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Dear Esteemed Colleagues and Special Guests,

I am honored to welcome you to the Florida Teacher Recruitment and Retention Summit, hosted by the Florida Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (FACTE). This summit represents a crucial milestone in our collective pursuit of creating a high-quality, dedicated teaching workforce that remains committed to education in Florida. We are thrilled to have you join us for this important event, and I would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to all those who have made this summit possible.

First and foremost, a sincere thank you to the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) for their generous grant, which has been instrumental in bringing together a diverse group of educators, policymakers, and stakeholders from across Florida. This summit is a testament to our shared commitment to address the vital issues of teacher recruitment, retention, and satisfaction.

I would also like to extend our appreciation to the members of the planning committee. The preparation of each member led by FACTE's immediate past-president, Dr. Scott Hewit, has been the driving force behind this event. Your attention to detail and tireless efforts over the past year have paved the way for a summit that promises to be both enlightening and impactful.

To our volunteers, your contributions are the driving force behind the smooth execution of this event. From behind-the-scenes logistics to session facilitation, your support is evident and appreciated.

As we convene, let us be mindful of the importance of cultivating a skilled, passionate teaching workforce. A workforce that not only imparts knowledge but also nurtures a love for learning in every student. This summit provides us with a platform to discuss strategies that will ultimately lead to a flourishing educational landscape in Florida.

Thank you for your dedication to making this summit a steppingstone towards a brighter future for education in Florida.

Warm regards,

**Ana Blaine**  
President