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Dr. Deborah Bordelon, dean of the College of Education, said the grant will enhance GSU's influence as a catalyst for change. "We are honored to receive the highly competitive TQP funding. This collaborative program with its focus on innovative teacher preparation, the teacher residency model, and student achievement, will have an academic, social, and economic impact on our school districts and surrounding communities," Bordelon said.

During the five year grant period, GSU will collect and use student achievement data to determine the impact of participating teachers on student learning and for continuous program improvement.

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