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FOUNDATION AWARDS SECOND WOODROW WILSON-ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND FELLOWSHIPS FOR ASPIRING TEACHERS OF COLOR

PRINCETON, N.J.—The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has announced the selection of its second cohort of Woodrow Wilson-Rockefeller Brothers Fund (WW-RBF) Aspiring Teachers of Color.

The 25 WW-RBF Fellows were chosen through a competitive selection process and will receive a \$30,000 stipend to complete a master’s degree in education, preparation to teach in a high-need public school, support throughout a three-year teaching commitment, and guidance toward teaching certification. Each Fellow was nominated by one of the program’s 25 university partners.

The Fellows, many of whom have themselves experienced the challenges of high-need urban and rural schools, also share a common commitment to community service. “A quality education for all children in hopes of an engaged and knowledgeable citizenry is one prospect for which the WW-RBF Fellowship works tirelessly,” said Aukeem Ballard of Tacoma, WA. “I consider it a rare privilege and distinct honor to be among the ranks of WW-RBF Fellows.” (See full list of Fellows below/next page.)

Established in 1992 by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the Fellowships for Aspiring Teachers of Color were created to help recruit, support, and retain individuals of color as public education teachers and administrators. Since the program’s inception, it has awarded nearly \$8 million in grants and financial assistance to 375 Fellows. In January 2009, RBF transferred the program to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation following a national review of potential host organizations.

“The Foundation is pleased to add this impressive group of young and promising teachers to its national network of outstanding teachers and scholars,” said Bill Dandridge, program officer and director of the WW-RBF Fellowships for Aspiring Teachers of Color. “Their desire to serve children in the nation’s most challenging schools and communities is an important reason to be hopeful about the future of our public schools.”

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The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (www.woodrow.org) identifies and develops the best minds for the nation’s most important challenges. In these areas of challenge, the Foundation awards fellowships to enrich human resources, works to improve public policy, and assists organizations and institutions in enhancing practice in the U.S. and abroad.

Founded in 1940, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (www.rbf.org) encourages social change that contributes to a more just sustainable, and peaceful world. The RBF’s grantmaking is organized around three themes: Democratic Practice, Sustainable Development, and Peace and Security, and three pivotal places: New York City, Western Balkans, and Southern China..



THE WOODROW WILSON-ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND FELLOWSHIPS FOR ASPIRING TEACHERS OF COLOR, 2011

Abrham Alem • University of California, Santa Barbara
Aukeem Ballard • Lewis & Clark College
Kevin Beckford • Yale University
Sylvia Boateng • Swarthmore College
Michael Reuben Britt • Amherst College
Kristen Bryant • University of Pennsylvania
Kareen Misha Chua • University of California, Santa Barbara
Adrianna Ebron • Spelman College
Matthew Garza • Brown University
Daniel Gay • University of Southern Maine
Graciela Gonzales • Wellesley College
Paulina Gonzales • University of Pittsburgh
Jasmine Hendricks • University of Chicago
Gabriela Hernandez • Williams College
Mary Anne Klement • University of Southern Maine
Nathan Kono • Boston College
Emily Lee • University of Washington
Jessica Mejia • University of Arizona
Oscar Moreno • Williams College
Jalil Muhammad • Howard University
Aliah Singletary • Montclair State University
James Spears • University of Pittsburgh
Miriam Tesfamikael • University of Chicago
Carmelo Torres, Jr. • University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Kayla Vinson • Yale University

To learn more about the individual Fellows, please see
http://www.woodrow.org/teaching-fellowships/wwrbf/meet_fellows.php .