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2U, Inc., Enables its first Online Doctorate and Supports USC Rossier in Welcoming 60 Doctorate Students

LANDOVER, Md., Jan. 12, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- 2U, Inc., the leader in partnering with top-tier colleges and universities to deliver the world's best online degree programs, today announced that USC Rossier School of Education this week welcomed an inaugural class of 60 students to its new online doctorate, a Doctorate of Education (EdD) in Organizational Change and Leadership. This is the first online doctorate offering from a 2U-partner university.

The new online EdD is designed for current and emerging leaders who are looking to drive systemic change in their organizations. The inaugural class of 60 is comprised of a wide range of education, private sector and nonprofit professionals based around the United States and five different countries, many of whom already have an advanced or master's degree.

"This inaugural class of 60 doctorate students from our great partner USC Rossier marks a noteworthy milestone for 2U in which we support the first 2U-enabled doctorate offering," said Chip Paucek, CEO and Co-founder of 2U, Inc. "This positive response clearly validates 2U's decision to add doctorate degrees to its portfolio of partner offerings and furthers our overall strategy of working with pioneering universities, and their schools like USC Rossier School of Education, to set new standards of quality for online learning at every level of higher education."

With the support of 2U, USC Rossier has established itself as a leader in delivering its academically rigorous graduate programs online to students from around the world. Using 2U's "No Back Row" approach, Rossier's online programs feature a unique blend of live class sessions, online self-paced coursework and hands-on field-based experiences. To date, USC Rossier Online programs have graduated more than 2,000 students in 47 states and 16 countries.

For more information about the EdD offering, please visit <http://rossieronline.usc.edu/academics/edd>.

About 2U, Inc. (NASDAQ: TWOU)

2U, Inc. partners with leading colleges and universities to deliver the world's best online degree programs so students everywhere can reach their full potential. Our cloud-based software-as-a-service platform provides schools with the comprehensive operating infrastructure they need to attract, enroll, educate, support and graduate students globally. Blending live face-to-face classes, dynamic course content and real-world learning experiences, 2U's No Back Row approach ensures that every qualified student can experience the highest quality university education for the most successful outcome. Learn more at [2U.com](http://2u.com).

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