

PROFILES:
Woodrow Wilson Georgia Teaching Fellows, 2015

Shadeed Abdul-Salaam | Palmetto, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Morehouse College, 2000, biology/chemistry
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Emory University, 2008, M.P.H., environmental and occupational health

Public health research chemist, CDC; research and development specialist, green technologies firm; alumni association president; college instructor.

Laila Bacha | Marietta, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Kennesaw State University, 2014, mathematics
Tutor, multiple subjects; nanny; president's list student; elementary school volunteer; vice president, women in math organization.

Jessica Brock, | Gallion, AL | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of West Alabama, 2015, mathematics
STEM mentor; graduate assistant and tutor, mathematics lab; physics instructor; student athlete, softball; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; member, multiple on-campus honor societies; dean's list student.

Valerie Brown | Dalton, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Georgia, 1991, agricultural engineering
Teaching assistant and instructor; SAT and ACT math and science preparation coach; driver's ed and e-learning paraprofessional; substitute teacher; engineering aide, U.S. EPA; philanthropist

Carlin Chandler | Arnoldsville, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Vermont, 2001, ecology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** University of Massachusetts, 2006, M.S., ecology
Field biologist, research on populations of species of concern in forestry and agricultural systems; mentor, Big Brothers/Sisters; substitute teacher, Franklin County Massachusetts; English teacher, adult Spanish speakers, Cedral, Costa Rica; visa volunteer, AmeriCorps; community volunteer; mother.

Allen Clarkson | Darien, GA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia College and State University, 2014, biology
Substitute teacher; tutor, math and English; youth group leader; afterschool program volunteer; undergraduate researcher, cyanobacteria; university club tennis player.

Kelly Colburn | Auburn, AL | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Auburn University, 2013, mathematics
Mathematics teacher; tumbling instructor; undergraduate researcher, psychology; physics team member for the first student-built satellite in Alabama; K-12 math tutor, local community center; community volunteer.

Cassy Smith Davison | Atlanta, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Norfolk State University, 2007, physics

- **Graduate institution and degree:** Georgia State University, 2011, M.A., physics; 2015, Ph.D., astronomy

Teaching assistant, astronomy; mathematics tutor; peer mentor and tutor, Science and Technology Center; Ph.D. researcher, stars and exoplanets; graduate research assistant, low-mass stars; research intern; scholarship and award recipient; Science Olympiad volunteer; telescope operator, Hard Labor Creek Observatory.

Diana Dowd | Kennesaw, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Kennesaw State University, 2015, integrative studies, Chinese and mathematics

Chinese teacher; teacher of the year; volunteer middle school electives teacher, Chinese; multiple scholarship and award recipient; member and volunteer, Kennesaw Women in Mathematics.

Leslie Dunham | Atlanta, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Berry College, 2006, psychology
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** Georgia State University, 2015, Ph.D., neuroscience
- Graduate researcher, neuroendocrinology and behavior; anatomy and physiology laboratory instructor; high school mentor; laboratory research mentor for undergraduates; K–12 STEM classroom volunteer; published researcher; Ph.D. fellow; fitness instructor.

Ebert Escobar | Kennesaw, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Empire State College, 2010, mathematics
- Architectural design and math tutor; CAD operator and manager; substitute teacher; community volunteer; fluent French, Spanish, and English speaker.

Olivia Fine | Lawrenceville, NJ | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Georgia, 2014, biology
- Undergraduate lab assistant, intro to marine environment; mentor, middle school; biology tutor; summer camp counselor; volunteer, local children’s shelter; guest science instructor, local schools and festivals; student athlete; soccer coach.

James Herndon | Calhoun, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of North Georgia, 2014, physics
- Physics I lab assistant and tutor; undergraduate researcher, x-ray fluorescence; volunteer wrestling community coach; recipient of multiple physics honors and awards.

Brandon Hewitt | Atlanta, GA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of California, Berkeley, 1978, civil engineering
- **Graduate institution, class, and major:** Howard University, 1989, M.S., civil engineering; City University, Seattle, 1986, M.B.A., business

Math teacher and tutor; college engineering and engineering mechanics instructor; vice president and principal, engineering and architectural firm; multiple leadership awards recipient.

Ashley Hunter | Columbus, GA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Auburn University, 2009, chemistry
- Biology teaching assistant; former chemistry tutor; associate scientist and beverage developer; peer counselor and teacher, local clinic; Sunday school and Bible school teacher; youth group leader; elementary school science club leader.

Mark Kagika | Atlanta, GA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Duke University, 2013, mechanical engineering
Technical support intern, electronic monitoring company; intern, non-profit organization for homelessness; library student assistant; fellow, Duke Chapel Pathways; substitute teacher, religious day school; resident assistant; member, university choir and ensemble; assistant, children's choir.

Tyler Kinner | Ansonia, OH | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Toledo, 2014, chemistry & physics
Tutor, college level algebra, physics, and chemistry; undergraduate research assistant, physics; peer leader, chemistry; founder, student organization for sustainable energy; recipient, multiple academic scholarships and research grants.

Daron Martin | McDonough, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia Southern University, 2013, biology
Docent, BODIES Exhibit; minister, teaching and community outreach; youth volunteer, religious group; member, community service outreach organization; social coordinator, campus choir; campus leader, undergraduate religious organization.

Shaun Matthews | Kennesaw, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Coppin State University, 2005, biology
Tutor, sciences; student instructor, anatomy; biology teacher; laboratory analyst, working with ingredient and nutrition statements; laboratory assistant, water microbiology lab; laboratory intern, working with DNA and RNA; oral surgery technician, U.S. Navy.

Hannah Mattson | Kingwood, TX | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Stephen F. Austin State University, 2015, biology
Teaching intern, high school biology classes; Noyce scholar; teaching assistant, Kenyan primary school; presenter, Texas Council of Family Relations and Robert Noyce Teacher Program Conference; secretary, Phi Delta Tau, passion-driven teaching organization; tutor, high school, English language learning; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; participant, medical mission trip, El Salvador.

Autumn McMunn | Ardmore, AL | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of North Alabama, 2014, mathematics & secondary education
Student worker and fellow, mathematics department; undergraduate researcher; teaching intern, high school level; counselor, UNA STEM camp; honors program student; math tutor; secretary, undergraduate research team and UNA robotics team; treasurer, honors student organization and Kappa Delta Pi honor society; recipient, multiple academic scholarships.

Yancey Mitchell | Marietta, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Kennesaw State University, 2012, chemistry
Environmental chemist; undergraduate research assistant, educational chemistry; emergency medical technician; undergraduate research scholar; member, chemistry honors society; published research; founding member, undergraduate research club; loves animals and the outdoors.

Brian Moler | Cheyenne, WY | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Wyoming, 2008, mathematics
CRLA level one certified tutor, math and science; undergraduate student researcher, cryptography and distributed computing; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; systems designer, international energy technology firm; recipient, State of Wyoming Excellence Award; Eagle Scout.

Eunice Opoku-Boateng | Atlanta, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Ghana, 2006, zoology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Georgia College and State University, 2010, M.S., biology
Biodiversity graduate teaching assistant; graduate researcher, coleopteran entomology; after-school program tutor, Youth Enrichment Services ; research associate; hospital volunteer; volunteer science fair judge, Baldwin Schools; scholarship and award recipient.

Lauren Pace | Milledgeville, GA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia College & State University, 2015, biology
Undergraduate researcher and presenter, crayfish population genetics; county school volunteer; supplemental instruction leader, biology and genetics; tutor, chemistry and biology; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; Dean's list student; member, multiple honors societies.

Brittany Ritter | Pickerington, OH | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Dayton, 2014, pre-medicine
Senior program coordinator, education and youth services, middle school after school programs; tutor, local African refugees and university's Upward Bound Program; member, local AmeriCorps program; volunteer, hospice and children's hospital; president, women's basketball club; member, biological sciences fraternity.

Ira Roberts | East Orange, NJ | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Benedict College, 1986, physics
Middle and high school math and science educator; mock trial coach; tutor, math and SAT preparation; recipient, multiple awards for outstanding work as an educator.

Althea Roy | Stone Mountain, GA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Emory University, 2014, chemistry and English literature
Undergraduate researcher, astrophysical chemistry; assistant lab technician, division of animal resources; supplemental instructor, chemistry department; writing tutor; chemistry teaching assistant, college preparatory academy; high school special education chemistry teacher; competitive gymnast; Relay for Life co-leader, animal resources team.

Shelby Schuller | Sharon, PA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia Institute of Technology, 2014, applied mathematics and applied languages & intercultural studies
Teaching assistant, calculus and linear algebra, Spanish immersion program in Mexico City; high school and middle school color guard instructor; volunteer ESL instructor for Spanish-speaking mothers; National Merit Scholar; fluent Spanish speaker; community choir singer.

Michael Seymour | Athens, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia Gwinnett College, 2011, biology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** University of Georgia, 2014, microbiology
Teaching assistant/instructor; biology tutor; chemistry tutor; undergraduate researcher, epigenetics; graduate researcher, histone H1; US Air Force veteran; former police officer.

Marcus Stevens | Senoia, GA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia State University, 2007, physics
US Navy nuclear reactor operator-electronics technician; ; intern lab instructor, electronics technician school; project engineer, packaging film manufacturing company; recipient of numerous professional and academic awards for achievements.

Crispin Stromberg | Cumming, GA | *Will attend:* Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of North Georgia, 2010, mathematics
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** Kennesaw State University, 2012, M.S., applied statistics
- Mathematics instructor, technical college; math instructor, homeschool enrichment center; math tutor, university and high school; community volunteer; multiple academic scholarship recipient

Keyonna Sturdivant | Cleveland, OH | *Will attend:* Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Central State University, 2014, mathematics
- Supplemental instructor, calculus; math tutor, college algebra; associate analyst, university research institute; undergraduate researcher, analysis research; published author, technical reports; resident assistant, Upward Bound; recipient of multiple scholarships; McNair Scholar; volunteer, senior care housing.

Damien Washington | Atlanta, GA | *Will attend:* Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ashford University, 2014, health and wellness
- Community advisory board member and peer leader, voicing concerns of the minority youth of the metropolitan area; crew scheduler, Georgia-based airline; member, multiple honor societies; certified personal trainer and sports nutrition consultant; health and wellness presenter and workshop facilitator.

Heather Wegenhart | Acworth, GA | *Will attend:* Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Georgia, 2003, biological sciences
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, 2007, D.V.M., doctorate in veterinary medicine
- Small animal veterinarian; research extern and published researcher, murine noroviruses; mentor, new doctors; veterinarian presenter, girl scout troops and high school seniors.

Melissa Youngs | Columbus, GA | *Will attend:* Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia College and State University, 2015, chemistry
- Research assistant; chemistry lab and stock room assistant; community volunteer; local science fair judge; elementary school demonstrator and volunteer.