

leaders and Members of Congress will convene to discuss the importance of HBCUs to creating a more just and equitable society. We also convene in the midst of a national emergency where communities of color primarily impacted, particularly the 300,000 students that attend our nation's HBCUs every year. I applaud these private partners on taking the pledge to lean in and create 21st century opportunity for the institutions and students who need our help the most."

Companies joining the partnership challenge are excited for the opportunity.

"Building a best-in-class company requires creating an environment where different skill sets, backgrounds, and opinions can come together to create a culture of empowerment and meaning. A diverse workforce enables an environment that sparks innovation, challenges convention, and provides everyone an equal opportunity to do meaningful work for our customers. As a company that's hiring rapidly, we're honored and privileged to work with HBCUs to ensure we continue building a diverse workforce with the very best talent," said **Arthur Matuszewski, VP Talent at** <u>Better.com</u>.

"Inclusive education is the most important ingredient for building

diverse, resilient workforces of the future," **said Meghan Welch**, **Chief Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Officer at Capital One.** "The HBCU Partnership Challenge is a powerful activation that bridges public-private partnerships to help both sides overcome traditional limitations and create more impact together. At Capital One, we believe diversity makes us stronger, more creative, more innovative, and ultimately more successful. We're eager to embark on this partnership with HBCUs and the Caucus to help extend that resiliency to our broader industries, community, and nation in building highly skilled, diverse and tenacious leaders of tomorrow."

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Caucus' Partnership Challenge encourages participating organizations to make greater investments in HBCUs. The Challenge will be featured predominately during this week's <u>Third Annual Diversity in Tech</u> <u>Summit</u>, which will include conversations about how industry and HBCUs can partner to keep diverse pipelines of talent strong during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, please contact Sam Spencer (<u>Sam.Spencer@mail.house.gov</u>).

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