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New Jersey Strengthens Pipeline of Excellent Science, Math Teachers for State's High-Need Schools

Woodrow Wilson Foundation Announces 2015 Class of WW New Jersey Teaching Fellows

PRINCETON, NJ (July 29, 2015)—As New Jersey continues its push to focus on the benefits and opportunities of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) across the state, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation today announced the 2015 class of Woodrow Wilson New Jersey Teaching Fellows. Each Fellow is now part of a rigorous statewide program to prepare excellent STEM teachers for careers in New Jersey's high-need schools.

Sixty-five individuals will be part of the second cohort of the Woodrow Wilson New Jersey Teaching Fellowship program, which is offered at The College of New Jersey, Montclair State University, Rowan University, Rutgers University–Camden, and William Paterson 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. The prospective teachers joined New Jersey Acting Gov. Kim Guadagno at an announcement ceremony today.

“As one of only five states to offer the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship Program, New Jersey proudly continues its legacy of STEM excellence, ensuring that our teachers and students are prepared for the careers of the 21st century,” said Acting Governor Guadagno. “This program equips highly-skilled teachers throughout our state, giving each student access to the tools that will help them succeed.”

The Fellowship focuses on preparing top-quality educators for many of New Jersey's most underserved public schools. Each Fellow receives \$30,000 to complete a specially designed, cutting-edge master's degree program based on a yearlong classroom experience. In return, Fellows commit to teach for three years in the urban and rural New Jersey schools that most need strong STEM teachers. Throughout the three-year commitment, Fellows receive ongoing support and mentoring.

“We are committed to helping New Jersey strengthen and ensure its pipeline of effective educators,” said Dr. Stephanie Hull, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. “These new Fellows are impressive, dedicated candidates who want to make a career of teaching the students who need them most in urban and rural New Jersey. Our campus partners are giving them creative, focused preparation to succeed. We are proud of our Fellows and confident that they are on track to make a real difference in young people's lives.”

The New Jersey Teaching Fellowship is funded through the generous support of donors such as the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, M. Brian and Sandy Maher, the Overdeck Family Foundation, the

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the PSEG Foundation, the JP Morgan Chase Foundation, the Schumann Fund for New Jersey, Educational Testing Service, the William E. Simon Foundation, the Drug, Chemical & Associated Technologies Association, and Jennifer A. Chalsty, with additional funding from a number of other foundations and philanthropists.

This is the second year of the New Jersey program. Before officially launching in 2014, the five selected universities spent more than a year tailoring their teacher preparation programs to meet the Fellowship's standards for intensive clinical work and rigorous related coursework.

As part of the effort, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation is also partnering with a wide range of school districts across the state, including Bridgeton Public Schools, Burlington City Public Schools, Camden City School District, Clifton Public Schools, Ewing Township Public Schools, Glassboro Public Schools, Haledon Public Schools, Hamilton Public Schools, Millville Public Schools, Newark Public Schools, New Brunswick Public Schools, Orange Public Schools, Passaic City Public Schools, Paterson Public Schools, Pemberton Township Schools, Pennsauken Public Schools, Trenton Public Schools, Union City Public Schools, and Vineland Public Schools.

New Jersey is one of five states offering the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship program, joining Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio in the effort. More information on the national program can be found at: <http://woodrow.org/fellowships/ww-teaching-fellowships/>.

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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 New Jersey Teaching Fellows include:

The College of New Jersey

- Ammar Ahmed
- Indira Bhatnagar
- Justin Binnix
- Zara Cana
- Cindy Celi
- Michael Garrant
- Sanna Greenberg
- Quarail Hale
- Michael Martino
- Frank Migliorino
- Jaime Richards
- Kyle Schreiner
- Jessica Sudah
- Ashley Tamkutonis
- Adrian Wilkins

Montclair State University

- Nesrin Abulaban
- Paola Arce
- Angela Bello
- Johnny Bien-Aime
- Madison Crocker
- Andre Delva
- Naphysah Duncan
- Alice Freund
- Ivan Garcia
- Bernard Gray
- Nushrat Hoque
- Juleann Ramos
- Camila Rudin
- Jennifer Sabogal-Agudelo
- Nicole Scafo
- Robinson Ucros

Rowan University

- Sharmila Chattopadhyay
- Kristine Kniaziewicz
- Erin Kreeger
- Lindsey Mading
- Olivia-Ann Perez
- Noah Shen
- John Summerill
- Cameron Youngblood

Rutgers University-Camden

- Lauretee Bernard
- Nicholas Bremer
- Kelli Copeland
- Scott Davis
- Kimberly Haddad

- Tasha Hester
- Eric Howell
- Cashana Hudson
- Alann Mancao
- Molly Reingold
- Felicitas Ross

William Paterson University

- Matthew Cheng
- Mark Davison
- Suepavarde DeNardo
- John DiCairano
- Mark Gittens
- Karla Hernandez
- Janet Lara
- Veronica Leone
- Bradford Morris
- Giancarlo Perez-Flores
- Samuel Thomas
- Rita Vander Stad