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Title: The Math Alliance: Building a National Mentoring Community

Abstract: It is well documented that Traditionally Excluded American Minorities (TEAM) populations among STEM professionals are sparse at best. Mathematical Sciences being crucial to other STEM disciplines means the lack of representation in our fields has an effect far beyond our own discipline. Efforts to address this over the years have generally relied on one key individual at individual programs, and those efforts are generally hard to institutionalize and sustain. The Math Alliance grew out of an effort by the University of Iowa Mathematics Department to address this situation within their own program. We'll discuss some of this history, the Math Alliance, its structure, and programs, and how we can participate. We also will discuss the possibility that our research community might be poised to interface with this effort in a new way.