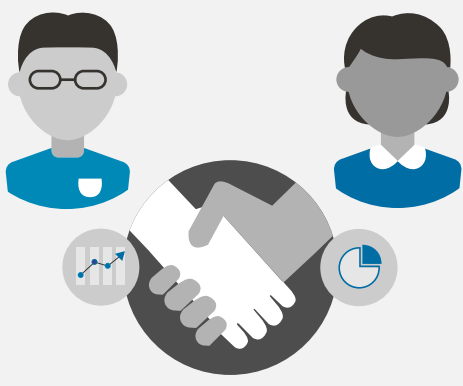# Diversity in Schools Improves Learning Outcomes

#DiversityMatters

The importance of diversity within the higher education learning environment cannot be understated. As America becomes more diverse, it's important that our institutions of higher learning reflect the world in which college graduates live and work.

Greater student diversity and more equitable access increase opportunities for historically underrepresented learners. But research also continues to show that diversity enriches the educational experience and improves learning outcomes for all students.
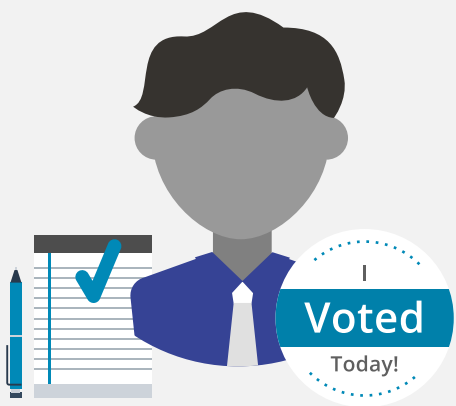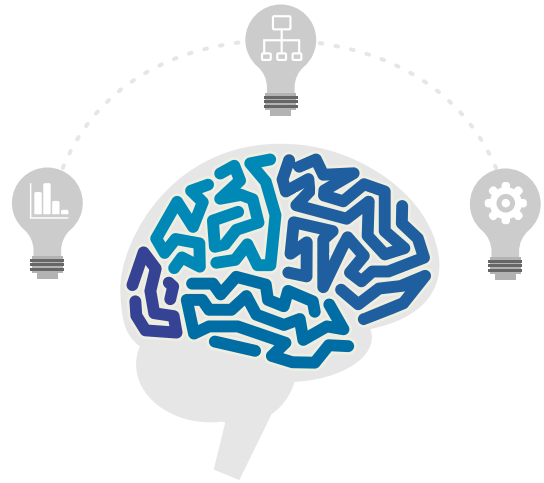
More Tolerance

Both informal and formal interracial interactions increase cross-ethnic friendships, which lead to lower interethnic anxiety and more positive attitudes where students live and work.[1]

Better Thinkers

Exposure to diverse backgrounds and perspectives improves academic achievement,[2] including students' critical thinking skills and academic self-confidence.[1]

Stronger Communities

Diverse learning environments develop better citizens who have a greater sense of civic engagement and participate more in community activities, such as volunteering.[1]
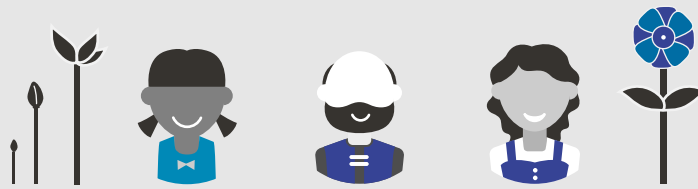
More Successful Employees

Student diversity helps improve career readiness for learners. Graduates are more culturally aware, more productive working in teams,[2] and have stronger leadership skills.[1]

Happier Lives

Diversity in schools positively correlates to personal growth and purpose in life among college graduates in their mid-30s.[1]

Learn more about why diversity matters in education.
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[1] Brief of the American Educational Research Association et al, as Amici Curiae in Support of Respondents, Fisher v. University of Texas

[2] Brief of 553 Social Scientists as Amici Curiae in Support of Respondents, Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District

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