



NEWS RELEASE

For Release: 10:30am, Wednesday, June 11, 2014

CONTACT: Beverly Sanford | The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
sanford@woodrow.org | (609) 945-7885 (media only)

Note: Prospective Fellowship applicants should call 609-452-7007 x141 or email wwteachingfellowships@woodrow.org.

2014 CLASS OF W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION'S WOODROW WILSON MICHIGAN TEACHING FELLOWS NAMED AT CAPITOL

***National Fellowship Announces Its Fourth Class of Michigan Fellows;
Top Candidates Will Prepare to Teach Science, Technology, Math in State's Urban and Rural Schools***

Lansing, Mich.—Today, at the Michigan State Capitol, Governor Rick Snyder introduced the 2014 W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Woodrow Wilson Michigan Teaching Fellows. These 43 outstanding teacher candidates—a longtime engineer who mentors new mothers, a physicist who has worked with superconductors at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, a Ph.D. studying environmental toxins in low-income communities, and many others—will prepare to teach in Michigan's high-need secondary schools. *(See attached list of bios and factsheet on the 2014 class of Fellows.)*

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Woodrow Wilson Michigan Teaching Fellowship recruits accomplished career changers and outstanding recent college graduates in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (the STEM fields). The 2014 Fellows are the fourth class of new teacher candidates to be prepared through the program since the Fellowship was launched in Michigan in 2010.

"Michigan needs to develop talent for in-demand jobs so our students are best prepared for long and productive careers," Governor Rick Snyder said. "The W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation should be commended for working to train people, many with experience in the STEM fields, to work in our urban schools, where they will share their knowledge as well as become an inspiration to young students."

Each Fellow will receive a \$30,000 stipend while completing an intensive master's-level teacher education program at a participating Michigan university, including Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University. These institutions have committed and continue to commit to provide Fellows a full year of experience in local classrooms, as well as specific teaching approaches for the STEM fields—a clinically intensive model still rare in university-based teacher preparation.

Michigan school districts in which the Fellows undertake clinical practice include Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Comstock, Detroit, Godwin Heights, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Lincoln, and Ypsilanti. These districts partner with the participating universities to offer Fellows practical experience.

Since the program's inception in 2010, 239 Fellows have been named in Michigan. After their preparation, Fellows commit to teach for at least three years in a high-need Michigan school, with ongoing support and mentoring. The Fellows to date will have a projected eventual impact on the lives of more than 20,000 students each year.

"We take tremendous pride in these Fellows," said Arthur Levine, president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, which administers the program. "They are accomplished people, they are passionate about the STEM fields, and they are deeply committed to young people. They will change countless lives, and the campuses and districts they are working with are changing the way teachers are prepared."

The Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship was launched in Michigan with \$18 million in support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Other participating states include Indiana, Ohio, New Jersey, and Georgia. In each state, gubernatorial leadership and statewide coalition-building have been key to the creation of the program, as has a blend of private and public support. Several additional states are in discussion with the Woodrow Wilson Foundation about creating their own programs, said Levine.

###

About the W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF), founded in 1930 as an independent, private foundation by breakfast cereal pioneer, Will Keith Kellogg, is among the largest philanthropic foundations in the United States. Guided by the belief that all children should have an equal opportunity to thrive, WKKF works with communities to create conditions for vulnerable children so they can realize their full potential in school, work and life.

The Kellogg Foundation is based in Battle Creek, Mich., and works throughout the United States and internationally, as well as with sovereign tribes. Special emphasis is paid to priority places where there are high concentrations of poverty and where children face significant barriers to success. WKKF priority places in the U.S. are in Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico and New Orleans; and internationally, are in Mexico and Haiti. For more information, visit www.wkkf.org.

About the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation of Princeton, New Jersey (www.woodrow.org) identifies and develops leaders to meet the nation's most critical challenges. In 1945, the Foundation was created to meet the challenge of preparing a new generation of college professors. Today Woodrow Wilson offers a suite of fellowships to address national needs, including the education of teachers and school leaders.