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STATEHOUSE EVENT FEATURES 2014 CLASS OF WOODROW WILSON OHIO TEACHING FELLOWS

*Chancellor, State Superintendent Greet Fourth Class of Fellows in Ohio;
Science, Technology, Math Experts Will Prepare to Teach in State's High-Need Schools*

COLUMBUS, OH (June 30, 2014) – A NASA intern, a cancer researcher, a forensic scientist in criminal investigations, a former engineer in the automotive industry: these experts in science, technology, engineering, math and medicine (the STEM fields) are among the 79 Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellows named today at the Ohio Statehouse by the Ohio Board of Regents, the Ohio Department of Education, and the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. *(See attached list of bios and factsheet on the 2014 class of Fellows.)*

The Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellowship recruits top-quality teacher candidates to teach math and science in high-need Ohio schools. The Fellows include both accomplished career changers and outstanding recent college graduates, all with previous STEM backgrounds. They complete a rigorous master's program that includes a full year of practical experience in local classrooms, then commit to teach for three years with ongoing mentoring and support.

"The Woodrow Wilson Fellows will bring additional firepower to one of the most noble professions," Board of Regents Chancellor John Carey said. "It is crucial that students in our high-need schools have only the best and brightest teachers to help them prepare for the future, and the Woodrow Wilson Fellows fit the bill. With all of our efforts at the Board of Regents to ensure that Ohio's students are prepared for the workforce, particularly in STEM and other high-demand fields, the importance of their work cannot be overstated. Their preparation and experience will give students access to individuals with unique talents and experiences."

Each Fellow receives a \$30,000 stipend while completing the teacher education program at one of seven participating Ohio universities: 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. These institutions have reworked their programs to offer teacher candidates both the yearlong clinical experience and specific teaching approaches for the STEM fields. For a factsheet on the Fellowship and a map of participating universities, visit www.ohiohighered.org/woodrow.

School districts work in partnership with the participating universities to provide the year of practice, as well as continued mentoring. Districts working with the seven campuses in 2014–15 will include Akron, Athens, Alexander, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Logan-Hocking, Nelsonville-York, South-Western, Toledo, Tri-County Vocational, Trimble, and Vinton County.

"I am leading Ohio's education system today because of one outstanding teacher who believed in me. I know high-quality teachers move the needle," said Richard A. Ross, superintendent of public instruction. "These elite scholars are starting their education careers with impressive career credentials already in hand. As we add teaching to their skills, I believe they will inspire our most disadvantaged students and help blaze paths for them to lucrative STEM careers."

The 2014 class of teacher candidates—the state’s fourth—will be ready to enter their own classrooms in fall 2015. This year’s group brings to 288 the total number of Fellows named in Ohio since the program’s 2010 launch. Program administrators project that the Fellows to date will touch the lives of nearly 30,000 students each year.

“These Fellows are really impressive people, and they are going to receive some of the strongest teaching preparation available,” said Arthur Levine, president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. “The campuses and districts working with them are creating new models of teacher education. So not only will this year’s Fellows change countless lives, they are also part of an effort to change the way teachers nationwide learn to help their students succeed.”

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, based in Princeton, N.J., created the Fellowship and administers the program in five states—Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, and Georgia. More information about the Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellowship is available at <http://woodrow.org/ohio>.

The program in Ohio 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.

In each of the five states where the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship now operates, 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

The [Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation](#) of Princeton, New Jersey 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.

FACT SHEET:

The 2014 Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellows

About the Fellowships

- The goals of the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowships are to:
 - attract the very best candidates to teaching;
 - put strong teachers into high-need schools;
 - cut teacher attrition and retain top teachers; and
 - transform university-based teacher education.
- The Fellowships recruit teachers—both recent college graduates and career changers—with strong backgrounds in the STEMM fields (science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine).
- Each Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellow receives a \$30,000 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 in Ohio for three years, with ongoing mentoring.
- Universities agree to redesign their teacher education programs.
- Ohio launched its Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowships in 2010, with the first Fellows named in 2011. This year’s group is the **fourth class (or cohort) of Fellows in Ohio**.

About the 2014 Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellows

- In 2014, the Foundation named 79 Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellows. Fellows will attend 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.
- Of these new WW Ohio Teaching Fellows:
 - 59% majored in the sciences, 25% in mathematics, and 13% in engineering; two Fellows (3%) majored in business with subsequent additional coursework in mathematics. Sample fields include bioengineering, nanomaterials, behavioral neuroscience, wildlife biology, meteorology, and more.
 - 20% (16 Fellows) have done advanced degree work.
 - In addition to 14 master’s degrees, the Fellows also have four Ph.D.s among them.
 - One Fellow not included in this advanced degree count holds three undergraduate degrees: one in zoology, one in psychology, and one in English.
 - Most Fellows are Dean’s List/honors graduates, and/or are members of academic honor societies.
 - The 2014 class includes both seasoned STEMM professionals and new and recent graduates. Three-quarters of the group either graduated from college in 2014 or have been out of college for less than five years.
 - 35% (28 Fellows) graduated from their undergraduate institution this year.
 - Another 38% (30 Fellows) have graduated within the last five years, including seven who went on to master’s programs.
 - A total of 26% (21 Fellows) completed the undergraduate degree more than five years ago; 15 have more than a decade’s experience in the workforce, including such firms as Goodyear, Bendix, and Merck, as well as organizations like COSI and the United Way.
 - Four are also Armed Forces veterans or reservists.
 - Nearly half—39 of the 79 Fellows—are male, significant given that as many as three-quarters of all teachers nationally are female. Among the Fellows, 15% are teacher candidates of color.
 - Fellows are graduates of outstanding local, regional, and state institutions—including the Fellowship’s partner campuses—as well as nationally noted colleges and universities such as Pennsylvania State University, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Florida, and others.
 - Fellows remain deeply committed to community service. Many have worked with such organizations as Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the national scouting organizations. Many are also very active in their faith communities and with youth sports teams.

PROFILES: Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellows, 2014

Ronald Apke | Montgomery, OH | *Will attend:* The University of Cincinnati

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Cincinnati '14, chemistry

Dean's List student; basketball coach, elementary and middle school level; tutor, chemistry; manager, men's basketball team; camp counselor; member, student chemistry club; pharmacy technician; scholarship recipient.

John Beck | Akron, OH | *Will attend:* The University of Akron

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Colorado State University '06, mechanical engineering

Teacher, high school mathematics; mathematics instructor, Upward Bound; academic coach, mathematics; mathematics tutor; volunteer, Walk to Stop Hunger; shift supervisor, manufacturing facility; musician, bass and guitar; tutor, music and chess; student, post-baccalaureate mathematics.

Johnny Bien-Aime | Hillside, NJ | *Will attend:* The University of Toledo

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Montclair State University '14, mathematical science

Tutor, algebra and English as a second language; group leader, high school in Haiti to help students catch up with studies after crisis; recipient, award for studies in English as a second language; security technician, 9+ years.

Erin Bishop | Columbus, OH | *Will attend:* The Ohio State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Ohio State University '14, mathematics

Undergraduate teaching associate, mathematics; tutor, mathematics and statistics learning center; tutor, local middle school; vice president, blood services at Ohio State American Red Cross Club; Dean's List student; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; coordinator, Ohio State Welcome Leader Program.

Mark Brockman | Centerville, OH | *Will attend:* The University of Dayton

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Notre Dame '85, aerospace engineering
- **Graduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University '86, M.S. (aeronautical/astronautical engineering); Purdue University '97, Ph.D. (aeronautical/astronautical engineering)

Adjunct faculty member, community college; mathematics instructor and teaching assistant, university level; tutor, calculus; coach, Science Olympiad; volunteer, high school youth program; United States Air Force Officer, space division; author of multiple peer-reviewed articles; senior principal engineer, aerospace and electronic systems.

Nathaly Caraballo | Wilkes-Barre, PA | *Will attend:* The University of Toledo

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** King's College '14, chemistry

Recipient, academic scholarship; intern, clinical laboratory; student laboratory aide; campus activities leader; tutor, elementary level; volunteer, women's shelter; member, AmeriCorps; coordinator, college orientation.

Corey Chadman | Windham, OH | *Will attend:* Ohio University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Kent State University '11, mathematics
- **Graduate college, class, and major:** Youngstown State University '13, M.S. (mathematics)

Dean's List student; volunteer flute instructor; volunteer, high school assistant band director; graduate teaching assistant; adjunct mathematics instructor, local technical college.

Claire Chambless | Wilmington, DE | *Will attend:* Ohio University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Elizabethtown College '14, applied mathematics

Tutor, university-level mathematics; undergraduate researcher, high-performance computing; girl scout leader; enrichment leader, elementary school program to aid socio-deficient students; Dean's List student; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; member, mathematics honor society; fluent French speaker.

Tahnesha Cook | Montgomery, AL | *Will attend:* Ohio University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Alabama State University '11, mathematics

Teacher, English language to all levels of students in South Korea; volunteer, religious instruction for high-need children; tutor, mathematics at the elementary, high school, and college level; Dean's List student; coach, basketball and soccer.

Lennex Cowan | Lima, OH | *Will attend:* The University of Cincinnati

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Howard University '14, mathematics/Afro-American studies

Tutor, math, English, and Spanish; teaching assistant, special education; intern, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center; volunteer, international exchange research institute in Eastern Africa; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; president, Kappa Delta Pi International Society in Education; education chair, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Keith Cox | Cincinnati, OH | *Will attend:* The University of Cincinnati

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The University of Cincinnati '14, biological science

Tutor, inner-city elementary students; learning assistant, genetics and cell biology; club secretary and safety officer, campus tennis club; member, rowing club; marathon runner and rock climber.

Elizabeth Crook | Sugar Grove, OH | *Will attend:* Ohio University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ohio University '14, mathematics

Tutor, mathematics; musician, pianist; counselor, summer camp ministry, supervising children and directing teen counselors; advisor, 4-H, developing life skills of youth.

Katherine Donatto | Shaker Heights, OH | *Will attend:* The Ohio State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Case Western Reserve University '05, biochemistry/Spanish

Research associate, 5+ years, biochemistry and neuroscience; substitute teacher and tutor, high school math and science; dean's assistant; scholar, Howard Hughes Medical Institute; Dean's List student; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; volunteer, local animal shelters.

Mary Doyle | Auburn, NY | *Will attend:* John Carroll University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** John Carroll University '14, mathematics

Recipient, multiple academic scholarships; Dean's List student; teaching fellow, summer prep program; member, club field hockey; member, Relay for Life; tutor, middle, high school, and university level; volunteer, missions trip to the Dominican Republic.

James Evans | Urbana, OH | *Will attend:* Ohio University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Mount Vernon Nazarene University '13, biology/chemistry

Lab technician, microbiology and genetics lab; supplemental instructor, general chemistry and biology courses; lab assistant; academic peer mentor; tutor, university level; camp counselor; captain, Relay for Life; treasurer, biology club.

Jessica Fairchild | Cuyahoga Falls, OH | *Will attend:* John Carroll University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Akron '12, philosophy/business administration

Student, post-baccalaureate math coursework; former bank customer service associate; co-founder, co-ed college cheerleading squad; Dean's List student; recipient, academic scholarships; honors student and *magna cum laude* graduate; professional baker.

Jaron Fischer | Dayton, OH | *Will attend:* The University of Cincinnati

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wright State University '13, mathematics

Student teacher, high-need elementary school; volunteer, youth football camp; volunteer, Special Olympics; account executive, logistics; teller bank representative; technical support associate, electronic medical office integration company.

Brenna Flatley | Milford, MA | Will attend: John Carroll University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Carnegie Mellon University '14, mechanical engineering
- Engineering researcher; assistant to professor developing statistics curriculum for use in high school; alternate spring break volunteer, orphanage project in Peru; clarinetist, Carnegie Mellon Kiltie Band; member, water polo club team; teaching assistant, university level.

Victoria Fleming | Cleveland, OH | Will attend: John Carroll University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Kennesaw State University '02, biology/chemistry (dual degree)
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Case Western Reserve University '11, Ph.D. (genetics)

Published researcher on the genetics of neurofibromatosis, with multiple articles in peer-reviewed journals; teaching assistant, genetics; private tutor, calculus and physiology; lab trainer; volunteer lecture for “DNA Days” in local high-need schools; recipient of NIH and American Heart Association support; mentor, high-need students; volunteer, children’s art and adult literacy.

Emily Fuller | Jefferson, OH | Will attend: The University of Toledo

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Liberty University '13, biology/pre-medicine

Student intern, shadowing hospital departments; student intern, salamander research; volunteer, science center summer camp for kindergarten; volunteer, humane society for general pet care; assistant coach, running and soccer.

Lindsay Gatchel | East Palestine, OH | Will attend: The University of Toledo

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Ohio State University '13, zoology

Natural resource specialist, Ohio Department of Natural Resources; substitute teacher, elementary, middle, and high school level; Bible study leader, university residence life; teaching aide, campus child care; office assistant, university residences and dining.

Aimee Ginnever | Centerville, OH | Will attend: The University of Dayton

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wright State University '11, earth and environmental science

Park ranger, assisting with environmental education programs and research; volunteer, leading fifth graders and eighth graders on watershed hikes in West Virginia; volunteer, assisting field trips through preserve land to conduct experiments; administrative coordinator and data processor, 20+ years.

Elizabeth Gleixner | Hudson, OH | Will attend: The University of Akron

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Duquesne University '14, chemistry

Executive committee board member, American Chemical Society Student Members; chemistry tutor, university level; academic scholarship recipient; Dean’s List student; volunteer, summer day camp for children in the Dominican Republic; substitute teacher, bilingual classroom in Honduras; resident assistant.

Preston Godbold | Kettering, OH | Will attend: The University of Dayton

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Cedarville University '11, molecular and cellular biology

Research assistant, genetic and clinical research; substitute teacher, middle and high school students; instructor and route-setter, rock climbing center; biology teacher, special needs students; peer tutor, biology and chemistry; member, men’s college soccer team; recipient, multiple academic scholarships.

Jean Goettemoeller | Wright-Patterson AFB, OH | Will attend: The University of Dayton

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wright State University '14, mathematics

Lab assistant, calculus; president and student worker, campus ministry; intern, enrichment program for at-risk youth; tutor, elementary and middle school level; Dean’s List student; volunteer, mission trip to boys’ home in Jamaica.

Benjamin Hagen | Brecksville, OH | Will attend: The Ohio State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wittenberg University '14, chemistry

Intern, wildlife biology, national forest; tutor, high school chemistry; intern, water quality, urban and civic engagement center; teacher’s assistant, college organic chemistry; peer mentor; research assistant, biology and chemistry department; recipient, multiple research grants; volunteer, dog trainer.

Christopher Hair | Toledo, OH | Will attend: The University of Toledo

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Central State University '13, mathematics/computer science
- Enlisted military personnel, 7+ years, U.S. Army Reserve; tutor, university level; technician, computer lab; student apprentice, testing and recording data on auditory nerves; member, varsity football team; public relations chairman, Student African American Brotherhood; chapter president, university fraternity.

Brian Haley | Dayton, OH | Will attend: The University of Dayton

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wright State University '05, mathematics

Recruiter and manager, transport company, overseeing all aspects of company's inbound and outbound freight; owner, trucking company; coach, youth sports programs.

Kevin Hardin | Lakewood, OH | Will attend: John Carroll University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ohio University '07, mechanical engineering

Dean's List student; member, engineering honor society; recipient, academic scholarships; tutor, university level; volunteer, inner city co-op bike shop; mechanical designer, commercial vehicle company; mechanical designer and co-op participant, mechanical designs for automotive company, working directly with aerospace, medical, and military customers.

Nathaniel Hatton | Dayton, OH | Will attend: The University of Dayton

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wright State University '12, biological sciences

Laboratory technician, school of medicine; published author, peer-refereed journal; tutor, 10+ years; Dean's List student; honors student; volunteer, coaching and announcing pee wee football games.

Fredericka Haumesser | Brunswick, OH | Will attend: The University of Akron

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Alvernia University '09, chemistry/forensic chemistry
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Arcadia University '11, M.S. (forensic science)

Forensic scientist, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation; former chemist, pharmaceutical product testing; student mentor/research assistant working with high-need urban youth; private chemistry tutor; volunteer, Habitat for Humanity and Relay for Life.

Adam Haywood | Columbus, OH | Will attend: The Ohio State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Ohio State University '14, mathematics

Student instructional assistant, mathematics; peer tutor, multiple subjects for student-athletes; member, honors program; counselor, community summer camp for at-risk kids; assistant coach, Little League baseball; volunteer, toy distribution to disadvantaged youth.

Kyle Heckler | Ashville, OH | Will attend: Ohio University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ohio University '12, wildlife and conservation biology

Research technician, Missouri herpetology field crew; research technician, biological studies in Maryland and Kentucky; orientation leader; Dean's List student; fundraising chairman, college waterski and wakeboard team; participant, undergraduate research immersion program; member, national honors fraternity.

Sharita Hill | Richmond Heights, OH | Will attend: John Carroll University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ursuline College '14, biology

Undergraduate researcher, HIV research training program; participant, undergraduate research experiment, cellular responses to detergent; Dean's List student; chapter president, Students of Science; nurses' assistant; preschool vision screener, Prevent Blindness Ohio.

Alyssa Hoop | Toledo, OH | Will attend: The University of Toledo

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The University of Toledo '12, pre-medical biology
- **Graduate college, class, and major:** The University of Toledo '14, M.S. (cellular and molecular biology)

Graduate assistant, molecular and cellular biology; undergraduate researcher, biology; vice president, national co-ed service fraternity; committee member, logistics co-chair, Relay for Life; member, national health pre-professional society; certified instructor, outdoor experience challenge for Boy Scouts and youth.

Harrison Hove | Columbus, OH | Will attend: Ohio University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The University of Florida '05, political science/telecommunications news
- **Graduate college, class, and major:** Florida State University '07, meteorology

Broadcast meteorologist, 7+ years; multimedia producer and reporter; member and presenter, American Meteorological Society; science standard committee member, U.S. Dept. of Education; volunteer, FAFSA workshops; mentor, College Bound; recipient, multiple excellence awards for reporting; recipient, multiple Emmy Awards for weather reporting.

Megan Hurley | Parma Heights, OH | Will attend: The Ohio State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Ohio State University '14, biology

Teen program assistant, creating STEM activities for after-school program; team leader, political campaigning; peer mentor, honors college freshmen; district governor, international community service organization; president, Ohio State Club; member, fraternity for national society of leadership and success.

Christine Jonard | Worthington, OH | Will attend: The University of Dayton

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Ohio State University '98 English/zoology (dual degree); The Ohio State University '01, psychology

Co-teacher, preschool; test preparation tutor, learning center; surgical aide, veterinary office; teacher and faculty specialist, science center; teacher and scout educator, zoo and aquarium; laboratory technician, pathology; camp counselor and troop leader, Girl Scouts.

Jared Jones | Glenshaw, PA | Will attend: Ohio University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Washington & Jefferson College '13, mathematics

Teaching assistant, statistics; professor's assistant; intern, creating lessons plans and teaching; volunteer, swim program for children with disabilities; volunteer teaching assistant, elementary school; recipient, award for mathematics education; recipient, local award for future teachers; recipient, Outstanding Young Citizen Award.

Kathleen Kelly | Dublin, OH | Will attend: The Ohio State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Duquesne University '14, chemistry

Science camp counselor; undergraduate researcher, protein enzymes in Alzheimer's disease; vice president of scholarship for sorority, chair of scholarship for campus panhellenic council; honors student; resident of a rural community who has worked with high-need children learning STEM.

Maribeth Keppler | Parma, OH | Will attend: John Carroll University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** John Carroll University '13, biology

Substitute teacher; counselor for campus-based summer science program; intern with high-functioning autistic and Asperger's syndrome children; lifeguard; retreat leader; Special Olympics volunteer; Children's Hospital volunteer; honors student; varsity track athlete.

Gwendolyn Kinebrew | University Heights, OH | Will attend: John Carroll University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Arcadia University '90, biology/chemistry
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Temple University '92, M.S. (biology); '97, Ph.D. (biology)

Former tenured biology professor, 14+ years; adjunct community college faculty member; published scholar with multiple articles in peer-reviewed journals; advisor for more than 25 high school, undergraduate, and graduate students; chair and member of campus committees; recipient of scientific and community awards, including Call & Post Most Influential People citation; avid hiker.

Elizabeth Knapper | Fayetteville, GA | Will attend: The Ohio State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Mercer University '14, mathematics/psychology

Undergraduate researcher, statistics; mathematics supplemental instructor; vice president of campus math club; head counselor at summer camp for high-need children; former quality control lab specialist; committee member/organizer for campus church fellowship; varsity volleyball athlete; church youth volunteer and Sunday school teacher.

Gregory Koth | West Alexandria, OH | Will attend: The University of Dayton

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wright State University '14, mathematics education

Statistical analyst; public school tutor; former assistant scoutmaster; Eagle Scout; Dean's List student, high honors; agricultural crew leader; son of a teacher in local high-need schools; mission volunteer with orphans in a boys' home in Jamaica; ministry service coordinator.

Dennis Lackey | Flint, MI | Will attend: The Ohio State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** John Carroll University '09, biology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** The University of Michigan '12, M.S. (cell, molecular, and developmental biology)

Food, nutrition, and gardening educator for children in grades K–6, high-need schools; undergraduate researcher, four university labs; intern, prostate cancer research lab; general chemistry lab assistant; volunteer after-school and summer school teacher; art and creative writing volunteer, elementary students.

Markeata Lee | Cedarville, OH | Will attend: The University of Dayton

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Central State University '11, chemistry
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Wright State University '14, M.S. (chemistry)

Research assistant and chemistry lab instructor; campus chemistry tutor; intern, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; member, campus STEM and chemistry clubs, and chemistry club secretary; Dean's List student and recipient of multiple academic awards; graduate of high-need schools.

Megan Lengyel | Wadsworth, OH | Will attend: The University of Akron

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The University of Akron '08, biology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** The University of Akron '11, M.S. (biology/animal physiology)

Adjunct instructor, college/community college, human anatomy and physiology; teaching assistant, anatomy and physiology; Dean's List student, all semesters; volunteer, United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation; professional armadillo wrangler.

Audrey Markovich | Streetsboro, OH | Will attend: The University of Cincinnati

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Pennsylvania State University '10, mechanical engineering

Volunteer math tutor; private GED tutor; application engineer, software firm; software consultant and trainer; intern in private industry, pressure vessels and combustion; secretary, campus chapter of national engineering sorority; mentor, Penn State Blue Band; choir member and clarinetist.

Jennifer McCoy | Akron, OH | Will attend: The University of Akron

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The University of Akron '08, biology/psychology

Volunteer math and science tutor for high-need students; sales manager, medical supply company; girls' softball coach; former student-athlete, softball; volunteer, community organization working with developmentally disabled youth; marathoner; signer with fluency in ASL.

Matthew Mechler | Streetsboro, OH | Will attend: The University of Akron

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The University of Akron '14, chemistry

College chemistry tutor; near peer mentor, summer science institute for high-need students; scientific education and environmental awareness volunteer with Great Lakes organization and science learning group; participant in water chemistry testing and wetland restorations; high school radio station volunteer and fundraiser.

Darrell Milligan | Hardwick, NJ | Will attend: John Carroll University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Caldwell College '99, biology

Pharmaceutical researcher with 11+ years of progressive research and development experience, including drug safety and training for junior scientists; veteran of the United States Marine Corps; martial arts specialist; program instructor for youth camp, including ecology, outdoors skills, and fitness; honors graduate; avid outdoorsman.

Adam Millikan | New Castle, IN | Will attend: The University of Dayton

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Anderson University '13, biology

Graduate student/graduate assistant in physiology and basic anatomy; former undergraduate researcher, vitamin supplements; participant, medical mission trip to Honduras; college tennis player; tennis volunteer, local high school; volunteer, various faith-based and community organizations.

Geoffrey Mitchell | North Utica, OH | Will attend: The Ohio State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Illinois Institute of Technology '13, applied mathematics/operating systems

Volunteer high school algebra tutor; library assistant offering library and IT support for diverse student body; team member, award-winning interdisciplinary college projects (mobile operating room, automotive assembly line improvements); college theater director; member, drama club executive board; band camp clinician; former field commander for high school marching band.

Patricia Niehaus | Liberty Township, OH | Will attend: The University of Cincinnati

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The University of Toledo '97, mathematics

Classroom helper, K–8 school; customer interaction supervisor and former claims and repairs supervisor, national insurance firm, 16+ years; trainer for colleagues; former pharmacy technician; volunteer math tutor, grade school through college; girls' soccer coach; volunteer event planner.

Joshua Olson | Athens, OH | Will attend: Ohio University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The University of Minnesota '05, environmental horticulture

Former golf course assistant supervisor, with emphasis on horticulture and greens management; Dean's List student; son of two rural math and science teachers, with lifelong interest in science; customer service associate in a national park; avid hiker and mountain climber.

Clara Oster | Columbus, OH | Will attend: The Ohio State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Ohio State University '14, biochemistry/human nutrition

Peer mentor, arts and sciences honors students; volunteer high school tutor, chemistry, Spanish, and math; advocate for healthy eating and community gardening; honors student; certified phlebotomist; former nanny; volunteer assistant to families staying at Ronald McDonald House; medical volunteer, clinic in Guatemala; conversation partner for English language learners.

Charlotte (Cari) Palmer | Columbus, OH | Will attend: The Ohio State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Denison University '92, biology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Bowling Green State University '94, M.S. (biological sciences)

Educator/associate faculty leader and volunteer mentor, Center of Science and Industry (COSI), seven years; adjunct professor, biology; former naturalist/outdoor educator; advocate for girls in STEM; former district scouting executive and technical editor; Science Olympiad coach; science fair judge; volunteer science classroom assistant; swimming teacher; girls' track coach.

Gregory Pero | Norton, OH | Will attend: The University of Akron

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The University of Akron '86, chemical engineering
- **Graduate institution and degree:** The University of Akron '92, M.S. (chemical engineering)

Engineer and continuous systems leader with nearly 30 years' experience at a major multinational automotive/industrial manufacturer; corporate adult educator; volunteer coach, baseball, basketball, and soccer, most recently coaching basketball for young people with physical or mental disabilities; secretary, engineering alumni board; volunteer, faith-based and community service organizations.

Justin Robe | Athens, OH | Will attend: Ohio University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ohio University '14, mathematics/history

College math/calculus tutor; private math tutor, grade school through high school; assistant youth soccer coach; assistant high school mock trial coach; legal clerk, family law practice; Dean's List student and recipient, multiple awards/scholarships; service volunteer, campus organizations; avid reader.

Douglas Rogaliner | Lambertville, MI | Will attend: The University of Toledo

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Bowling Green State University '91, business administration/sales and marketing

Community college tutor, biology, earth science, physical sciences; sales and marketing manager, various health care firms, 22+ years; head coach, wrestling club; coach, community youth baseball and youth football; restorer and fan, vintage muscle cars.

Cynthia Rogers | Dayton, OH | Will attend: The University of Cincinnati

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wright State University '10, psychology/behavioral neuroscience

Supplemental instructor, general psychology; lab assistant, responsible for surgery prep; former rental properties manager and sales representative; parent of a special needs child, now in college; Dean's List student and member of academic honoraries; facilitator for Psychology of Incarceration, a program for teaching cognitive and behavioral changes.

Kyle Rohrbaugh | Columbus, OH | Will attend: The Ohio State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Ohio State University '14, biochemistry

Research lab assistant, physiology and cell biology; tutor, high school and junior high school math; Dean's List student, member of academic honoraries, and recipient of academic scholarship; award-winning student-athlete in intramural soccer, jiu-jitsu, ski club, golf league, co-ed volleyball; Life Scout with Boy Scouts of America; volunteer, summer soccer camps; multi-instrumentalist.

Cody Rudduck | Xenia, OH | Will attend: The University of Dayton

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Central State University '14, biology/chemistry

College biology tutor in campus STEM center; camp counselor; compliance officer, interstate freight carrier; church youth leader; Dean's List student; treasurer, campus chapter of national biology honorary; *magna cum laude* graduate; volunteer, community service organizations.

Laura Ruttig | Cuyahoga, OH | Will attend: The University of Akron

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Pittsburgh '01, English literature/chemical engineering (dual degree)

Campus tutor; networking consultant, campus computing services; sales consultant and account executive, two national publishing companies; trainer, computer systems and applications; graduate student, children's literature; avid reader.

Dustin Sams | Cincinnati, OH | Will attend: The University of Dayton

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Miami University '12, biology

Tutor in biology and calculus; research assistant, endometrial cancer project, children's hospital; customer service associate, national retailer; part-time guitarist/musician.

Fadi Sarsour | Sylvania, OH | Will attend: The University of Toledo

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The University of Toledo '13, exercise science/pre-medicine biology

Lab research volunteer, certified in lab safety, animal safety, and first aid; volunteer, diabetes research; accepted doctoral student; afterschool tutor, local faith-based organization; student-athlete, soccer and basketball; Dean's List student.

Lori Schwab | Cleveland, OH | Will attend: The University of Toledo

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Heidelberg University '13, biology/psychology

Administrative assistant, science academy and high-need school; former biology lab teaching assistant; tutor, campus and community; volunteer judge, several middle school and high school science fairs; member, multiple honoraries and service organizations; finisher, extreme obstacle course competition.

Michael Sullivan | Milford, OH | Will attend: The University of Cincinnati

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Washington University in St. Louis, '93, anthropology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** University of Iowa '95, M.A. (anthropology)

Substitute math teacher; former graduate teaching assistant and graduate research assistant; doctoral student with all requirements but dissertation completed; veteran, United States Army; volunteer teacher, religious instruction for sixth graders; world traveler.

Christopher Thomas | Copley, OH | Will attend: Ohio University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The University of Akron '10, mechanical engineering

Process engineer and project manager, multiple aerospace and automotive manufacturers, 8+ years' experience; volunteer engineering teacher, local STEM high school; M.B.A. student.

Sabrina Tucker | Bedford Heights, OH | Will attend: The University of Akron

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Kent State University '13, geology

Volunteer science tutor, grade school through high school, community organization; summer field researcher, geology/stratigraphy; church youth advisor; mentor, adoption organization; junior choir director; officer, campus geological society; Dean's List student, member of academic honoraries, recipient of multiple academic awards; church chorus member.

Rachel Vargo | Mansfield, OH | Will attend: The University of Cincinnati

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Miami University '12, kinesiology/health

Veterinary assistant, exotic animal hospital; shelter medicine cat volunteer; former operations intern, social media company; mentor and student coordinator, campus chapter of national sorority; President's List and Dean's List student; member of multiple academic honoraries; student-athlete and marathoner; avid reader with interests in farming/gardening, cooking, and animal husbandry.

Leanne Vaughn | Highland Heights, OH | Will attend: John Carroll University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Case Western Reserve University '10, nutritional biochemistry and metabolism
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Case Western Reserve University '11, M.S. (nutrition)

Dietician and weight loss coach; research assistant studying type 2 diabetes and nonalcoholic fatty liver disease; undergraduate researcher, food science project on cherry juice; tutor, middle school and elementary school children; co-author, two articles in peer-reviewed publications; varsity athlete; honors graduate and recipient of multiple academic awards.

Samantha Wade | Akron, OH | Will attend: The University of Akron

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Central State University '99, manufacturing engineering

Substitute teacher, high-need school; math tutor, afterschool program in the public schools; site coordinator for community learning center; former manufacturing engineer and pharmaceutical sales manager; gardener and home DIY aficionado.

Michelle Waers | Groveport, OH | Will attend: Ohio University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Ohio State University '14, medical laboratory science/psychology

Student medical technician, critical care lab; volunteer recruiter for medical technology majors; student member, professional societies in clinical laboratory science and pathology; honors student.

Steven Wang | Randolph, NJ | Will attend: John Carroll University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Tunghai University, Taiwan '88, environmental studies
- **Graduate institution and degree:** The University of Wisconsin-Madison '94, Ph.D. (environmental toxicology)

Cancer researcher focused on biochemical and molecular impacts of manmade compounds; author, multiple research articles in peer-reviewed journals; long-term substitute teacher, high school chemistry; instructor in oncology education to marketing consultants; journal reviewer; teaching assistant at UW-Madison; church volunteer; team leader of social services for residents in remote mountain villages in Taiwan.

Scott Weis | Lambertville, MI | Will attend: The University of Toledo

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The University of Toledo '13, environmental sciences/ecology

Paraprofessional classroom aide, middle-school science classes; tutor and child supervisor, community education program for latchkey children; camp counselor; volunteer, clean water initiative and wildlife habitat restoration; youth baseball umpire; president, campus chapter of national fraternity; avid outdoorsman.

Matthew Williams | Xenia, OH | Will attend: The University of Dayton

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Cedarville University '14, physics/math, Greek, and Bible

Physics intern, nanomaterials lab; high school tutor; Dean's List student and recipient of academic excellence award; intern, private school for high-need students in India.

Emmalyne Wyatt | Alexandria, KY | Will attend: The University of Cincinnati

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Transylvania University '14, mathematics/Spanish

Math tutor, grade school to college; undergraduate researcher, mathematics/math finance; afterschool volunteer, inner-city grade school; study-abroad participant in Spain; Dean's List student and member of several academic honoraries; lead campus admissions ambassador; leadership retreat group leader; student-athlete, soccer; recreational runner/racer; service volunteer, faith-based campus organization, traveler to 8+ countries and most of U.S.