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### **Under Woodrow Wilson Foundation Programs, Indiana Continues to Add Effective Teachers, School Leaders for High-Need Schools**

#### ***Gov. Pence, WW Foundation Announce State's 2015 Classes of Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellows, MBA Fellows in Education Leadership***

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN** (July 29, 2015)—As Indiana continues its efforts to improve student performance and boost its public schools, particularly high-need urban and rural schools, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation today announced the 2015 classes of Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows and WW Indiana MBA Fellows in Education Leadership.

Forty-nine individuals will be part of the 2015 cohort of the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship program in the state, offered at Ball State University, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Purdue University, University of Indianapolis, and Valparaiso University. The highly competitive program recruits both recent graduates and career changers with strong backgrounds in science, technology, engineering, and math—the STEM fields—and prepares them specifically to teach in high-need secondary schools.

Thirty-five individuals will be 2015 Woodrow Wilson MBA Fellows in Education Leadership. This cutting-edge program, designed to prepare aspiring school principals and district administrators with the knowledge and skills needed to successfully lead Indiana schools, is currently offered at the University of Indianapolis. Indiana University and Indiana State University were recently selected to join Indiana's WW MBA Fellowship next year.

“Everyone knows good teachers make the difference,” said Governor Mike Pence. “The Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellows and Woodrow Wilson MBA Fellows in Education Leadership exemplify Hoosiers working to make positive changes in the lives of our students. Their leadership will help ensure that Indiana students have the opportunity for a high-quality education, and I am honored to recognize the 2015 classes of both outstanding programs as they strive to make education work for all of our children.”

The Teaching Fellowship focuses on preparing top-quality educators for many of Indiana's most underserved public schools. Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellows commit to teach for three years in the urban and rural Indiana schools that most need strong STEM teachers. Throughout the three-year commitment, Teaching Fellows receive ongoing support and mentoring.

“During the past six years, Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellows have embodied excellence and success here in Indiana,” Woodrow Wilson Foundation President Arthur Levine said. “Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows are 1.9 times more likely to remain teachers in Indiana's public high-need schools,

compared to non-Fellow teachers. Ninety percent of Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellows have field STEM certification, compared to just 20 percent of non-Fellow peers. And today, after just six years, Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellows are teaching in 40 of the state's 92 counties. Those Fellows will have a real, positive impact on thousands of Indiana students for years to come."

The Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship partners with a wide range of schools across the state, including Anderson Community School Corporation, Fort Wayne, Decatur Township, Gary Community School Corporation, Indianapolis Public Schools, Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township, Metropolitan School District of Perry Township, Metropolitan School District of Warren Township, Michigan City Area Schools, Muncie Community Schools, Portage Township Schools, Purdue University Rural School Network, School City of East Chicago, Thea Bowman Leadership Academy, Washington Township, and Wayne Township. It also works with charter schools such as Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School, Christel House Academy, Herron High School, Lighthouse Academies, and Indianapolis Metropolitan High School.

The Woodrow Wilson MBA Fellowship prepares leaders who will drive innovation, expand the use of analytics and evidence-based practices, raise student performance to international standards, and improve the quality of school systems and teaching over time. Unlike programs that recruit career changers from other fields to work in schools, the Woodrow Wilson MBA Fellowship is intended for education professionals nominated by their school districts or charter school leaders. Each MBA Fellow also agrees to serve in an approved school or district leadership role within the state for at least three years.

"For all of our schools to truly succeed, we need superb school leaders supporting excellent educators and building an environment that produces high student achievement," Levine said. "Through the Woodrow Wilson MBA Fellowship, Indiana has blazed a new path toward ensuring tomorrow's education leaders possess the rigor, relevance, selectivity, and clinical experience school leaders require to thrive. Together, we are helping the state provide a new generation of school leaders, equipped to transform all Hoosier schools into high performers."

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation administers both programs in Indiana through the generous financial support of the Lilly Endowment Inc.

Indiana is one of five states currently offering the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship, along with Georgia, Michigan, New Jersey, and Ohio. Indiana, New Mexico, and Wisconsin currently offer the Woodrow Wilson MBA Fellowship in Education Leadership.

For more information on the Indiana Teaching Fellowship program, please visit <http://woodrow.org/fellowships/ww-teaching-fellowships/indiana/>. For more information on the Indiana MBA Fellowship program, please visit <http://woodrow.org/fellowships/ww-ed-mba/indiana/>.

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#### **About the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation**

Founded in 1945, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation ([www.woodrow.org](http://www.woodrow.org)) identifies and develops the nation's best minds to meet its most critical challenges. The Foundation supports its Fellows as the next generation of leaders shaping American society.

**The 2015 Class of Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellows includes:**

**Ball State University**

- Nathan Chaffee
- Courtney Godbolt
- Lauren Kiser
- Abby Kozerski Houck
- Brittany Miller
- Thomas Sheppard
- Jessica Ulrich

**Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis**

- Angelica Cox
- Sarah Cukrowicz
- Danielle Forde-Riddick
- Houmed Garad
- Erin Gilpatrick
- Marie Harlan
- William Hartman
- Karly Hiquet
- Ryan Hopkins
- Shameka Kelley
- Jacob Olson
- Tabatha Ramsey
- Albertha Sabree

**Purdue University**

- Allynn Deane
- Graham Lyon
- Curtis Mitchell
- Nicole Morison
- Courtney Orme
- Jennifer Talavage
- Samantha Wagner

**University of Indianapolis**

- Paulos Abraham
- Delila Brandon
- John Davis
- Timothy Gordon
- Madison Hickman
- Elizabeth Johnson
- Sara Kloosterman
- Caitlynn Richardson
- Helen Shere
- Maggie Somody
- Nicholas Strange

**Valparaiso University**

- Alfred Allen
- Erin Cisneros
- Kaitlyn Faust
- Victoria Gray

- Clarice Hinckley
- Joylyn Ichiyama-Nihipali
- Erin Miller
- Sarah Obermeyer
- Andrew Soleim
- Russell Thompson
- Brooke Wilke

**The 2015 Class of Woodrow Wilson MBA Fellows includes:**

**University of Indianapolis**

- Kelly Altman
- Stephen Blackburn
- Kayla Breivogel
- Colin Butler
- Lindsay Chase
- Susie Choi
- Emily Cochran
- Martin Dacosta
- John Dehr
- Corey Ebert
- Stephen Gardner
- Malcolm Gilchrist
- Mitchell Hammersley
- Patrick Haney
- Kara Heichelbech
- Katharine Hubiak
- Mia Jones
- Alisa Kaczorowski
- Rachelle Klinger
- Emily LeMay
- Elizabeth Martin
- Hadley Moore
- Haley Mulligan
- Bill Naas
- Jessica Neill
- Nicole Pries
- Marc Renaud
- Melissa Ruder
- Lauren Rush
- Lara Stockton
- Joe Troyer
- Lori White
- April Williams
- Lauren Woodworth
- Joshua Yoder



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## FACT SHEET: THE 2015 WOODROW WILSON INDIANA TEACHING FELLOWS

### About the 2015 Fellows

- In 2015, the Foundation has named 49 Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows. They will attend Ball State University; Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; Purdue University; the University of Indianapolis; and Valparaiso University.
- Of these new WW Indiana Teaching Fellows:
  - 96% majored in a STEM discipline.
    - 74% (36) sciences, 9% engineering and tech, and 13% mathematics.
  - 20% have done advanced degree work.
    - The Fellows have 10 master's degrees among them.
    - One Fellow also has a Ph.D. and another Fellow is a Ph.D. candidate.
  - Most Fellows are Dean's List/honors graduates, with memberships in various academic honoraries.
- 24% of the Fellows are teacher candidates of color, versus 16% in the overall teaching force.
- 31% are male—noteworthy in a profession where as many as three-quarters of practitioners are female.
- The Fellows bring a wide range of life experiences to their work:
  - 49% (24) graduated from their undergraduate institution in 2015.
  - An additional 31% graduated between one and five years ago.
  - The final 20% earned undergraduate degrees more than five years ago. Their work histories include tenures at organizations such as The Pittsburgh Zoo, The Boeing Company, and the U.S. Geological Survey. One Fellow was a Peace Corps member, another was a professional women's soccer player.
  - One Fellow is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.
  - Four Fellows have extensive experience in the arts. Two Fellows double-majored, one in astrophysics and music, one in physics and painting/drawing. A third Fellow has a B.A. in music composition and performance and a master's in music. A fourth played in their college marching band.
- The Fellowship is creating some in-state opportunities for talented Indiana residents: 65% of the Fellows are Indiana residents. The out-of-state candidates come from California, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.
- Fellows remain deeply committed to community service. Most participate in volunteer work with organizations such as America Reads, The Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Habitat for Humanity, among others.

### About the Fellowship

- The goals of the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship are to:
  - Attract the very best candidates to teaching
  - Put strong teachers into high-need schools
  - Cut teacher attrition and retain top teachers
  - Transform university-based teacher education
- The Fellowships recruit teachers—both recent college graduates and career changers—with strong backgrounds in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).
- 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 for three years, with ongoing mentoring.
- Universities agree to redesign their teacher education programs.
- Through the Indiana STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund Grant Program, Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE) has provided a grant to support these Fellows through their teacher preparation, induction, and mentoring.
- **Indiana was the first state to launch the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship in 2009.** This year's group is the **sixth class (or cohort) of Fellows in Indiana.**

**PROFILES:**  
**Woodrow Wilson Indiana Fellows, 2015**

**Paulos Abraham | Indianapolis, IN | Will attend: University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2014, biology

Tutor, mathematics and science; inner city high school substitute teacher; hospital volunteer, oncology laboratory; church youth leader; homeless shelter volunteer; summer camp instructor.

**Alfred Allen | Hobart, IN | Will attend: Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Brigham Young University Hawaii, 2012, biology  
Zoo and veterinary volunteer; undergraduate researcher, feeding rates of geckos; pet care specialist and nutrition consultant, pet retail chain; assistant curator, college museum of natural history; U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

**Delila Brandon | Owensville, MO | Will attend: University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, 2015, zoology  
Undergraduate lab assistant, aquatic toxicology; undergraduate orientation leader; first-year student peer mentor; second grade student teacher; community volunteer; gardener.

**Nathan Chaffee | Macedonia, OH | Will attend: Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ohio Wesleyan University, 2015, astrophysics and music

Math and physics tutor, college intro students; educational specialist, Great Lakes Science Center; lab assistant, introductory astronomy course; private piano and music theory instructor; president, Society of Physics Students; percussionist, college jazz ensemble.

**Erin Cisneros | Elkhart, IN | Will attend: Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Saint Mary's College, 2015, biology  
Undergraduate researcher, counter fit drug detection; lab assistant, biology department; tutor, K-4 and 7-12; teacher's assistant, intermediate school; summer medical and dental education intern; intern, health care and English instructor, Canary Islands; volunteer, South African orphanage; community volunteer.

**Angelica Cox | Indianapolis, IN | Will attend: Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 2015, mathematics and economics

Summer engineering mentor; K-12 tutor and tutor administrator; undergraduate researcher, economic analysis; multiple academic scholarship recipient; academic chair, campus professional organizations; painter, sketcher, and illustrator.

**Sarah Cukrowicz | Elkhart, IN | Will attend: Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University, 2013, physics, painting and drawing

Undergraduate researcher, predictive modeling software for collider experiment; physics honor society member; physics department grader; physics club member and community outreach volunteer; workshop organizer and presenter; award winning artist; self-published knitting and crochet pattern designer.

**John Davis | Indianapolis, IN | *Will attend:* University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wabash College, 2015, chemistry

Lab assistant; organic chemistry conference presenter; major academic scholarship recipient; substitute teacher; community volunteer.

**Allynn Deane | Logansport, IN | *Will attend:* Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2015, actuarial science and applied statistics

Instructor, algebra and trigonometry; math department grader; math tutor, Big Brothers/Sisters; mentor/volunteer; math field day volunteer; dean's list; intern, government environmental firm.

**Kaitlyn Faust | Lebanon, IN | *Will attend:* Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2008, wildlife

Marine mammal trainer and zookeeper; intern and volunteer mentor; research assistant, breeding behavior of Pacific walrus; teaching assistant, ecology and systematics of vertebrates; substitute teacher; biology, algebra, and psychology tutor; multiple academic scholarship recipient.

**Danielle Forde-Riddick | Brooklyn, NY | *Will attend:* Indiana University - Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** City University of New York, Medgar Evers College, 2013, environmental science

Afterschool instructor; plant protection and quarantine intern, U.S. Department of Agriculture; teacher's assistant and senior tutor; supplemental instruction leader; biosciences fellow; research assistant, biodiesel fuel from food waste; dean's list student.

**Houmed Garad | Westerville, OH | *Will attend:* Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Université Joseph Fourier, France, 2003, engineering and computer science
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Université Joseph Fourier, France, 2005, M.S., physics; 2012, Ph.D., material science

Former university lecturer; researcher, nanophysics; materials engineer; science museum guide; volunteer tutor of high-needs students; university club soccer team member; distance runner; fluent Afar, Somali, and French speaker.

**Erin Gilpatrick | Indianapolis, IN | *Will attend:* Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2015, biology

Math and science tutor; writing tutor, university writing center; summer science camp counselor; demonstrator, community STEM fair; volunteer science fair judge; teacher's assistant; dean's list student.

**Courtney Godbolt | Philadelphia, PA | *Will attend:* Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Cedar Crest College, 2015, biology and nutrition

Undergraduate researcher, temperature, humidity, and flower/pollen age effects on pollen viability; research presenter; summer research experiences for undergraduate internship, Miami University; reading tutor; Boys and Girls Club volunteer and site coordinator; university orientation leader; dormitory resident advisor; multiple academic scholarships recipient.

**Timothy Gordon | West Lafayette, IN | Will attend: University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2014, management  
Tutor, math; school volunteer; associate trainer and inventory manager, major retail chain; student supervisor and administrator, university dining center.

**Victoria Gray | San Diego, CA | Will attend: Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** San Diego University, 2008, biology and marine biology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** California State University, Long Beach, 2012, M.S., biology  
Undergraduate research assistant, marine biology laboratory; undergraduate tutor, general biology, chemistry, and genetics; dean's list student; teaching assistant, biostatistics, general biology, human physiology, and ecology and evolution labs; outstanding graduate teaching assistant award; graduate researcher; multiple research grant recipient; adjunct professor.

**Maria Harlan | Fort Wayne, IN | Will attend: Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2015, biology  
High school STEM tutor; mentor, biology department; resident assistant; teaching assistant/academic mentor, chemistry department; lab assistant, biology department; founder, STEM community council; community volunteer; dean's list; multiple scholarship and award recipient.

**William Hartmann | Evanston, IN | Will attend: Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Bradley University, 1986, manufacturing engineering; DePaul University, 2013, B.S., computer science  
Data coordinator, medical center; engineering design and manufacturing professional; volunteer, elementary school reading program; volunteer basketball coach.

**Madison Hickman | Fort Worth, TX | Will attend: University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Vassar College, 2015, neuroscience and behavioral studies  
Lab teaching assistant, general and organic chemistry; science education intern; volunteer environmental science teacher; knitting club president.

**Clairice Hinckley | Norwalk State, OH | Will attend: Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Dayton, 2014, biology  
Substitute teacher; lifeguard and swim lesson instructor; clinic volunteer, local healthcare organization; new member educator, college service fraternity; cymbalist, college marching band.

**Karly Hiquet | Columbus, IN | Will attend: Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2015, brain and behavioral science  
Undergraduate researcher, cognitive psychology; university teaching assistant/instructor, biology; university 3D printing club secretary; member, international honor society in psychology; elementary school teacher; elementary math bowl coach; tutor, math; department grader, spelling and math; research paper coordinator; member, graphic designer, and event coordinator, local autism awareness group; volunteer caregiver, child with autism.

**Ryan Hopkins | Indianapolis, IN | Will attend: Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2015, chemistry and psychology

Teaching assistant, chemistry and chemical biology; mentor, local charter school; dormitory resident assistant; STEM UCASE Summer Intern, National Science Foundation; top of college class; multiple academic scholarship recipient; community volunteer; chemistry club member.

**Joylyn Ichiyama-Nihipali | Valparaiso, IN | *Will attend:* Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Valparaiso University, 2012, exercise science  
Lab assistant, human performance; author of published research, senior project on biometrics in elementary-aged children using weighted hula hoops; reading tutor and volunteer; student athlete; assistant softball coach; academic scholarship and award recipient.

**Abby Kozerski Houck | Carmel, IN | *Will attend:* Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2001, chemistry  
Laboratory technician, chemistry department; teaching assistant, freshman chemistry lab; chemistry tutor; volunteer teacher.

**Elizabeth Johnson | Indianapolis, IN | *Will attend:* University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2014, environmental science

Education outreach coordinator, IUPUI Center for Earth and Environmental Science; elementary science lab coordinator; STEM summer camp science instructor; afterschool wildlife habitat club leader; community garden coordinator and volunteer; urban farmer.

**Shameka Kelley | Dallas, TX | *Will attend:* Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Lincoln University, 2015, applied mathematics  
Middle school STEM youth development professional, Boys and Girls Club; undergraduate researcher, harmonographs and STEM engagement for middle and high school students; community volunteer; summer camp student coordinator; mentor; academic scholarship recipient.

**Lauren Kiser | Noblesville, IN | *Will attend:* Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Maryland, 2010, biology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Bethune-Cookman University, 2013, M.S., integrated environmental science

Biological technician, co-op fish and wildlife research unit, University of Nebraska; field crew leader, USGS, Idaho; biological conservation associate, New Mexico national historical park; graduate teaching assistant; tutor, elementary math and reading; volunteer, bird banding station in Florida; member, wildlife professional associations.

**Sara Kloosterman | Farmington Hills, MI | *Will attend:* University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Michigan State University, 2002, civil engineering
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Northern Illinois University, 2012, M.S., sports management  
Engineering field specialist; coach, college and youth soccer; recreational sport management assistant; community volunteer; student athlete, varsity soccer goalkeeper; recipient, academic and athletic honors and awards; former professional women's soccer player.

**Graham Lyon | Williamsville, NY | *Will attend:* Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** State University of New York at Buffalo, 2015, physics, mathematics, and chemistry

Honors college scholar; swim instructor; lead tutor, academic resource center; teaching assistant, university enrichment program and summer bridge program; math and science teaching assistant, public high-need preparatory school; avid community volunteer; Eagle Scout; recipient, multiple academic scholarships.

**Brittany Miller | Newark, DE | Will attend: Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Gwynedd Mercy University, 2015, biology  
Co-instructor, elementary school science exploration program; ecology field researcher, parasites, fish dissection; laboratory assistant; bacterial and cell culturing; undergraduate thesis author, replication of paroviruses; recipient, multiple scholarships.

**Erin Miller | Mount Vernon, OH | Will attend: Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Houghton College, 2014, biology  
Undergraduate researcher, microarray detection of RNA viral plant pathogens; member, national science honor society; tutor, biology; recipient, academic biology award; certified EMT; summer camp director/counselor; varsity soccer athlete; assistant coach, college women's soccer team; study abroad student, Rwanda, Uganda, Ecuador; aspiring treasure hunter/adventurer.

**Curtis Mitchel | Berne, IN | Will attend: Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2015, chemistry  
Intern, pesticide research and development; assistant, soil erosion laboratory; undergraduate researcher, protein bonds; Bible study leader; student librarian; volunteer, spring break challenge, cleaning up New York City after Hurricane Sandy; 4-H member.

**Nicole Morison | San Marcos, CA | Will attend: Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of California at Berkeley, 2004, molecular and cell biology & microbial biology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** University of Chicago, 2011, M.S., genetics  
Veteran genetics researcher; recipient, National Institutes of Health Genetics and Regulation grant; Peace Corps education volunteer, teaching technology and science in rural Ghana; tutor; teacher, English language and ELL health classes; head teaching assistant, undergraduate genetics; avid world traveler.

**Sarah (Sadie) Obermeyer | Valparaiso, IN | Will attend: Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University Calumet, 2011, biology and ecology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Purdue University Calumet, 2013, M.S., education-instructional design and technology

Tutor and supplemental instructor, chemistry, biology, and mathematics; community tutor, K–12; laboratory instructor, chemistry; Girl Scout troop leader; Boys and Girls club tutor; horseback rider (dressage) and animal rescuer; urban homesteader.

**Jacob Olson | Southport, IN | Will attend: Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University-Purdue University, 2015, biology  
Academic mentor, undergraduate biology course; substitute teacher; laboratory technician, microbiology research; volunteer, food bank; recipient, Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship and the Math and Science Education scholarship at IUPUI; Dean's list student; member, multiple national honor societies; camp counselor.

**Courtney Orme | Lafayette, IN | Will attend: Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2015, biochemistry

Undergraduate researcher, biochemistry department; 4-H member and area leader; assistant superintendent, county aerospace and garden project; participant, World Food Prize, Purdue Youth Institute; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; summer intern, managing youth pop stand at local county fair.

**Tabatha Ramsey | Akron, IN | *Will attend:* Indiana University- Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Butler University, 2013, biology & science, technology & society
- **Graduate institution and degree:** North Carolina State University, 2014, M.S., climate change & society

Intern, nonprofit land trust researching climate change and ecosystem adaptations; assistant, university herbarium; teaching assistant, biology; volunteer, helping children improve reading skills; passionate about the environment and learning.

**Caitlynn Richardson | Fremont, IN | *Will attend:* the University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University, 2015, biology and political science
- Undergraduate teaching assistant, genetics; tutor, biological mechanisms; education intern, local children's zoo; children's tennis instructor; camp counselor, children's science museum; animal exhibit intern, science museum, health and technology; recipient, multiple scholarships; third grade basketball coach; elementary literacy tutor.

**Albertha Sabree | Stone Mountain, GA | *Will attend:* Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Agnes Scott College, 2014, mathematics
- Learning assistant, calculus and algebra; volunteer teaching assistant, mathematics and Arabic; manager, math learning center; mathematics tutor; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; undergraduate research experience, chemistry; soccer and basketball player; community volunteer.

**Thomas Sheppard | Fort Wayne, IN | *Will attend:* Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University, 2015, biology
- Undergraduate research assistant, junco pigmentation control; recipient, academic excellence award; volunteer tutor, grade school children from domestic abuse backgrounds; community volunteer, Habitat for Humanity; member, service fraternity.

**Helen Shere | Indianapolis, IN | *Will attend:* University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Yeshiva University, 2013, biology
- Teaching assistant, genetics and organic chemistry; Ph.D. candidate, biomedical science; biology tutor, high school level; undergraduate and graduate researcher, cancer biology; co-editor, journal of Torah and science; co-director, undergraduate research exchange program; honors program student; volunteer, local hospital and Sunday school program.

**Andrew Soleim | Savage, MN | *Will attend:* Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Gustavus Adolphus College, 2009, biology and religion
  - **Graduate institution and degree:** University of Chicago, 2013, M.A., religious studies
- Tutor, ACT and SAT preparation; graduate researcher, biomedical ethics; college biology department employee; world traveler; biology researcher, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands; interpretive naturalist; summer camp ecology director.

**Maggie Somody | Evansville, IN | *Will attend:* The University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Evansville, 2015, professional chemistry  
Chemistry, calculus, and geometry tutor; undergraduate research, organic synthesis; laboratory assistant, organic and general chemistry; America Reads tutor, K-3.

**Nicholas Strange | Bargersville, IN | Will attend: The University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ball State University, 2015, physics  
Undergraduate researcher, computational nanoscience; physics tutor; physics department grader; dean's list student; future physics teacher scholarship recipient; middle and high school tennis instructor; president of university organization raising funds to build primary schools in East Africa; volunteer health educator and latrine builder, Ghana.

**Jennifer Talavage | West Lafayette, IN | Will attend: Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 1993, electrical engineering
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Northeastern University, 1995, M.S., electrical engineering  
Teaching assistant, digital signal processing, signals and systems; tutor, signals and systems, probabilistic methods; graduate resident tutor, MIT.; co-operative education student, aerospace systems; applications engineer, multimedia emphasis; Gifted Education Resource Institute instructor; elementary and middle school volunteer; half-marathon runner.

**Russell Thompson | Gary, IN | Will attend: Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2013, electrical engineering  
Elementary math and English tutor; in-school specialist, non-profit preventing dropouts among young people; classroom assistant, summer engineering program for middle school students; researcher, analyzing how people learn as it relates to electrical engineering; recipient, multiple student awards.

**Jessica Ulrich | Fenton, MI | Will attend: Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Northern Michigan University, 2015, biology and physiology  
Tutor, biology and chemistry, at-risk youth; undergraduate researcher, vanadium-based MRI probes; undergraduate research assistant, effects of various anti-depressants in lab rats; presenter, national honors conference, modern slavery; recipient, multiple scholarships and academic contest awards; published author, honors journal; member, student leader fellowship program; community volunteer; member, ultimate Frisbee club; accessioning specialist, archives; member, community engagement and leadership program.

**Samantha Wagner | New Richmond, IN | Will attend: Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** California Baptist University, 2010, music composition and performance
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Ball State University, 2012, M.M., music  
High school and college math tutor; graduate assistant and adjunct instructor; graduate research, applying mathematical group theory to music analysis; achievement in mathematics award recipient, California Mathematics Council; active community musician.

**Brooke Wilke | West Lafayette, IN | Will attend: Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2015, mathematics/statistics  
Algebra and trigonometry teaching assistant; statistics department grader; math tutor; volunteer residence life coordinator; local church leader; nanny; jewelry metalsmith and photographer.