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Learning First Alliance Welcomes AACTE’s Lynn M. Gangone to its Board of Directors

Alexandria, Va. – June 6, 2016 – The Learning First Alliance (LFA), a partnership of leading education organizations representing more than 10 million parents, educators and policymakers, welcomes Lynn M. Gangone, President and CEO of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) as its newest board member.

Gangone is an experienced educator and advocate who has worked in higher education and associations. Her areas of expertise include higher education leadership, advancement of underrepresented populations, strategic planning, and change management. AACTE is a national alliance of educator preparation programs dedicated to high-quality, evidence-based preparation that assures educators are profession-ready as they enter the classroom.

“We are looking forward to working with Lynn and tapping her extensive knowledge and perspectives on educator preparation and higher education systems to further LFA’s mission to advance public education,” said LFA Executive Director Richard M. Long.

Immediately prior to joining AACTE, Gangone was vice president of the leadership division at the American Council on Education, where she guided programs, products, and services for higher education leaders. She also served as dean of Colorado Women’s College at the University of Denver as well as in other faculty appointments. In addition, Gangone was vice president of the Maryland Independent College and University Association and served as executive director of the National Association for Women in Education.

Gangone earned an Ed.D. and M.Ed. in higher and postsecondary administration, with a concentration in organizations and leadership, from Teachers College, Columbia University; an M.S. and C.A.S. in counseling psychology from the University at Albany, State University of New York; and a B.A. in political science from the College of New Rochelle. She was a member of the class of 2010 Harvard Institute for Educational Management.

She took the helm of AACTE earlier this month, succeeding Sharon P. Robinson, who retired after 12 years as AACTE’s President and CEO.
About the Learning First Alliance
The Learning First Alliance is a partnership of leading education organizations with more than 10 million members dedicated to improving student learning in America's public schools. Alliance members include: American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; AASA: The School Superintendents Association; American Federation of Teachers; American School Counselor Association; Consortium for School Networking; International Society for Technology in Education; Learning Forward; National Association of Elementary School Principals; National Association of Secondary School Principals; National Education Association; National PTA; National School Boards Association and National School Public Relations Association.

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