



Greetings,

I trust this message finds you well and 2024 is off to a great start for you and your team.

As we continue the exciting journey of the current academic year, it is never too early to turn our attention to the staffing needs that lie ahead. Drawing from my extensive experience as a lifelong educator, including roles as the Dean at Ohio State University and Johns Hopkins University, and now serving as the Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Global (formerly Brandman University), I am keenly aware of the challenges facing the current teacher pipeline.

During my tenure as President of National University, I actively addressed California's increasing demand for new teachers, overseeing the development of the largest number of new educators in the state. Now, as Chancellor of UMass Global, I have inherited the strong former Brandman team who were also keenly focused on serving educators and added to it with strategic hires from my past. We are committed to fostering robust reciprocal relationships with districts and addressing the prevailing challenges in educational communities.

Understanding the critical importance of staffing, we are eager to collaborate with you and your team to fill crucial positions and provide unwavering support to new teachers in their formative years, ultimately enhancing retention rates. Dr. Lori Piowski, our newly appointed Dean of the School of Education, brings her passion and innovative approaches to educator preparation, leading the development of an exciting internship program designed to cultivate high-quality new teachers.

Should you be in the process of identifying and hiring interns fully prepared to enter classrooms next fall, we stand ready to assist, offering coordinated support from UMass Global. Our commitment is to work collaboratively with you to identify pathways and pipelines that support the growth of your community and educators.

I invite you to explore the potential for partnership with UMass Global. If you are interested in further discussions, please feel free to reach out to our Director of Strategic Partnerships, Dr. Erika Saito, at lorine.saito@umassglobal.edu. We look forward to the opportunity to contribute to your staffing success.

Once again, I extend my warm wishes for a Happy New Year, and I am optimistic about the possibilities that lie ahead for our potential collaboration.

Best regards,

Dr. David Andrews

Chancellor