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## 2013 CLASS OF WOODROW WILSON OHIO TEACHING FELLOWS NAMED AT STATEHOUSE

*National Fellowship Announces Its Third Class of Ohio Fellows;*

*Top Candidates Will Prepare to Teach Science, Technology, Math in State's Urban and Rural Schools*

COLUMBUS, OH (May 28, 2013) – Today the Ohio Board of Regents, the Ohio Department of Education, and the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation jointly announced the 2013 Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellows in an event at the Ohio Statehouse. These top-quality teacher candidates, who come from around the state, will prepare to teach math and science in high-need Ohio schools. *(See attached list of bios and factsheet on the 2013 class of Fellows.)*

The Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellowship recruits accomplished career changers and outstanding recent college graduates in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (the STEMM fields). The 2013 Fellows are the third class of new teacher candidates to be prepared through the program since the Fellowship was launched in Ohio in 2010.

Each Fellow will receive a \$30,000 stipend while completing an intensive master's-level teacher education program at one of seven participating Ohio universities. These institutions have redesigned teacher preparation to give teacher candidates a full year of preparation in local classrooms, as well as specific teaching approaches for the STEMM fields.

Institutions at which the Fellows enroll include John Carroll University, The Ohio State University, Ohio University, the University of Akron, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Dayton and the University of Toledo. For a factsheet on the Fellowship and a map of participating universities, visit [www.ohiohighered.org/woodrow](http://www.ohiohighered.org/woodrow).

“These students represent the best and brightest teachers in Ohio, and are reflective of the advances that Ohio is making in the STEMM fields,” Board of Regents Chancellor John Carey said. “Their efforts as Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellows will impact not only their own futures, but also the futures of thousands of students in our high-need schools.”

Since the program's inception in 2010, 219 Fellows have been named in Ohio. After their preparation, Fellows commit to teach for at least three years in a high-need Ohio school, with ongoing support and mentoring. The Fellows to date will have a projected eventual impact on the lives of at least 22,000 students each year.

“The idea of bringing bright, articulate, energetic teachers into our high-need schools to make science and math come alive for our youngsters is very exciting,” said Dr. Richard Ross, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. “These educators exemplify what we need more of as we move forward—high-quality teaching that engages students and moves the needle on student achievement.”

A rigorous year-long application and selection process was administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation of Princeton, N.J. This year's class includes 77 new Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching

Fellows, 71 of whom will start their Fellowships this summer. These new Fellows will be ready to enter their own classrooms in fall 2014. Find more information about the Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellowship at [www.wwteachingfellowship.org/about\\_the\\_program/ohio.php](http://www.wwteachingfellowship.org/about_the_program/ohio.php).

“These Fellows in Ohio, and our partner institutions, are providing national models of how to meet a critical need in education: getting strong math and science teachers into high-need schools,” said Arthur Levine, president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. This year's Fellows are amazing people—deeply committed to young people and accomplished in their fields. They are going to make us all proud, and they will change countless lives.”

The program is made possible with federal Race to the Top funds as well as commitments from six Ohio funders, including The Cleveland Foundation, George Gund Foundation, Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, GAR Foundation, Battelle Memorial Institute and The Battelle Fund at the Columbus Foundation, plus matching funds provided by the campuses. Additional support for the program came from the state's Choose Ohio First program.

Ohio launched its Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship in March 2010, joining Indiana and Michigan as host states for the program. In each state, a blend of private and public support has been key to the creation of the program, as have gubernatorial leadership and statewide coalition-building. Several additional states are in discussion with the Woodrow Wilson Foundation about creating their own programs, said Levine.

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#### **About the Ohio Board of Regents**

*The [Ohio Board of Regents](#) is the state agency that coordinates higher education in Ohio. The agency is directed by its Chancellor, who is a member of the Governor of Ohio's cabinet. The Chancellor, with the advice of the nine-member Board of Regents, provides policy guidance to the Governor and the Ohio General Assembly, advocates for the University System of Ohio and carries out state higher education policy.*

#### **About the Ohio Department of Education**

*The [Ohio Department of Education](#) oversees the state's public education system, which includes public school districts, joint vocational school districts and charter schools. The department also monitors educational service centers, other regional education providers, early learning and childcare programs, and private schools.*

#### **About the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation**

*Founded in 1945, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation ([www.woodrow.org](http://www.woodrow.org)) identifies and develops leaders and institutions to address critical national challenges, working through education. The Foundation supports its Fellows as the next generation of leaders shaping American institutions. It also supports innovation in the institutions they will lead.*