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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) 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