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**FACULTY PRESENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA:
“THE TEACHER LEADER CENTER: PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF EDUCATORS”**

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Executive Summary: The Teacher Leader Center (TLC) is committed to creating the next generation of educators. It offers advanced training and practitioner opportunities in the areas of assessment, technology, and diversity. The synergies of the College’s programs create research opportunities and innovation potential. The TLC offers professional development opportunities as a value added experience for students, faculty, and the community of learners. Its strategic priorities include student success; knowledge and practice; new frontiers; and creating better futures. At the University of Iowa, teacher education candidates are afforded all of the pre-service experiences tied to state licensure requirements; in addition, they are exposed to wider experiences that demand a unique understanding of the leading changes in technology and assessment and that empower new educators to see schools as extensions of their communities.

Professor Susan Lagos Lavenz, Associate Dean for Teacher Education and Director of the Teacher Leader Center in the College of Education, and two students will discuss the role of the Center in teacher preparation. Ms. Melanie Hester is a graduate student in Elementary Education from Davenport; she will undertake her student teaching in Fall 2013. Mr. Alex Hanna is an undergraduate student in Elementary Education from Swisher; he will undertake his student teaching in Fall 2013.