

**PROFILES:  
Woodrow Wilson IN Teaching Fellows, 2016**

**Amir Ahmadi | Morehead, KY | Will attend: Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Morehead State University, 2012, pure mathematics
  - **Graduate institution and degree:** Purdue University, 2014, M.S., agricultural economics
- Auto logistics analyst; graduate researcher, international programs; undergraduate researcher, mathematical economics modeling; tutor, math and business; volunteer, math and business clubs, working with K–16 students; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; instructor, outdoor sports; Chinese translator; volunteer, environmental club and faith-based groups.

**Molly Bain | Milford, OH | Will attend: Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Ohio State University, 2011, microbiology, zoology
- Teaching assistant, biology; clinical research associate, pharmaceutical studies; student research associate, engineered skin, bacterium in cystic fibrosis, parasites in dairy cows; volunteer teacher, DNA fingerprinting and genetics, high-need Ohio schools; director, coordinator, and choreographer, junior high Winterguard; avid traveler.

**Paige Ballew | Indianapolis, IN | Will attend: Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 2016, biology
- Chemistry mentor, peer-led undergraduate workshops; volunteer teacher's aide, high school chemistry; extensive life science lab experience; tutor, chemistry and algebra; volunteer, adult education center; volunteer, search and rescue organization for individuals with cognitive disorders; co-lead/teaching assistant, child care center; team captain, Relay for Life; first-generation college graduate.

**Nicole Beaver | Lewistown, PA | Will attend: Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Juniata College, 2004, biology
  - **Graduate college, class, and major:** Eastern Kentucky University, 2007, M.S., biology
- Biological field technician, identifying bat species, conducting nest searches, and conducting bat fatality searches at wind turbines; environmental educator, Benjamin Olewine III Nature Center and Oregon Ridge Nature Center; ecological restoration technician, controlling invasive plant species and assisting with new employee training.

**Madison Beatty | Hammond, IN | Will attend: Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** DePauw University, 2013, earth science
- Undergraduate researcher, geophysics; tutor, math and Spanish; certified interpretive guide; naturalist and educational hike leader; workshop leader, Science Olympiad; president, university geoscience club; data collector, university campus carbon footprint; volunteer, multiple bird and amphibian tracking/counting events; member, Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society; rock, mineral, and fossil collector.

**Amanda Bierhorst | Moorpark, CA | Will attend: Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of California, Los Angeles, 2015, mathematics and applied science  
Instructor, mathematics learning center; private tutor, pre-calculus, calculus; tutor, local educational company; volunteer high school math teacher, Kenya; member, university a cappella group; winner, university best a cappella performance, 2015.

**Stephanie Biery | Sugar Grove, IL | Will attend: Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 1993, industrial engineering  
Supply chain expert, 18 years; peer trainer, technical software transitions, leading food company; volunteer co-leader, local 4H Club; host, high school exchange student and au pairs; mentor; dean's list student; honors college; travel enthusiast.

**Kelly Biro | Greenwood, IN | Will attend: Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 2014, biology  
University research technician, anatomy and cell biology; undergraduate researcher, biology; participant, nationally noted undergraduate research program in environmental studies; intern, life health sciences/physical therapy; resident, women in science dorm; member, clubs in forensic science, biology, chemistry; volunteer, local science classes and activities; peer learning leader, chemistry.

**Callie Bissell | Zionsville, IN | Will attend: Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2016, biology  
Lab employee, university histology research; volunteer, local faith-based organization and academy.

**Matt Boyd | Whiteland, IN | Will attend: Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, 2001, forestry  
Middle school remediation aide; coach, Science Olympiad; naturalist intern, teaching multiple science classes and leading hikes in California; professional outdoor instructor, facilitating environmental education, adventure education, and therapeutic recreation courses; seasonal park supervisor.

**Gregory Cepluch | Hamilton, OH | Will attend: Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Xavier University, 2009, mathematics and economics
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Texas A&M University, 2011, M.S., statistics  
Mathematical statistician, U.S. Census Bureau; teaching assistant/instructor, statistics and survey techniques; tutor, mathematics, statistics, economics; choir member/cantor, local church.

**Camille Cousins | Gahanna, OH | Will attend: Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Butler University, 2016, biological sciences, Spanish  
Lab assistant, fundamental genetics course; tutor, middle and high school math; volunteer tutor, elementary school math; camp counselor; board member, youth and leadership program, faith-based family center; instructor, elementary school praise dance.

**Dave Cutchin | Lafayette, IN | Will attend: Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 1993, mathematics  
Regional director of sales and marketing, diagnostics company; residence hall counselor; service fraternity member; assistant wrestling coach, high school; community volunteer; board member, multiple local non-profit groups.

**Brandi Dennis | Indianapolis, IN | Will attend: The University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Anderson University, 1996, biology  
Diabetes technical support representative; corporate software trainer; home-school teacher, first through fifth grade; computer lab teaching assistant/instructor; art curriculum developer; facilitator, support group for eighth grade girls; church singer; adult small group leader; media center volunteer, middle school.

**Melissa Fowler | Canby, OR | *Will attend:* The University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Western Oregon University, 2014, biology  
Volunteer teaching assistant, high school biology; college basketball athlete with four-year athletic scholarship; member, U.S. Olympic national rugby team; recruiter, biotech companies; algebra tutor.

**Jessica Fromholz-Smith | Summitville, IN | *Will attend:* Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ball State University, 2016, biology  
Teaching assistant, general psychology; peer tutor, French; student ambassador, local residential high school; online student ambassador, undergraduate university; teaching assistant, elementary school; member, university wildlife society; volunteer, local animal rescue; veterinary assistant, community animal hospital.

**Caroline Gregerson | Geneva, IL | *Will attend:* Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Hope College, 2016, chemistry  
Lab teaching assistant, organic chemistry; undergraduate researcher, organic chemistry; high school tutor, chemistry and math.

**Michael Gruesbeck | Fort Wayne, IN | *Will attend:* Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2015, physics  
Member, national honor society; recipient, academic achievement scholarship from honor society; tutor, math and physics; outdoors enthusiast, nature, fishing, and exploring state and national parks.

**Catherin Hayt | Crown Point, IN | *Will attend:* Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 1983, psychology; Purdue University, 1986, mathematics
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Purdue University, 1986, M.S., quantitative psychology  
Teaching assistant/instructor, statistics; graduate researcher, quantitative psychology; information technology systems designer, manager, executive; expert witness, software development; photography instructor, middle school and high school; art enrichment volunteer; photographer; woodworker; mosaic and fiber artist.

**Marsha Jordan | Chicago, IL | *Will attend:* Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Chicago State University, 2015, chemistry  
Lab technician, wet chemistry, environmental and industrial hygiene testing laboratory; research assistant, cell wall biosynthesis in wheat; research assistant, polyfluorinated compounds in waste water; volunteer, Girl Scouts of America; church volunteer.

**Lucas Kemling | Russelville, AR | *Will attend:* The University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Arkansas Tech University, 2014, mathematics  
Volunteer assistant baseball coach, high school; recipient, distinguished academic scholarship; dean's list graduate; mortgage consultant, major national bank.

**Andrew Kuck | Ypsilanti, MI | *Will attend:* Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Grand Valley State University, 2014, mathematics  
Tutor, college physics; after-school volunteer/tutor, refugee education and cultural center; WorldTeach teacher, high school biology and earth science, Marshall Islands.

**Betsy Lange | Carmel, IN | Will attend: Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 1985, industrial engineering
- **Graduate institution and degree:** University of Rochester, 1991, M.B.A.

Program engineer and service engineering manager, leading photography company; instructional assistant, local school; tutor; coach, youth soccer and softball; judge, Math Pentathlon; volunteer, school, church, and community activities; painter.

**Alexander Lantz | Indianapolis, IN | Will attend: Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Hanover College, 2015, environmental biology
- Undergraduate researcher, forestry studies; lab technician, environmental water quality laboratory; specimen processor, research and drug development; urban naturalist; honors graduate; recipient, college class distinguished award in environmental science; president, Greek letter fraternity; varsity baseball athlete; high school summer baseball coach; youth basketball coach.

**Jennifer Michie | Nashville, TN | Will attend: Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Tennessee – Knoxville, 2013, plant sciences

Research assistant, agronomy; laboratory technician, Purdue Research Park; camp counselor; volunteer, local church; long-time martial arts practitioner.

**Melissa Miller Newcomb | Canaan, IN | Will attend: The University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University Southeast, biology; Berea College, 1992, agriculture
  - **Graduate institution and degree:** Purdue University, 1996, DVM, small animal and exotic practice
- Small animal and exotic practice veterinarian, emphasis on internal medicine and behavior; adjunct professor, biology, anatomy, physiology, animal science, and reproductive biology; lab instructor; lecturer, low-stress handling for veterinary conferences; co-founder, UTOPIA wildlife rehabilitators; co-leader, local 4-H chapter; community volunteer.

**Jonah Polley | Henderson, KY | Will attend: Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2016, physics
- Undergraduate researcher, experimental physics and physics education; undergraduate teaching assistant; physics tutor; volunteer teacher, physics and math, summer semester, Tanzania; bass drum section leader, university marching band; member, university wind ensemble, recently performed in Carnegie Hall.

**Brian Price | Southport, IN | Will attend: The University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Indianapolis, 2015, mathematics and actuarial science

Math tutor, university tutoring lab; Eagle Scout; assistant scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America; student ambassador; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; intern, university event management.

**Kory Pritchett | Plainfield, IN | Will attend: Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2015, physics
- Teaching assistant, physics/classical mechanics; tutor, physics; youth coordinator, local church; counselor, junior high faith-based camp; community volunteer.

**Ricardo Ramos | Chicago, IL | Will attend: Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Dominican University, 2016, mathematics
- Teaching assistant, college-level calculus; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; private tutor, middle and high school math; university tutor, math- and physics-related courses; math instructor, Upward Bound.

**Kristen Rhoads | Trumann, AR | *Will attend:* Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Lyon College, 2014, biology  
STEM tutor, high school and undergraduate students; volunteer, Florida conservation organization; recipient, Governor’s Distinguished Scholarship for Arkansas; student ambassador, service travel organization; community volunteer.

**Cassidy Richard | South Bend, IN | *Will attend:* Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Calvin College, 2016, biology  
Undergraduate researcher, bacteriophage, invasive species, and prescribed burns in tallgrass prairies; sustainability coordinator, university residence; co-leader, environmental student organization; zoo interpreter; educational leader, ecosystem preserve; STEM specialist, Boys and Girls Club; recipient, multiple scholarships; recipient, National Science Foundation scholarship in scientific computing.

**Brian Rappoport | South Bend, IN | *Will attend:* The University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 2014, general studies, math and science  
Permanent building substitute, local high school; award-winning advocate for students with special needs; math tutor, high school and local tutoring center; substitute teacher.

**Kyle Schulz | Schererville, IN | *Will attend:* Purdue University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2016, biochemistry  
Undergraduate tutor, general and organic chemistry; teaching assistant, organic chemistry; undergraduate researcher, molecular biology; observer, seventh grade teacher; volunteer, Science Olympiad; avid unicyclist.

**Kirk Schilling | Muncie, IN | *Will attend:* Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ball State University, 2016, applied mathematics  
Undergraduate researcher, preservice teachers’ expectations of multiculturalism in the classroom; IT technician, national computer processor company; member, dean’s list student; academic honor society; local computer repair technician; paramedic.

**Lauren Sercer | Avon, IN | *Will attend:* Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 2015, biology  
Undergraduate researcher, forensic entomology; teaching assistant, math and science, summer camp; tutor, high school math and science; co-chair, physician shadowing program; summer STEM education internship recipient; community service scholarship recipient; intern, campus environmental science center; community volunteer.

**Kristian Stephens | Lorimor, IA | *Will attend:* Ball State University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Taylor University, 2016, physics  
Tutor and grader, physics, engineering and mechanics; past co-president, physics and engineering club; recipient, college presidential scholar.

**Michael Sterling | Mifflinburg, PA | *Will attend:* Valparaiso University**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Pennsylvania State University, 2016, physics  
Workcamp volunteer, five years, fixing homes in high-need communities; team member, college club soccer; community center volunteer, organizing events and helping students with homework.

**Aaron Van Y | Indianapolis, IN | *Will attend:* The University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University, 2004, fisheries and aquatic science

Lab assistant, university aquaculture lab; lab assistant, university botany lab; pool manager, Indianapolis parks; camp counselor; pet store manager.

**Cynthia Wassall | Indianapolis, IN | *Will attend:* Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 1994, physics
  - **Graduate institution and degree:** Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 2007, M.S., physics; Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, 2012, Ph.D., physics
- Teaching assistant, heat, electricity and optics, general physics; teaching mentor, mechanics, heat, electricity, optics; physics tutor; researcher, biologically relevant free radicals; scientific research mentor, high school students; women in science internal advisory board member; graduate with distinction; recipient, fellowships and teaching assistantships.

**Emily Weigand | Fort Wayne, IN | *Will attend:* The University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ball State University, 2012, biology
  - **Graduate college, class, and major:** Ball State University, 2015, M.S., biology
- Undergraduate research assistant, multiple sclerosis; graduate assistant, cell biology lab; co-author, nature communications publication; judge, high school science fair; volunteer, high school STEM workshop; award recipient for graduate research; molecular biology intern/technician; animal lover; hiking enthusiast.

**Morgan Williams | Indianapolis, IN | *Will attend:* The University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Indianapolis, 2016, human biology
- Tutor, biology and mathematics, local religious institution; independent tutor, multiple subjects and grade levels.

**Shatara Williams | Indianapolis, IN | *Will attend:* the University of Indianapolis**

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Tennessee State University, 2014, biology
- Instructional assistant; volunteer coach, sixth grade girls' basketball; assistant dance instructor; math tutor; financial and corresponding secretary, national non-profit supporting women of color; honors program historian.