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The Teagle Foundation Awards SEPCHE \$300,000 Grant Strengthening Multi-Disciplinary Approaches to Business Education

The Teagle Foundation has awarded the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education (SEPCHE) \$300,000 over three years for its collaborative initiative “*Integrating Liberal Arts in the Professions*” expanding strengthening multi-disciplinary approaches to undergraduate business education.

Member institutions of the SEPCHE consortium include Arcadia University, Cabrini University, Chestnut Hill College, Gwynedd Mercy University, Holy Family University, Immaculata University, Neumann University and Rosemont College. This consortium of eight independent colleges and universities in the Philadelphia region has engaged for over two decades in collaborative problem solving -- improving teaching and learning among students, faculty and staff, increasing operating efficiencies and enabling college access.

SEPCHE Business programs at Chestnut Hill College, Immaculata University, Neumann University and Rosemont College will use the lens of social impact to strengthen multi-disciplinary approaches to real world problem solving.

Undertaking this effort as a cross-institutional initiative enables the opportunity for active collaboration among faculty from the professions and disciplines advancing current, relevant and highly debated issues involving social impact and social innovation, and engaging disciplinary perspectives on service and the common good that will inform the development of meaning and purpose.

This opportunity also enables us to look programmatically at high impact practices that have been shown to improve learning outcomes and to connect them intentionally and thematically across learning experiences through the years. In doing so, we hope to provide a model showing how small colleges in geographic proximity can leverage these practices to improve programmatic quality and outcomes at scale.

This prestigious award is one of a select number of grants made nationally by The Teagle Foundation supporting efforts that foster faculty-led curricular reform and collaborative learning through the integration of liberal arts and professions. This grant is the largest ever received by the SEPCHE consortium from The Teagle Foundation.

The Teagle Foundation works to support and strengthen liberal arts education, which is fundamental to meaningful work, effective citizenship, and a fulfilling life. The Teagle Foundation advances excellence in the improvement of teaching and learning in the arts and sciences while addressing issues of financial sustainability and accountability in higher education.

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