



PROFILES: Woodrow Wilson NJ Teaching Fellows, 2016

Salam Abu-Joudeh | South Plainfield, NJ | *Will attend:* The College of New Jersey

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Virginia Commonwealth University, 2015, mathematical sciences

Teacher's assistant, math, physics; academic scholarship recipient; volunteer teacher, Virginia religious center; teacher, math and science, local religious school.

Craig Adelhardt | Wood-Ridge, NJ | *Will attend:* Montclair State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Marist College, 2000, computer science
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Stevens Institute of Technology, 2004, M.S., information systems in information management

Software developer and manager, financial services industry, 15+ years; summer school teacher, elementary mathematics, urban schools; volunteer committee, undergraduate college; community volunteer; enthusiastic lifelong learner; bowler and volleyball player.

Kodjovi Afanyihoun | North Brunswick, NJ | *Will attend:* The College of New Jersey

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The College of New Jersey, 2014, chemistry
- Quality control lab technician, fragrance company; extraction lab technician, environmental testing laboratory; undergraduate researcher, organic chemistry; recipient, multiple academic and leadership awards; volunteer, hospital neuroscience and stroke unit.

Kelsey Allen | Cranberry Township, PA | *Will attend:* The College of New Jersey

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Pittsburgh, 2016, biological sciences
- Volunteer teaching assistant, summer camp; secondary officer, national service coed fraternity; captain, campus Relay for Life; volunteer animal helper, Pittsburgh Animal Rescue League.

Alexandra Bakerman | Perrineville, NJ | *Will attend:* The College of New Jersey

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of New Haven, 2014, marine biology
- Undergraduate researcher, harbor seals; animal rescue program first responder; dean's list student; vice president of academic affairs, Greek letter sorority; animal trainer, major regional theme park; aquarium intern; lifeguard and swim lesson instructor, young people and seniors; open water SCUBA diver.

Kyle Banecker | Audubon, NJ | *Will attend:* Rutgers University–Camden

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, 2014, chemistry
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** University at Buffalo, 2016, M.A., chemistry
- Graduate teaching assistant, chemistry; graduate researcher, solvents and silica materials; undergraduate tutor, chemistry, math; undergraduate program tutor, NJ Educational Opportunity Fund; member, chemistry department graduate research symposium; recipient, various academic awards and scholarships.

Gregory Bellino | Tinton Falls, NJ | *Will attend:* Montclair State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rutgers University–Newark, 2015, mathematics

Honors college student; chancellor's scholarship recipient; member, National Science Foundation program to increase minority completion of STEM programs; recipient, scholarship for pre-health students; mathematics tutor; pianist; fluent speaker of several languages; painter; singer.

Ashley Braen | Franklin Lakes, NJ | *Will attend: William Paterson University*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** William Paterson University, 2015, biology
Certified substitute teacher, aide, and teacher, local private high school; science tutor; community volunteer; GED tutor; global volunteer, Uganda, Africa, Greece; avid traveler and scuba diver.

DiAsia Brooks | Ewing, NJ | *Will attend: The College of New Jersey*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Seton Hall University, 2012, pre-med: biology
Tutor, chemistry, math, college essay writing; Princeton University Preparatory Program scholar; water treatment operator; advanced water treatment certificate holder; undergraduate researcher, common fruit fly; recipient of multiple scholarships; community volunteer; emergency medical technician.

Walter Buhro | St. Louis, MO | *Will attend: The College of New Jersey*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Washington University in St. Louis, 2013, physics
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Michigan State University, 2016, M.S., physics
Undergraduate teaching assistant, special relativity; graduate tutor, physics and calculus; graduate teaching assistant, physics and electronics laboratory; honoree, outstanding graduate teaching assistant; undergraduate/graduate research assistant; assistant coach, middle school wrestling; *cum laude* graduate.

Elizabeth Burger | Oakland, NJ | *Will attend: Montclair State University*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Montclair State University, 2016, biochemistry
Teacher's assistant, viral lab techniques; secretary, vice president, college biology club; environmental and sustainability activist; bird watcher and crocheter.

Matthew Chioffe | Phillipsburg, NJ | *Will attend: The College of New Jersey*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** West Virginia University, 2016, chemistry
Undergraduate researcher, nonlinear chemical dynamics; academic scholarship recipient; chemistry tutor; aquarium enthusiast; computer builder.

Jenna Chirico | Rockaway, NJ | *Will attend: Montclair State University*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Washington College, 2016, chemistry
Chemistry peer tutor and lab assistant; volunteer, Habitat for Humanity; past chapter vice president, national chemical society; chapter president, Greek letter sorority; member, academic and leadership honor societies; student award, national chemical society; STEM lab volunteer; basketball enthusiast.

Leah Cocco | Hopewell, NJ | *Will attend: The College of New Jersey*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Binghamton University, 2013, ecology, evolution, & behavior; biological sciences
Veterinary assistant; safari guide and animal educator; intern, veterinary clinic; supervisor, daycare classroom; community volunteer.

Olivia (Becca) Dambrosia | Jackson, NJ | *Will attend: The College of New Jersey*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Seton Hall University, 2016, chemistry
Vice president of membership development, Greek letter sorority; undergraduate teaching assistant, chemistry and biochemistry; undergraduate researcher; Clare Boothe Luce Scholar (support for women in STEM); recipient, multiple academic scholarships.

Satarupa Das | Kolkata, India | *Will attend: Montclair State University*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Boston University, 2002, mathematics and economics

- **Graduate institution and degree:** Rutgers University–New Brunswick, 2016, M.A., linguistics
Graduate teaching fellow, linguistics; undergraduate tutor, math and economics; volunteer, Peace Corps, math education in Ghana; meditation practitioner, Thai Forest tradition.

Mark Davison | Wood-Ridge, NJ | *Will attend:* William Paterson University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rutgers University–Newark, 2006, chemistry; Rutgers University–Newark, 1993, history
Undergraduate research fellow; co-author, peer-reviewed research papers; teaching assistant, organic chemistry lab; research and development chemist, peer trainer, surface chemistry coatings and fuel additives; tutor, chemistry; substitute teacher, K–12; instructor, surfing, windsurfing, and sailing.

Vanessa DeHart | South Amboy, NJ | *Will attend:* The College of New Jersey

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Monmouth University, 2012, mathematics
Tutor, mathematics learning center; recipient, academic grant; substitute teacher; member, Greek letter sorority; volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, Susan G. Komen Foundation, and other charitable organizations.

Sarah Deutsch | Glen Head, NY | *Will attend:* William Paterson University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** CUNY Queens College, 2013, biology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** University of Pennsylvania, 2016, M.E.S., environmental biology
Bat and turtle research assistant, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; biology field researcher, monitoring endangered bird on Long Island; environmental educator, local nature center; adjunct lecturer, introductory biology; lab technician.

Ashley Dobleman | Newfield, NJ | *Will attend:* Rutgers University–Camden

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rowan University, 2005, biology
Substitute teacher; account manager, American Red Cross; community volunteer; member, national honor society in psychology.

Chanelle Farmer | Sicklerville, NJ | *Will attend:* Rutgers University–Camden

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rowan University, 2015, biological science
University-level lab assistant; daycare teacher; bank teller; editor, student newspaper; member, biology club, pre-health club; volunteer, Special Olympics, Ronald McDonald House, and organization helping individuals develop life skills through equine therapy/horseback riding; academic scholarship recipient.

Brianna Farrell | Allentown, NJ | *Will attend:* The College of New Jersey

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The College of New Jersey, 2013, biology
Teaching assistant/primary therapist, children with autism; mentor, students with intellectual disabilities; arts department director, summer camp for the blind and visually impaired; executive board member, college organization mentoring children with intellectual disabilities; captain, college dance company.

Maria Fotakis | Swedesboro, NJ | *Will attend:* Rutgers University–Camden

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rowan University, 2015, biochemistry
Pharmacy technician, major pharmacy chain; undergraduate researcher, extraction and purification of urushiol; dean's list student; tutor, high school chemistry and geometry; community volunteer.

Kaitlin Geraghty | Staten Island, NY | *Will attend:* The College of New Jersey

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Lafayette College, 2016, mathematics and engineering studies
Undergraduate researcher, use of robotics in increasing math achievement; tutor, calculus; science instructor, academic day camp; local school outreach representative, engineering professional societies; robotics camp counselor; tour guide; resident advisor, college dormitory.

Jacob Good | Steep Falls, ME | *Will attend: Rutgers University–Camden*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2013, chemistry
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** Carnegie Mellon University, 2015, M.S., chemistry
- Graduate teaching assistant; university-level instructional faculty; research mentor; undergraduate researcher, natural photosynthesis analysis and protein characterization in solar cells; graduate researcher, hydrogen fuel cells; Sunday school teacher; community volunteer.

Samantha Greenidge | Huntington, NY | *Will attend: Rowan University*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Iona College, 2016, mathematics
- Undergraduate researcher, topology; undergraduate member, Greek letter mathematics honor society; math tutor; volunteer tutor, elementary after-school program; volunteer and treatment/research advocate, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease).

Andrea Henry | Dixon, IL | *Will attend: Montclair State University*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Saint Louis University, 2014, biomedical engineering
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** Saint Louis University, 2016, M.S., biology
- Teaching assistant/instructor, biology and genetics; volunteer tutor, GED, math, and science; graduate researcher, population genetics and microsatellite evolution; undergraduate research assistant; recipient, scholarships and graduate assistantship; participant, culturally responsive teaching academy.

Erica Hoffman | Laurel Springs, NJ | *Will attend: Rutgers University–Camden*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Washington College, 2016, biology
- Substitute teacher; long-term substitute, honors biology/human anatomy; tutor; student athlete, college lacrosse; volunteer assistant lacrosse coach, local high school; undergraduate researcher, treatment options for muscle injury and neuropathic muscle pain.

Christopher Icochea | Bergenfield, NJ | *Will attend: William Paterson University*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** William Paterson University, 2016, biology and mathematics
- Undergraduate teaching assistant; tutor, biology, chemistry, physics, and statistics; member, two-year college honor society; member, National Science Foundation minorities in STEM program; member, professional societies and honor society; history, philosophy, engineering, and cosmology enthusiast.

Michele Illmensee | Manasquan, NJ | *Will attend: William Paterson University*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rutgers University–Newark, 2015, geoscience, anthropology
- Science department intern, Newark Museum; undergraduate researcher, application of geophysical methods in archaeology; recipient, award for academic excellence and commitment to anthropology; honors college graduate.

Veronica Jeziorski | Woolwich, NJ | *Will attend: Rowan University*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rowan University, 2016, biological science
- Biology tutor, local high school; member, university biology club; member, volunteer center; assistant girls' soccer coach; volunteer soccer referee; volunteer children's camp counselor; community volunteer; certified pharmacy technician.

Bailey Johnson | Ankeny, IO | *Will attend: Rutgers University–Camden*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of South Dakota, 2016, chemistry, Spanish
- Emergency department scribe; optical technician; undergraduate researcher, influenza A virus; volunteer, Head Start program; participant, university dance marathon charity; vice president, Greek letter sorority; recipient, prestigious medal for pianists; recipient, multiple scholarships; community volunteer.

Nam Kim | Paramus, NJ | *Will attend: Montclair State University*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Yonsei University, 1997, physics
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Yonsei University, 1999, M.S., physics; Rutgers University–New Brunswick, 2004, M.S., biomedical engineering; Rutgers University–New Brunswick, 2007, Ph.D., biomedical engineering

Teacher; researcher; engineer, academic and industrial environments dealing with medical devices, traumatic brain injury, and stroke patients; puzzle solver, from GRE, SAT, and IQ problems to analytic and math puzzles; sports enthusiast; tennis player, rock climber, boxer, and martial artist.

Jesse Kosior | Pennsville, NJ | *Will attend: Rowan University*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rowan University, 2016, physics

Teaching assistant, introductory physics and high school conceptual physics; physics tutor; assistant laboratory coordinator and technician; undergraduate researcher, multiple projects, including magnetically active elastomers and vaccine transportation guidelines.

Jessica Lima | West Milford, NJ | *Will attend: William Paterson University*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Manhattan College, 2006, biology
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** St. George's University School of Medicine, 2013, M.D., medicine
- Employee, local police athletic league; summer researcher, studying cacti in Mexico; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; member, honor societies for biology, chemistry, and pre-med

Veronica Lopez | Millville, NJ | *Will attend: The College of New Jersey*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rowan University, 2016, biological science

Certified substitute teacher, grades K–12; intern, summer and after-school literacy organization for low-income children; admissions student ambassador; scholarship recipient; scholarship program mentor.

Alisha McAlary | Levittown, PA | *Will attend: Rutgers University–Camden*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Delaware Valley College, 2010, wildlife conservation and management

Teaching assistant and instructor, invasive species, waterway cleanup, watersheds and wetlands, pond study, insects and animals; field researcher, invasive plant species, turtle species migration; intern and volunteer, nature center, farms and wildlife refuge; member, service organization; member, biology club.

Macie McGeehan | Oaklyn, NJ | *Will attend: Rutgers University–Camden*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Towson University, 2015, biology

Paraprofessional; math tutor; summer camp counselor; Division I athlete; athletic scholarship recipient; member, student athlete advisory committee; participant, Susan G. Komen events; instructor, softball camp; softball coach; volunteer, Special Olympics and Ronald McDonald House; community volunteer.

Elijah Miller | Lancaster, PA | *Will attend: Montclair State University*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Pennsylvania State University, 2016, astronomy and astrophysics

Undergraduate researcher, young dwarf stars; secretary, undergraduate physics student society; participant, physics outreach programs, including Physics Day demonstrations, physics demos, and a multi-night astronomy showcase for all ages; member, applied physics club, juggling club.

Erin Moran | Hamilton, NJ | *Will attend: The College of New Jersey*

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rider University, 2013, behavioral neuroscience

Therapeutic classroom support staff for students on the autism spectrum; volunteer field researcher, NJ Department of Environmental Protection; hiker, camper, outdoors enthusiast; *cum laude* graduate.

Eunheuy Oh | Leonia, NJ | Will attend: William Paterson University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Seoul National University, 1976, microbiology
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** Seoul National University, 1978, M.S., microbiology
- Teaching/research assistant; microbiologist; graduate researcher; tutor, math and science; special education aide; member, science experiment club; social services case worker; registered nurse; college financial aid consultant; volunteer, faith-based organization working with individuals with disabilities.

Miranda Pellicciotti | Sewell, NJ | Will attend: Rowan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rowan University, 2016, mathematics
- Substitute teacher; math tutor; member, national math honor society; leadership mentor; student employee and team leader, campus orientation and student leadership; president, university dance team; community volunteer; member and executive board member, student commuter organization; artist; fitness enthusiast.

Melissa Pressley | Brooklyn, NY | Will attend: Montclair State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** CUNY Brooklyn College, 2000, computational mathematics
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** CUNY School of Law, 2003, J.D.
- Litigating attorney; owner, law firm; court examiner; undergraduate youth tutor; recipient, study abroad scholarship, Peru; author, research paper on racial and social divisions among Latinos; guest speaker, woman's day celebrations, community religious institution; award-winning chocolate cake baker.

Jennifer Recchio | Clarksville, IN | Will attend: Rutgers University–Camden

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Western Kentucky University, 2012, chemistry
- Quality control technician; youth care worker; certified pharmacy technician; municipal liaison, creative writing organization; published author, *Word Riot* online literary magazine; volunteer, Habitat for Humanity.

Jeannabel Reyes | Passaic, NJ | Will attend: Montclair State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Montclair State University, 2015, applied mathematics
- Resident assistant, university college of science and mathematics; math tutor; substitute teacher; recipient, multiple scholarships; community service volunteer; marching band and indoor color guard instructor/technician; resident and peer leader, NJ Educational Opportunity Fund.

Mia Nicole Richards | Brooklyn, NY | Will attend: Rowan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Delaware State University, 2014, mathematics
- Supplemental instruction leader; laboratory tutor, mathematical sciences; member, historically Black Greek letter sorority; volunteer, Boys and Girls Club; crocheter and baker.

Jamie Quinn | Whitehouse Station, NJ | Will attend: The College of New Jersey

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Boston University, 2016, mathematics
- Volunteer class assistant, AP statistics and AP calculus; swim instructor; camp counselor; office assistant and manager, university dining services; painter.

Andrew Santiago | Rutherford, NJ | Will attend: William Paterson University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Kean University, 2016, mathematical sciences
- Student tutor; technician, water analysis; sports enthusiast; *magna cum laude* graduate.

Robert Sasso | Wayne, NJ | Will attend: Montclair State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Richard Stockton College, 2014, marine science
- Environmental instructor; sea turtle conservationist; aquaculture nursery technician; research assistant.

Summer Smith | Woodbury, NJ | Will attend: Rowan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Johns Hopkins University, 2002, biology

- **Graduate institution and degree:** University of Maryland, College Park, 2004, M.S, biology
Graduate teaching assistant, biology, genetics; adjunct biology instructor; high school swimming coach; Girl Scout troop leader and service unit manager; coach, Jr. FIRST Lego League; chapter leader, La Leche League; amateur fungiculturalist; hobbyist juggler; state-ranked yoyo player.

Jedediah Teres | Maplewood, NJ | *Will attend:* William Paterson University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Cornell University, 2000, biometry, statistics
Full-time research assistant, neurobiology of olfaction; research analyst, studying treatment effectiveness in psychiatric disorders; policy analyst and data manager, non-profit, social policy research organization; business analyst, major wireless provider; improv comedian; songwriter.

Jessica Thomulka | Point Pleasant Borough, NJ | *Will attend:* Rowan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Seton Hall University, 2016, chemistry
Undergraduate researcher, organic semiconducting materials; industry experience in polymer formulation and testing; Clare Boothe Luce Scholar (support for women in STEM); member, university orchestra; volunteer musical instrument instructor, fifth grade students; nutrition and fitness enthusiast.

Justin Torres | Bayville, NJ | *Will attend:* Rutgers University–Camden

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Kean University, 2014, biology
Lab technician, analytical lab, testing cosmetics; lab chemist, chemical plant, testing heavy metal content; parametric release technician, medical supply company.

Nonye Udotong | Cinnaminson, NJ | *Will attend:* Rowan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Imo State University, 1985, physics
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Ahmadu Bello University, 1991, M.S., radiation biophysics
Physics instructor, local community college; graduate assistant, physics; math tutor; substitute teacher, adult vocational school; therapeutic support specialist, human services organization; library volunteer, elementary school.

Jose Jomar Vazquez | Camden, NJ | *Will attend:* Rutgers University–Camden

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Rutgers University–Camden, 2016, biology
Department aide, biology; instructor, youth biology camp class; youth president and group leader, local Spanish-speaking religious institution; recipient, multiple academic scholarships.

Ella Viola | Brooklyn, NY | *Will attend:* Montclair State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** CUNY Baccalaureate for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies, 2012, zoology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** CUNY College of Staten Island, 2015, M.S., biology
Substitute teacher; biology tutor; director of education, Staten Island Zoo; veterinary technician/instructor, community college; undergraduate and graduate researcher, songbirds, moths, painted turtles; mentor; volunteer, organization for religious converts; recipient, scholarships and awards.

Stephen Washburn | Highland, IN | *Will attend:* Rutgers University–Camden

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2005, health science
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, 2011, J.D., intellectual property law
Registered patent attorney, intellectual property law; perfusion assistant, clinical health care; volunteer, high school program that improves writing and analytical skills; animal rescue volunteer; world traveler.

Tiffany Wallace | Sewell, NJ | *Will attend:* Rutgers University–Camden

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Delaware, 2005, exercise science

Mentor/tutor, center for troubled youth; youth basketball coach; volunteer, fitness center for at-risk youth; member, undergraduate support services program; site coordinator, YMCA after-school program; counselor/instructor, youth and adult computer camps and workshops; emergency medical technician.

Jacob Winegrad | Philadelphia, PA | *Will attend:* Rutgers University–Camden

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Connecticut College, 2010, chemistry
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Temple University, 2016, M.S., chemistry

Scientist; urban farmer; developer, educational community gardens and other productive green spaces; educator; graduate teaching assistant; environmentalist; year-round cyclist; furniture maker and builder of and outdoor structures with wood and bamboo; avid rock climber.

Candace Wright | Effort, PA | *Will attend:* Rutgers University–Camden

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Notre Dame of Maryland University, 2016, biology
- Teacher's assistant, nursing, education; teachers apprentice, biology department; student research intern studying HIV; student lab assistant; chapter president, national biology honor society; award winner, student research; *cum laude* graduate.

Shanel Wu | Las Vegas, NV | *Will attend:* Montclair State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Harvey Mudd College, 2016, physics, computers
- Undergraduate peer academic liaison; physics department grader; undergraduate researcher, atomic physics (Rice University) and electrical engineering (Stanford University); tutor; self-advocate, mental health, intersectional feminism, disability justice, and worker's rights; multimedia artist.