



**GEORGIA PARTNERSHIP  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**

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**GEORGIA PARTNERSHIP RECEIVES  
\$45K GRANT FROM CITI FOUNDATION**

ATLANTA -- The Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education has received a \$45,000 grant from the Citi Foundation. The grant will be used to support the Georgia Higher Education Challenge, which aligns with the Citi Foundation's commitment to generating a dramatic and sustainable increase in the number of low-income and first-generation students who enroll and succeed in postsecondary education.

"The Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education is a driving force of education in Georgia," said Anne Soutter, Georgia State Director for Citi Community Relations. "The Citi Foundation is committed to the economic empowerment of individuals and families, particularly those in need, in the communities where we work so that they can improve their standard of living."

In accepting the grant, Georgia Partnership President Dr. Steve Dolinger praised Citi's commitment to education. "Citi understands that a strong, effective public education system is one of the surest strategies in creating opportunity and lifetime economic success for all citizens." He added, "This grant will help us in our continuing efforts to make a difference in our state."

The Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education consists of business, education, community and government leaders who share a vision of improved education and student achievement. The non-partisan, non-profit organization has been working for almost 20 years to be Georgia's foremost change agent in education. More information is available at [www.gpee.org](http://www.gpee.org).

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