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Summary: Oral history project celebrates educators' achievements and contributions. In late summer of 2011, student interviewers raised their awareness and promoted the self-esteem of social justice educator interviewees. The stories will be preserved at the Library of Congress.

The National Teachers Initiative convened two dozen Washington, DC area teachers, administrators and students to make recordings of stories that celebrated the impact the educators are making. One participant commented, "It was empowering, encouraging, and I felt—really for the first time—honored as a teacher... It was a warm, nurturing, memorable experience." (<http://www.teachingforchange.org/news/storycorps-in-d.c.>)

The Initiative, held in late August 2011, was timely. "As many participants prepare[d] for the new school year, they felt the StoryCorps recording allowed them to reflect on why they teach and what they hope students will gain." (Ibid.)

Teaching for Change ([www.teachingforchange.org](http://www.teachingforchange.org)) partnered with the National Teachers Initiative to produce the interviews and recordings. The Initiative ([www.storycorps.org/initiatives/national-teachers-initiative](http://www.storycorps.org/initiatives/national-teachers-initiative)) is a project of StoryCorps ([www.storycorps.org](http://www.storycorps.org)).