving teacher-heroes can fulfill their destiny in the world's greatest profession.



Teaching is an expression of **love.**

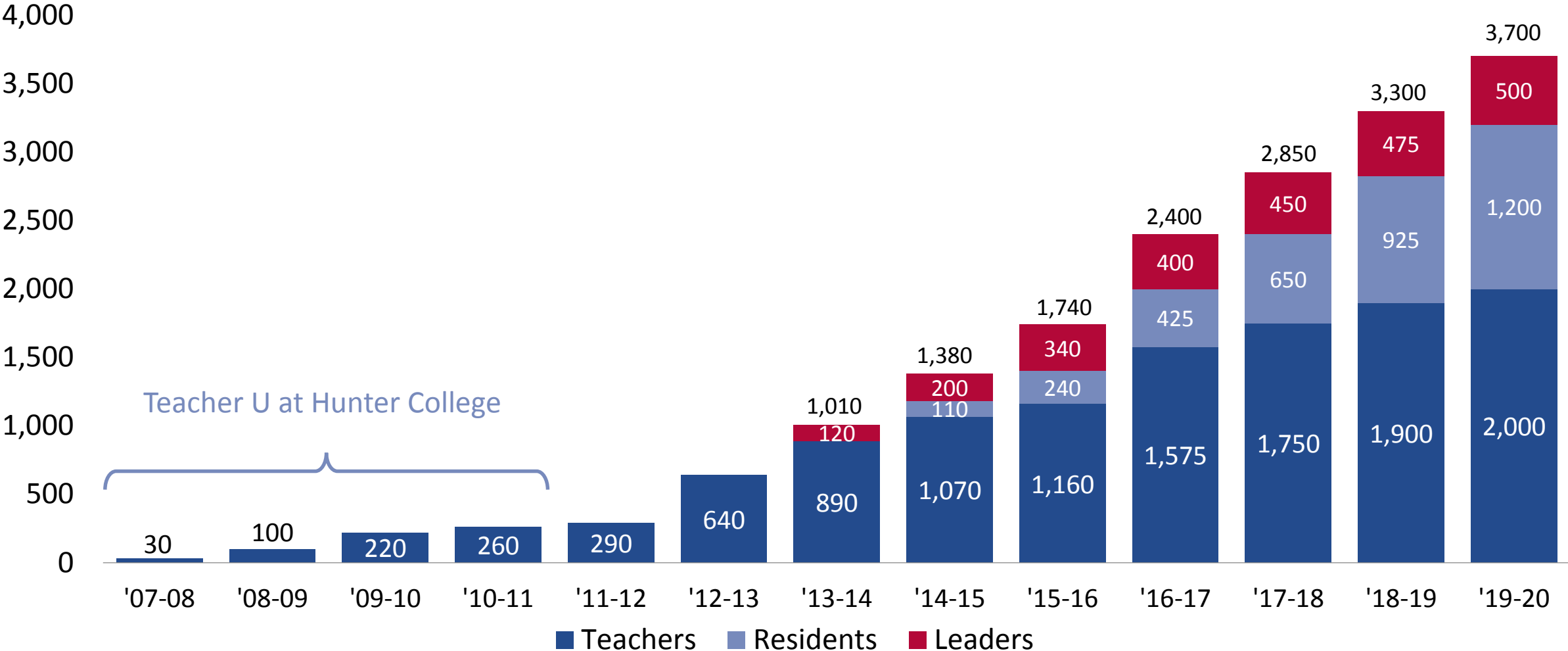
A photograph of a Black female teacher with a large afro and glasses, wearing a dark blazer, leaning in and talking to two young Black girls. The girl on the left is wearing a white shirt, and the girl on the right is wearing a grey polo shirt. In the background, a world map is visible on the wall. A blue semi-transparent box is overlaid on the bottom center of the image, containing white text.

Every child needs a champion:
Teachers are heroes serving students
and their communities.

This year, Relay is preparing teachers at **12 campuses** and developing school leaders in **24 U.S. states and D.C.**



Relay is rapidly expanding in scope and impact, in response to high demand for quality training programs for teachers and school leaders across the country •







Our Approach

The Relay Approach: Learn. Practice. Perform.

Just as doctors and athletes must train for years to become expert professionals, we know that it takes meticulous practice, feedback, and repetition to become a skilled teacher or principal.



Learn



Practice



Perform

The Relay Approach: Learn



- ✓ Practical techniques that can be used the next day in the classroom
- ✓ Champion professors who were themselves outstanding teachers
- ✓ Curriculum is delivered 60% in-person, 40% online



The Relay Approach: Practice



- ☑ Unparalleled opportunities for practice with faculty and peer teachers
- ☑ Use of video to record and analyze teaching in action
- ☑ Immediate feedback to help refine techniques

The Relay Approach: Perform



- ✓ Learnings applied directly to teaching in the classroom
- ✓ PK-12 student data analyzed to inform instruction and continuously improve performance
- ✓ Teachers drive PK-12 student success in academics and personal character development



What It Will Take

Focus on Retention

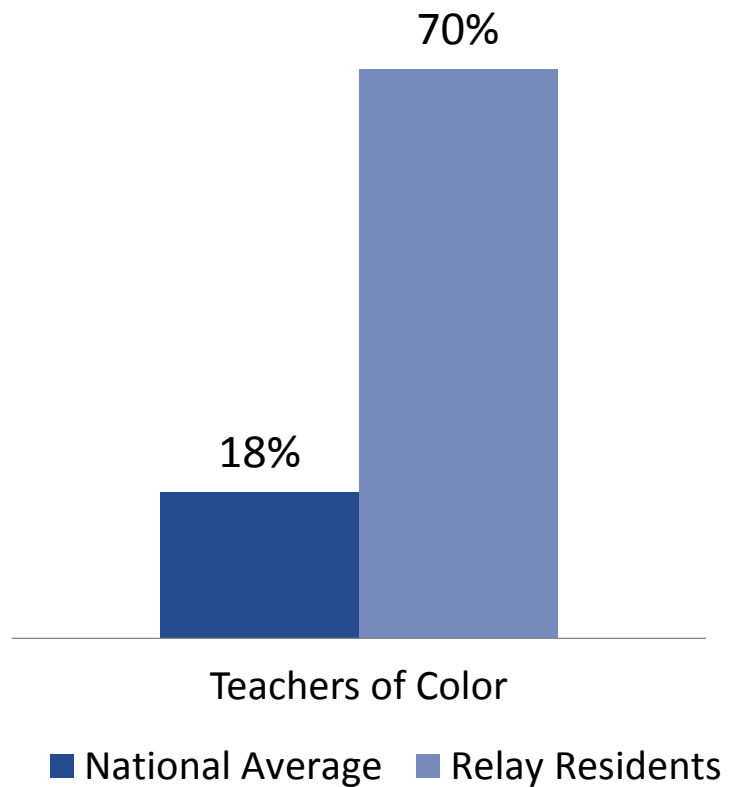
Almost all new teachers leave the profession **within five years**.



Schools in low-income communities have **DOUBLE** the turnover rate of schools in high-income communities.

Focus on Diversity

Through the Residency, Relay is working together with PK-12 school partners to attract local young people of color to join the teaching profession.



Allow Principals to be Instructional Leaders



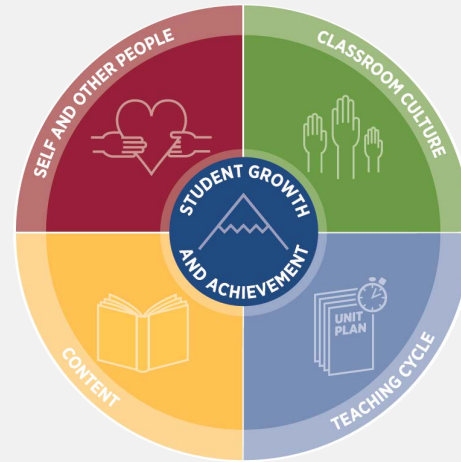
The average principal only spends **6 minutes a day** observing and giving feedback to teachers.

The Relay: From One Great Teacher to the Next

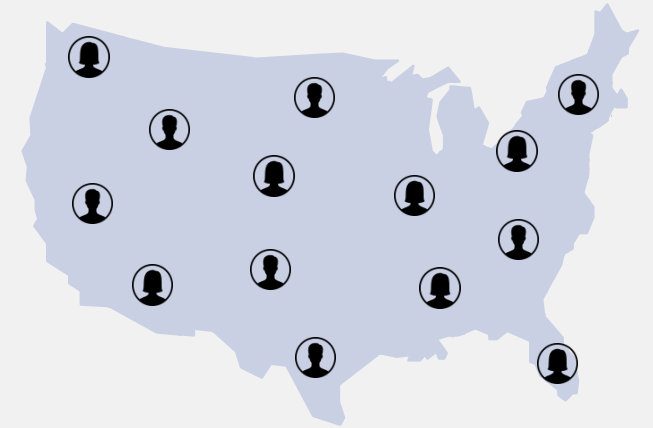
By recruiting, preparing, and supporting great educators at all levels, we will ensure that many more PK-12 students receive a high-quality education.



An innovative approach centered around practice



A focus on student achievement and character growth



A growing network of committed teachers and school leaders

Relay Programs



ASPIRING TEACHERS

- **Relay Teaching Residency**
A gradual on-ramp into the teaching profession through a structured apprenticeship with extra opportunities for deliberate practice
- **Teacher Pathways**
New programs to engage undergrads in hands-on experiences that ignite interest in teaching; in Houston this includes the Relay Tutor Corps, a semester-long structured tutoring program



CURRENT TEACHERS

- **Master of Arts in Teaching**
A two-year degree program focused on practical skills that prepare candidates to effectively support PK-12 students
- **Alternate Route Certification**
A one-year program for new teachers and career changers seeking state certification
- **Accelerated Master of Arts in Teaching**
A one-year program for experienced teachers looking to grow their impact and earn an advanced degree



SCHOOL LEADERS

- **National Principals Academy & National Principal Supervisors Academy**
A practical one-year fellowship program focused on high-leverage instructional leadership that includes differentiated tracks for principals and principal supervisors