



**PROFILES: 2014 Woodrow Wilson MBA Fellows  
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**Kourtney Bauswell**

**Dean of Curriculum & Instruction, Milwaukee Collegiate Academy**

***B.A., political science and sociology, Purdue University***

***M.Ed., educational policy and leadership, Marquette University***

Former social studies teacher, social studies content team leader, and instructional coach, Hmong American Peace Academy; Emerging Leader Fellow, Schools That Can—Milwaukee; participant, Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management's Executive Education Program; former Teach for America corps member.

**Lyndee Belanger**

**Junior Academy Achievement Director, Milwaukee Academy of Science**

***B.S., elementary education, University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee***

***M.S., curriculum and instruction, Lesley University***

Former middle school reading and language arts teacher; former lead teacher for middle school; former administrator for grades 6–12 and member of the school leadership team; as Achievement Director, curriculum and assessment leader, teacher coach, and advisor on best practices; 2010 Teacher of the Year, Wisconsin Charter Schools Association.

**Lindsay Cialdini**

**Second-Grade Teacher and Curriculum Coordinator/Technology Chair, Slinger School District**

***B.S., elementary education/mathematics, Drake University***

***M.Ed., curriculum and instruction (integrated teaching through the arts), Lesley University***

Former first-grade teacher, urban Washington, D.C.; ten-year teaching veteran; math curriculum coordinator; participant in Wisconsin Statewide Mathematics Institute, focusing on professional development for K–12 mathematics teachers in implementing the Common Core State Standards; Presidential Scholarship recipient.

**Dan Gebauer**

**Teaching and Learning Specialist/Technology Coach, Elmbrook Schools**

***B.S., criminal justice, University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee***

***M.Ed., Cardinal Stritch University***

National Board Certified middle childhood generalist; coach for 300+ educators in the use of various teaching/learning technologies and web-based assessment and learning systems; ten-year teaching veteran; district leader/committee member, mathematics education, assessment, professional development, and teacher coaching; invited presenter, Wisconsin Education Innovations and other conferences; former police officer.

**Erik Herbrechtsmeier**

**Math Teacher, Middle and High School, Kenosha Unified School District**

***B.A., mathematics/ secondary education, Carthage College***

***M.S., mathematics education, Walden University***

Teacher at Kenosha Unified since 2001; teacher mentor, lead technology developer, former mathematics department chair (Indian Trail High School and Academy); adjunct instructor, Gateway Technical College (Kenosha).

**Lalenuat M. Johnson**

**Assistant Principal/Director of Teaching Leadership, North Point Lighthouse Charter School**

***B.A., management and communications, Concordia University, WI***

***M.S., education policy and leadership, Marquette University, WI***

Former 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Milwaukee Collegiate Preparatory Academy; also taught 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade history. Started in education as a volunteer and educational assistant and worked her way through college to become a teacher; former Teach for America corps member.

### **Rodney Lynk Jr.**

**Assistant Principal, Rocketship Southside Community Prep**

***B.S., finance and risk management insurance, University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee***

***M.S., educational policy and leadership, Marquette University***

Leader/coach for early childhood department, K4 and K5, and math at Rocketship Southside; 2012 “Rocketeer of the Year” in his charter organization for outstanding student achievement; recipient, Sontag Urban Education Prize; leader in bringing Rocketship to Milwaukee; founding Milwaukee corps member, Teach for America.

### **Kris MacDonald**

**Dean of Students and School Culture, Carmen Middle/High School of Science and Technology, Northwest Campus**

***B.S., psychology/global cultures, University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee***

Educator in Wisconsin, California, and abroad; former Teach for America corps member in Southern California; former bilingual educator in Costa Rica; former Corps member Advisor and School Director for TFA Summer Institutes; student life facilitator with focus on character development.

### **Amanda Mehr**

**Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Carmen Middle/High School of Science and Technology, Northwest Campus**

***B.A., writing intensive English/political science, Marquette University***

***M.S., educational policy and leadership, Marquette University***

Former Teach for American corps member at Carmen; creator of school’s first Advanced Placement English curriculum and 9<sup>th</sup>-grade grammar/composition course; former TFA Secondary Language Arts Content Team Leader; former Assistant Director of Pre-Service Training, Milwaukee Teaching Fellows; member, Schools That Can—Milwaukee.

### **Megan C. Miller**

**Special Education Teacher and founding staff member, Milwaukee College Prep**

***B.A., biomedical science, Marquette University***

***M.Ed., Cardinal Stritch University***

Leader in creating the special education program at Milwaukee College Prep; Emerging Leader Fellow, Schools That Can—Milwaukee; curriculum and assessment designer for transition to the Common Core State Standards, helping to lead professional development in implementing the new curriculum; former Teach for America corps member.

### **Al Moroder**

**Business Education Teacher, New Berlin West Middle & High Schools**

***B.S., business management and marketing, Concordia University—Wisconsin***

Creator of new high school personal finance curriculum; data-driven instructor who brings that approach to his students; head football coach, taking team to playoffs for the first time in nearly 15 years; pitching/catching coach for state champion baseball team; committed student life volunteer.

### **Megan Rindal**

**High School Special Education/Transition Coordinator, Elmbrook School District**

***B.A., University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire***

***M.S., vocational rehabilitation, University of Wisconsin-Stout***

Former job coach for individuals with disabilities; special education teacher, leader and consultant with 11 years of k-12 experience; creator of innovative transitioning program for district; teacher and department coach for effective practices in special education; led efforts to partner with local universities to provide needed resources and support to district teachers and staff.

### **Nasif K. Rogers**

**AVID District Director and Instructional Coach, Nicolet Unified High School District**

***B.A., history/social studies/educational studies, Ripon College***

***M.Ed., teaching, learning, and leadership, Cardinal Stritch University***

Former social studies teacher; former debate/forensics coach; participant on pilot team for the state’s new Educator Effectiveness system; director of AVID program to close achievement gaps and ensure college readiness; crisis stabilizer/youth mentor for one of Milwaukee County’s wraparound service providers; senior director of the Empowerment Network, a local social entrepreneurship initiative.

**Michele Vraney****Elementary Literacy Specialist, Mequon-Thiensville School District*****B.A., Concordia University, WI******M.S., language and literacy, Cardinal Stritch University***

Third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade teacher, including team leader of the fifth grade; leader of district's first-ever team recipient of teaching excellence award; recipient of district's Outstanding Educator and Writing Teacher of the Year awards; recipient of Range Line Excellence in Teaching Award; recipient of a Herb Kohl Fellowship Award; adjunct professor, Concordia University's graduate teacher certification program; 24-year veteran in education.

**Jack Wallace****Manager, Teacher Leadership Development, Teach for America (Milwaukee)*****B.A., history, Yale University***

Teacher coach for first- and second-year Teach for America teachers across Milwaukee, including both the Milwaukee Public Schools and Milwaukee's charter and choice districts; former eighth-grade reading and language arts teacher; former eighth-grade team leader; former football coach; former Teach for America corps member.