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Fordham University and 2U, Inc., Partner to Offer Online Graduate Degree Programs in Education and Social Work

NEW YORK and LANHAM, Md., June 29, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Fordham University and 2U, Inc. (NASDAQ: TWOU), today announced a partnership to launch two new online degree programs, one with the Graduate School of Education (GSE) and one with the Graduate School of Social Service (GSS).

"We are happy to expand our reach to more education and social work professionals across the country," said Stephen Freedman, Ph.D., provost of the University. "The online classes will enable students who don't live within commuting distance of the programs they seek, the opportunity to receive a top-tier graduate education."

In the new programs, GSE will offer a Master of Science in Teaching (MST) in childhood education, an MST dual degree in childhood and special education, and a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in K-through-12 leadership.

At GSS, 2U will power Fordham's Master of Social Work (MSW), which is currently offered online in a program ranked among the top social work programs in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Both the GSE and GSS programs will be new Domestic Graduate Programs for 2U.

"As these fields continue to evolve, it is imperative that we push the boundaries in professional education while providing more opportunities for the modern student," said Freedman. "Both programs will focus on quality and outcomes, providing a top-tier Fordham experience for a diverse group of students who may not be able to easily attend a residential program."

Education@Fordham's MST will include a coordinated sequence of courses that progress from foundations and methods of teaching to the development of a professional portfolio. With the support of faculty and field mentors, students will participate in field placements in educational settings across the nation. The GSE's new MST dual degree will additionally educate professionals who wish to focus their careers on learning and development for children with disabilities. The Ed.D. program will offer a terminal degree to those individuals seeking a focus on K-through-12 leadership.

OnlineMSW@Fordham will combine a top-tier social work education with extraordinary opportunities for local fieldwork in the communities where students live and work. Fordham's newly revised competency-based curriculum is designed to provide students with advanced integrated practice skills. The unique MSW program structure will offer students exceptional choice and personalized plans of study in their area(s) of professional practice interest.

Through 2U's technology platform, students and faculty will be able to meet weekly through live, online class sessions with immersive course content. All classes will be taught by Fordham University faculty.

Education@Fordham and OnlineMSW@Fordham are expected to launch in May 2018 and September 2018, respectively.

About Fordham University

Fordham University, the Jesuit University of New York, is committed to the discovery of Wisdom and the transmission of Learning, through research and through undergraduate, graduate and professional education of the highest quality. Guided by its Catholic and Jesuit traditions, Fordham fosters the intellectual, moral and religious development of its students and prepares them for leadership in a global society.

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