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### **With a Focus on Excellent STEM Teachers for All New Jersey Schools, State Continues Efforts to Strengthen Educator Pipeline** ***Governor Christie, Woodrow Wilson Foundation Announce 2016-17 Class of WW New Jersey Teaching Fellows***

**PRINCETON, NJ** (June 15, 2016)—As further demonstration of the state’s commitment to ensuring both strong schools and a strong New Jersey economy, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie joined with the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation today at a State Capitol event to announce the 2016-17 class of Woodrow Wilson New Jersey Teaching Fellows.

The Woodrow Wilson New Jersey Teaching Fellows program is part of a statewide effort to prepare excellent science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) teachers for careers in New Jersey’s high-need schools.

Sixty-two individuals will be part of the third 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. Launched in New Jersey in 2014, the highly competitive program recruits both recent graduates and career changers with strong backgrounds in the STEM fields and prepares them specifically to teach in high-need secondary schools.

“Strengthening our educators with high expectations and strong support and training systems can make a life-changing difference for our children,” said Governor Christie. “Through the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship, we are transforming the way teacher candidates are prepared so they can equip our students with the STEM skills required to succeed in the knowledge-based, global digital economy.”

The Woodrow Wilson Teaching 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.

“As the New Jersey economy continues to evolve, we must ensure that the state has the teachers today to prepare our students for the careers of tomorrow,” Woodrow Wilson Foundation President Arthur Levine said. “Because of Governor Christie, legislative leaders, university partners, and school districts across the country, New Jersey now stands as a model for how to transform teacher education and ensure a strong pipeline of effective beginning teachers for all schools, particularly our hard-to-

staff ones. New Jersey Teaching Fellows are the future of teaching in New Jersey, and we are proud to welcome these 62 teachers into this important effort.”

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

This is the third 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 partners 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](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 2016-17 Class of Woodrow Wilson New Jersey Teaching Fellows includes:**

### **The College of New Jersey**

- Salam Abu-Joudeh
- Kodjovi Afanyihoun
- Kelsey Allen
- Alexandra Bakerman
- DiAsia Brooks
- Walter Buhro
- Matthew Chioffe
- Leah Cocco
- Olivia Dambrosia
- Vanessa DeHart
- Brianna Farrell
- Kaitlin Geraghty
- Veronica Lopez
- Erin Moran
- Jamie Quinn

### **Montclair State University**

- Craig Adelhardt
- Gregory Bellino
- Elizabeth Burger
- Jenna Chirico
- Satarupa Das
- Andrea Henry
- Nam Kim
- Elijah Miller
- Melissa Pressley
- Jeannabel Reyes
- Robert Sasso
- Ella Viola
- Shanel Wu

### **Rowan University**

- Samantha Greenidge
- Veronica Jeziorski
- Jesse Kosior
- Miranda Pellicciotti
- Mia Richards
- Summer Smith
- Jessica Thomulka
- Nonye Udotong

### **Rutgers University-Camden**

- Kyle Banecker
- Ashley Dobleman
- Chanelle Farmer
- Maria Fotakis
- Jacob Good
- Erica Hoffmann
- Alisha McAlary
- Bailey Johnson
- Macie McGeehan
- Jennifer Recchio
- Justin Torres
- Jose Vazquez

- Tiffany Wallace
- Stephen Washburn
- Jacob Winegrad
- Candace Wright

**William Paterson University**

- Ashley Braen
- Mark Davison
- Sarah Deutsch
- Christopher Icochea
- Michele Illmensee
- Jessica Lima
- Eunheuy Oh
- Andrew Santiago
- Jedediah Teres

**FACT SHEET:  
THE 2016 WOODROW WILSON NEW JERSEY TEACHING FELLOWS**

**About the 2015 Fellows**

- In 2016, the Foundation has named 62\* Woodrow Wilson New Jersey Teaching Fellows. They will attend The College of New Jersey; Montclair State University; Rowan University; Rutgers University–Camden; and William Paterson University.
- Of these new WW New Jersey Teaching Fellows:
  - 99% majored in a STEM discipline.
    - 75% (46 Fellows) sciences, 5% engineering and tech, and 19% mathematics.
  - 25% (15 Fellows) have done advanced degree work.
    - The Fellows have 13 master’s degrees among them, including a master’s in biomedical engineering, radiation biophysics, and environmental biology.
    - One Fellow also has a Ph.D.
    - Two Fellows hold law degrees.
    - One Fellow holds an M.D.
  - Most Fellows are Dean’s List/honors graduates, with memberships in various academic honoraries.
- 32% of the Fellows are teacher candidates of color, versus 16% in the overall teaching force.
- 34% 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:
  - 34% (21) graduated from their undergraduate institution in 2016.
  - An additional 41% (25) graduated between one and five years ago.
  - The final 25% (15) earned undergraduate degrees more than five years ago. Their work histories include tenures at organizations such as the Peace Corps, the American Red Cross, and the Staten Island Zoo.
  - One Fellow is a registered nurse.
  - Two Fellows previously received Clare Boothe Luce Scholarships, which support women in STEM.
- The Fellowship is drawing on in-state talent: 70% of the Fellows are New Jersey residents. The out-of-state candidates come from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Missouri, New York, Nevada and Pennsylvania.
- Fellows remain deeply committed to community service. Most participate in volunteer work, some with organizations such as The Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, the Ronald McDonald House, and the Girl Scouts of America, among others. Fellows also volunteer their time at schools as animal shelters, as FIRST robotics coaches, and youth sports coaches.

**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).
- In New Jersey the program is supported by a consortium of funders, coordinated by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, with current funding at \$13.4 million.
- 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.
- **New Jersey launched its Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship in 2012**, with partner campuses preparing their Fellowship programs in the intervening months. The 2016 class of Fellows is the **third class (or cohort) of Fellows to be named in New Jersey**.

\*One Fellow declined to be named in publication materials.



## 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.

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- **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.

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- **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.