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Indiana Continues Efforts to Strengthen Schools by Focusing on Strong Pipeline of Excellent STEM Teachers

Newly Announced Class of Indiana Teaching Fellows Continues State Commitment to Ensure Exemplary Educators for State's High-Need Schools

PRINCETON, NJ (July 12, 2016)— Continuing a promise the State of Indiana made eight years ago to recruit, prepare, and support excellent teachers for the students who need them most, five Indiana universities today welcomed the 2016–17 class of Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows, the latest group of aspiring teachers seeking successful careers in the state's high-need urban and rural schools.

The Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows program is part of a statewide effort to prepare excellent science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) teachers for careers in Indiana's high-need schools.

Forty-three individuals will be part of the 2016 cohort of the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship program in the state, offered at Ball State University, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Purdue University, University of Indianapolis, and Valparaiso University. The highly competitive program recruits both recent graduates and career changers with strong backgrounds in science, technology, engineering, and math—the STEM fields—and prepares them specifically to teach in high-need secondary schools.

“Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellows are the future of teaching in Indiana, and we are proud to welcome these 43 teachers into this important effort,” Woodrow Wilson President Arthur Levine said. “Across the nation, states are using the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship to transform their teacher education programs to meet the needs of the 21st-century classroom. That work, and that model, began in Indiana.”

The Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship focuses on preparing top-quality educators for many of Indiana's most underserved public schools. Each Fellow receives \$32,000 to complete a specially designed, cutting-edge master's degree program based on a yearlong classroom experience. In return, Fellows commit to teach for three years in the urban and rural Indiana schools that most need strong STEM teachers. Throughout the three-year commitment, Fellows receive ongoing support and mentoring.

“Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows embody commitment, excellence, and success here in the Hoosier State,” Levine said, noting that Indiana Teaching Fellows are 1.9 times more likely to remain teachers in Indiana's public high-need schools, compared to non-Fellow teachers. “With Indiana Teaching Fellows currently serving as teachers of record in nearly half of Indiana's 92 counties, these

Woodrow Wilson Fellows are having a meaningful, positive impact on thousands of Indiana students, and they will continue to change lives for years to come.”

Ninety percent of Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellows have earned certification in a STEM field, compared to just 20 percent of non-Fellow peers in the state.

The Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship partners with a wide range of schools across the state, including Anderson Community School Corporation, Fort Wayne Community Schools, Gary Community School Corporation, Indianapolis Public Schools, Metropolitan School District of Decatur Township, Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township, Metropolitan School District of Perry Township, Metropolitan School District of Warren Township, Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township, Michigan City Area Schools, Muncie Community Schools, Portage Township Schools, Purdue University Rural School Network, School City of East Chicago, Thea Bowman Leadership Academy, Kankakee Valley School Corporation, and Merrillville Community School Corporation. It also works with charter schools such as Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School, Christel House Academy, Herron High School, Lighthouse Academies, and Indianapolis Metropolitan High School.

This is the eighth year of the program, which the Woodrow Wilson Foundation administers through the generous financial support of Lilly Endowment Inc., and the Indiana STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund Grant program. Indiana is one of five states that has offered the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship, along with Georgia, Michigan, New Jersey, and Ohio. More information on the national program can be found at: <http://woodrow.org/fellowships/ww-teaching-fellowships>.

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About the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Founded in 1945, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (www.woodrow.org) identifies and develops the nation’s best minds to meet its most critical challenges. The Foundation supports its Fellows as the next generation of leaders shaping American society.

The 2016-17 Class of Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows includes:

Ball State University

- Gregory Cepluch
- Jessica Fromholz-Smith
- Betsy Lange
- Alexander Lantz
- Kory Pritchett
- Cassidy Richard
- Kirk Schilling
- Kristian Stephens

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

- Molly Bain
- Paige Ballew
- Amanda Bierhorst
- Kelly Biro
- Callie Bissell
- Camille Cousins
- Kristen Rhoads
- Lauren Sercer
- Cynthia Wassall

Purdue University

- Amir Ahmadi
- Stephanie Biery
- Caroline Gregerson
- Michael Gruesbeck
- Catherin Hayt
- Jennifer Michie
- Jonah Polley
- Kyle Schulz

University of Indianapolis

- Brandi Dennis
- Melissa Fowler
- Lucas Kemling
- Melissa Miller Newcomb
- Brian Price
- Brian Rappoport
- Aaron Van Y
- Emily Weigand
- Morgan Williams
- Shatara Williams

Valparaiso University

- Nicole Beaver
- Madison Beatty
- Matt Boyd
- Dave Cutchin
- Marsha Jordan
- Andrew Kuck
- Ricardo Ramos
- Michael Sterling



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FACT SHEET: The 2016 Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows

About the 2016 Fellows

- In 2016, the Foundation has named 43 Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows. They will attend Ball State University; Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis; Purdue University; University of Indianapolis; Valparaiso University.
- Of these new WW Indiana Teaching Fellows:
 - 100% majored in a STEM discipline
 - 31 Fellows majored in a science field, 10 in math, and two in engineering.
 - 19% (8 Fellows) have done advanced degree work.
 - The Fellows have seven master’s degrees among them.
 - One Fellow has a Ph.D. and one has a doctorate in veterinary medicine.
 - Many Fellows are Dean’s List/honors graduates, members in various academic honoraries, and recipients of multiple academic scholarships.
- 42% of the Fellows are male—noteworthy in a profession where as many as three-quarters of practitioners are female.
- The Fellows bring a wide range of life experiences to their work:
 - 30% (13) graduated from their undergraduate institution in 2016
 - 44% graduated between one and five years ago
 - The final 26% percent are career-changers, graduating more than five years ago. Their work histories include the U.S. census Bureau, Eastman Kodak, and Kraft Foods.
 - Many Fellows have extensive backgrounds in scientific research and field work. Some of this work includes plant genetics and breeding of cotton and sunflower and identifying bat species.
- The Fellowship is drawing on in-state talent: 58% of the Fellows are Indiana residents. The out-of-state candidates come from Arkansas, California, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee.
- Fellows remain deeply committed to community service. Most participate in volunteer work, some with organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club and the Boy Scouts of America; others with local non-profits, with the Science Olympiad program, and as youth sports coaches.

About the Fellowship

- The goals of the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship are to:
 - Attract the very best candidates to teaching
 - Put strong teachers into high-need schools
 - Cut teacher attrition and retain top teachers
 - Transform university-based teacher education
- The Fellowships recruit teachers—both recent college graduates and career changers—with strong backgrounds in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).
- Through the Indiana STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund Grant Program, Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE) has provided a grant to support these Fellows through their teacher preparation, induction, and mentoring. In addition, previous grants from the Lilly Endowment—the WW Indiana Teaching Fellowship’s founding funder, beginning in 2007—will support supplemental Fellowship awards.
- Each Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellow receives a \$32,000 Fellowship to complete a specially designed, cutting-edge master’s degree program, as preparation to teach in high-need urban or rural secondary schools.
- Fellows commit to teach for three years, with ongoing mentoring.
- Universities agree to redesign their teacher education programs.
- Indiana was the first state to launch the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship in 2009. The 2016 class of Fellows is the eighth class (or cohort) of Fellows to be named in Indiana.

**PROFILES:
Woodrow Wilson IN Teaching Fellows, 2016**

Amir Ahmadi | Morehead, KY | Will attend: Purdue University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Morehead State University, 2012, pure mathematics
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** Purdue University, 2014, M.S., agricultural economics
- Auto logistics analyst; graduate researcher, international programs; undergraduate researcher, mathematical economics modeling; tutor, math and business; volunteer, math and business clubs, working with K–16 students; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; instructor, outdoor sports; Chinese translator; volunteer, environmental club and faith-based groups.

Molly Bain | Milford, OH | Will attend: Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Ohio State University, 2011, microbiology, zoology
- Teaching assistant, biology; clinical research associate, pharmaceutical studies; student research associate, engineered skin, bacterium in cystic fibrosis, parasites in dairy cows; volunteer teacher, DNA fingerprinting and genetics, high-need Ohio schools; director, coordinator, and choreographer, junior high Winterguard; avid traveler.

Paige Ballew | Indianapolis, IN | Will attend: Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 2016, biology
- Chemistry mentor, peer-led undergraduate workshops; volunteer teacher's aide, high school chemistry; extensive life science lab experience; tutor, chemistry and algebra; volunteer, adult education center; volunteer, search and rescue organization for individuals with cognitive disorders; co-lead/teaching assistant, child care center; team captain, Relay for Life; first-generation college graduate.

Nicole Beaver | Lewistown, PA | Will attend: Valparaiso University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Juniata College, 2004, biology
 - **Graduate college, class, and major:** Eastern Kentucky University, 2007, M.S., biology
- Biological field technician, identifying bat species, conducting nest searches, and conducting bat fatality searches at wind turbines; environmental educator, Benjamin Olewine III Nature Center and Oregon Ridge Nature Center; ecological restoration technician, controlling invasive plant species and assisting with new employee training.

Madison Beatty | Hammond, IN | Will attend: Valparaiso University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** DePauw University, 2013, earth science
- Undergraduate researcher, geophysics; tutor, math and Spanish; certified interpretive guide; naturalist and educational hike leader; workshop leader, Science Olympiad; president, university geoscience club; data collector, university campus carbon footprint; volunteer, multiple bird and amphibian tracking/counting events; member, Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society; rock, mineral, and fossil collector.

Amanda Bierhorst | Moorpark, CA | Will attend: Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of California, Los Angeles, 2015, mathematics and applied science
Instructor, mathematics learning center; private tutor, pre-calculus, calculus; tutor, local educational company; volunteer high school math teacher, Kenya; member, university a cappella group; winner, university best a cappella performance, 2015.

Stephanie Biery | Sugar Grove, IL | Will attend: Purdue University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 1993, industrial engineering
Supply chain expert, 18 years; peer trainer, technical software transitions, leading food company; volunteer co-leader, local 4H Club; host, high school exchange student and au pairs; mentor; dean's list student; honors college; travel enthusiast.

Kelly Biro | Greenwood, IN | Will attend: Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 2014, biology
University research technician, anatomy and cell biology; undergraduate researcher, biology; participant, nationally noted undergraduate research program in environmental studies; intern, life health sciences/physical therapy; resident, women in science dorm; member, clubs in forensic science, biology, chemistry; volunteer, local science classes and activities; peer learning leader, chemistry.

Callie Bissell | Zionsville, IN | Will attend: Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2016, biology
Lab employee, university histology research; volunteer, local faith-based organization and academy.

Matt Boyd | Whiteland, IN | Will attend: Valparaiso University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, 2001, forestry
Middle school remediation aide; coach, Science Olympiad; naturalist intern, teaching multiple science classes and leading hikes in California; professional outdoor instructor, facilitating environmental education, adventure education, and therapeutic recreation courses; seasonal park supervisor.

Gregory Cepluch | Hamilton, OH | Will attend: Ball State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Xavier University, 2009, mathematics and economics
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Texas A&M University, 2011, M.S., statistics
Mathematical statistician, U.S. Census Bureau; teaching assistant/instructor, statistics and survey techniques; tutor, mathematics, statistics, economics; choir member/cantor, local church.

Camille Cousins | Gahanna, OH | Will attend: Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Butler University, 2016, biological sciences, Spanish
Lab assistant, fundamental genetics course; tutor, middle and high school math; volunteer tutor, elementary school math; camp counselor; board member, youth and leadership program, faith-based family center; instructor, elementary school praise dance.

Dave Cutchin | Lafayette, IN | Will attend: Valparaiso University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 1993, mathematics
Regional director of sales and marketing, diagnostics company; residence hall counselor; service fraternity member; assistant wrestling coach, high school; community volunteer; board member, multiple local non-profit groups.

Brandi Dennis | Indianapolis, IN | Will attend: The University of Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Anderson University, 1996, biology
Diabetes technical support representative; corporate software trainer; home-school teacher, first through fifth grade; computer lab teaching assistant/instructor; art curriculum developer; facilitator, support group for eighth grade girls; church singer; adult small group leader; media center volunteer, middle school.

Melissa Fowler | Canby, OR | *Will attend:* The University of Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Western Oregon University, 2014, biology
Volunteer teaching assistant, high school biology; college basketball athlete with four-year athletic scholarship; member, U.S. Olympic national rugby team; recruiter, biotech companies; algebra tutor.

Jessica Fromholz-Smith | Summitville, IN | *Will attend:* Ball State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ball State University, 2016, biology
Teaching assistant, general psychology; peer tutor, French; student ambassador, local residential high school; online student ambassador, undergraduate university; teaching assistant, elementary school; member, university wildlife society; volunteer, local animal rescue; veterinary assistant, community animal hospital.

Caroline Gregerson | Geneva, IL | *Will attend:* Purdue University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Hope College, 2016, chemistry
Lab teaching assistant, organic chemistry; undergraduate researcher, organic chemistry; high school tutor, chemistry and math.

Michael Gruesbeck | Fort Wayne, IN | *Will attend:* Purdue University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2015, physics
Member, national honor society; recipient, academic achievement scholarship from honor society; tutor, math and physics; outdoors enthusiast, nature, fishing, and exploring state and national parks.

Catherin Hayt | Crown Point, IN | *Will attend:* Purdue University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 1983, psychology; Purdue University, 1986, mathematics
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Purdue University, 1986, M.S., quantitative psychology
Teaching assistant/instructor, statistics; graduate researcher, quantitative psychology; information technology systems designer, manager, executive; expert witness, software development; photography instructor, middle school and high school; art enrichment volunteer; photographer; woodworker; mosaic and fiber artist.

Marsha Jordan | Chicago, IL | *Will attend:* Valparaiso University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Chicago State University, 2015, chemistry
Lab technician, wet chemistry, environmental and industrial hygiene testing laboratory; research assistant, cell wall biosynthesis in wheat; research assistant, polyfluorinated compounds in waste water; volunteer, Girl Scouts of America; church volunteer.

Lucas Kemling | Russelville, AR | *Will attend:* The University of Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Arkansas Tech University, 2014, mathematics
Volunteer assistant baseball coach, high school; recipient, distinguished academic scholarship; dean's list graduate; mortgage consultant, major national bank.

Andrew Kuck | Ypsilanti, MI | *Will attend:* Valparaiso University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Grand Valley State University, 2014, mathematics
Tutor, college physics; after-school volunteer/tutor, refugee education and cultural center; WorldTeach teacher, high school biology and earth science, Marshall Islands.

Betsy Lange | Carmel, IN | Will attend: Ball State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 1985, industrial engineering
- **Graduate institution and degree:** University of Rochester, 1991, M.B.A.

Program engineer and service engineering manager, leading photography company; instructional assistant, local school; tutor; coach, youth soccer and softball; judge, Math Pentathlon; volunteer, school, church, and community activities; painter.

Alexander Lantz | Indianapolis, IN | Will attend: Ball State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Hanover College, 2015, environmental biology
- Undergraduate researcher, forestry studies; lab technician, environmental water quality laboratory; specimen processor, research and drug development; urban naturalist; honors graduate; recipient, college class distinguished award in environmental science; president, Greek letter fraternity; varsity baseball athlete; high school summer baseball coach; youth basketball coach.

Jennifer Michie | Nashville, TN | Will attend: Purdue University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Tennessee – Knoxville, 2013, plant sciences

Research assistant, agronomy; laboratory technician, Purdue Research Park; camp counselor; volunteer, local church; long-time martial arts practitioner.

Melissa Miller Newcomb | Canaan, IN | Will attend: The University of Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University Southeast, biology; Berea College, 1992, agriculture
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** Purdue University, 1996, DVM, small animal and exotic practice
- Small animal and exotic practice veterinarian, emphasis on internal medicine and behavior; adjunct professor, biology, anatomy, physiology, animal science, and reproductive biology; lab instructor; lecturer, low-stress handling for veterinary conferences; co-founder, UTOPIA wildlife rehabilitators; co-leader, local 4-H chapter; community volunteer.

Jonah Polley | Henderson, KY | Will attend: Purdue University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2016, physics
- Undergraduate researcher, experimental physics and physics education; undergraduate teaching assistant; physics tutor; volunteer teacher, physics and math, summer semester, Tanzania; bass drum section leader, university marching band; member, university wind ensemble, recently performed in Carnegie Hall.

Brian Price | Southport, IN | Will attend: The University of Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Indianapolis, 2015, mathematics and actuarial science

Math tutor, university tutoring lab; Eagle Scout; assistant scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America; student ambassador; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; intern, university event management.

Kory Pritchett | Plainfield, IN | Will attend: Ball State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2015, physics
- Teaching assistant, physics/classical mechanics; tutor, physics; youth coordinator, local church; counselor, junior high faith-based camp; community volunteer.

Ricardo Ramos | Chicago, IL | Will attend: Valparaiso University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Dominican University, 2016, mathematics
- Teaching assistant, college-level calculus; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; private tutor, middle and high school math; university tutor, math- and physics-related courses; math instructor, Upward Bound.

Kristen Rhoads | Trumann, AR | *Will attend:* Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Lyon College, 2014, biology
STEM tutor, high school and undergraduate students; volunteer, Florida conservation organization; recipient, Governor’s Distinguished Scholarship for Arkansas; student ambassador, service travel organization; community volunteer.

Cassidy Richard | South Bend, IN | *Will attend:* Ball State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Calvin College, 2016, biology
Undergraduate researcher, bacteriophage, invasive species, and prescribed burns in tallgrass prairies; sustainability coordinator, university residence; co-leader, environmental student organization; zoo interpreter; educational leader, ecosystem preserve; STEM specialist, Boys and Girls Club; recipient, multiple scholarships; recipient, National Science Foundation scholarship in scientific computing.

Brian Rappoport | South Bend, IN | *Will attend:* The University of Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 2014, general studies, math and science
Permanent building substitute, local high school; award-winning advocate for students with special needs; math tutor, high school and local tutoring center; substitute teacher.

Kyle Schulz | Schererville, IN | *Will attend:* Purdue University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2016, biochemistry
Undergraduate tutor, general and organic chemistry; teaching assistant, organic chemistry; undergraduate researcher, molecular biology; observer, seventh grade teacher; volunteer, Science Olympiad; avid unicyclist.

Kirk Schilling | Muncie, IN | *Will attend:* Ball State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ball State University, 2016, applied mathematics
Undergraduate researcher, preservice teachers’ expectations of multiculturalism in the classroom; IT technician, national computer processor company; member, dean’s list student; academic honor society; local computer repair technician; paramedic.

Lauren Sercer | Avon, IN | *Will attend:* Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 2015, biology
Undergraduate researcher, forensic entomology; teaching assistant, math and science, summer camp; tutor, high school math and science; co-chair, physician shadowing program; summer STEM education internship recipient; community service scholarship recipient; intern, campus environmental science center; community volunteer.

Kristian Stephens | Lorimor, IA | *Will attend:* Ball State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Taylor University, 2016, physics
Tutor and grader, physics, engineering and mechanics; past co-president, physics and engineering club; recipient, college presidential scholar.

Michael Sterling | Mifflinburg, PA | *Will attend:* Valparaiso University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Pennsylvania State University, 2016, physics
Workcamp volunteer, five years, fixing homes in high-need communities; team member, college club soccer; community center volunteer, organizing events and helping students with homework.

Aaron Van Y | Indianapolis, IN | *Will attend:* The University of Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2004, fisheries and aquatic science

Lab assistant, university aquaculture lab; lab assistant, university botany lab; pool manager, Indianapolis parks; camp counselor; pet store manager.

Cynthia Wassall | Indianapolis, IN | *Will attend:* Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 1994, physics
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 2007, M.S., physics; Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 2012, Ph.D., physics
- Teaching assistant, heat, electricity and optics, general physics; teaching mentor, mechanics, heat, electricity, optics; physics tutor; researcher, biologically relevant free radicals; scientific research mentor, high school students; women in science internal advisory board member; graduate with distinction; recipient, fellowships and teaching assistantships.

Emily Weigand | Fort Wayne, IN | *Will attend:* The University of Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ball State University, 2012, biology
 - **Graduate college, class, and major:** Ball State University, 2015, M.S., biology
- Undergraduate research assistant, multiple sclerosis; graduate assistant, cell biology lab; co-author, nature communications publication; judge, high school science fair; volunteer, high school STEM workshop; award recipient for graduate research; molecular biology intern/technician; animal lover; hiking enthusiast.

Morgan Williams | Indianapolis, IN | *Will attend:* The University of Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Indianapolis, 2016, human biology
- Tutor, biology and mathematics, local religious institution; independent tutor, multiple subjects and grade levels.

Shatara Williams | Indianapolis, IN | *Will attend:* the University of Indianapolis

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Tennessee State University, 2014, biology
- Instructional assistant; volunteer coach, sixth grade girls' basketball; assistant dance instructor; math tutor; financial and corresponding secretary, national non-profit supporting women of color; honors program historian.