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Top-Quality Math and Science Teachers to be Placed in Michigan's Neediest Schools

Inaugural Class of Teaching Fellows to Help Prepare Nearly 20,000 Vulnerable Students for New Workforce

LANSING, Mich. – A former dolphin trainer. A neuroscience specialist. Several with international teaching experiences. An All-American water polo player who plans to swim the English Channel.

These individuals from diverse backgrounds were among the first 92 recipients of the highly competitive W.K. Kellogg-Woodrow Wilson Michigan Teaching Fellowship announced today. Recruiting both recent college graduates and those seeking a different career, the three-year fellowship is awarded to promising educators with strong backgrounds in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Fellows receive \$30,000 to pursue a customized master's degree program that prepares them to teach in high-need urban or rural secondary schools in seven local districts across the state.

By preparing and placing top-quality math and science educators in many of Michigan's most underserved public schools, the fellowship program will ultimately provide nearly 101,000 students with the high-quality level of instruction they need to contribute to Michigan's renewal and rapidly changing economy and workforce.

The Battle Creek-based W.K. Kellogg Foundation launched the statewide program in 2009 with \$18 million in support, reflecting its dedication to innovative education practices and recognition that improving teacher quality is the key to raising the level of learning for all students. Sterling Speirn, president and CEO of the Kellogg Foundation, joined Gov. Rick Snyder and the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation in announcing the inaugural class of fellows, who were selected from a highly competitive pool of 1,500 applicants hailing from a variety of experiences and former careers in math and science-related fields.

"It is critically important to create conditions that prepare children for long-term success and independence, and in this case that means surrounding them with top-notch math and science instructors," said Speirn. "Bringing high-quality teachers to our home state's most vulnerable children and school districts honors the Foundation's commitment to Michigan communities and to systemic education transformation statewide."

The inaugural fellows will attend Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State University, Grand Valley State University, University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Western Michigan University. Upon graduating, these fellows will not only be equipped to help the students they teach, but will represent a cadre of high-quality instructors whose knowledge and practices will positively impact their colleagues and make a real difference in the lives of students across the state.

"These Fellows are amazing--engineers and zookeepers and medical researchers and astrophysicists, some in midcareer, others just graduating at the top of their classes. They all bring real science and math expertise to the kids who most need strong teachers," said Arthur Levine, president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. "They learn to teach in real classrooms from the very beginning, just as doctors learn in hospitals. They're prepared to succeed in teaching as a long-term career. They're going to change the face of teaching, and they're going to change tens of thousands of lives."

"We need great teachers and great teaching to support our development of the highest quality education in Michigan," said Gov. Rick Snyder. "The teachers in this fellowship program will bring their much-needed expertise in key disciplines to some of our schools in which the need is greatest. We want our students to have every opportunity for success in this global economy. Greater exposure to these key subjects will provide that foundation."

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About the W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, established in 1930, supports children, families and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society. Grants are concentrated in the United States, southern Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

About the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Founded in 1945, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (www.woodrow.org) identifies and develops leaders and institutions to address critical national challenges, working through education. The Foundation supports its Fellows as the next generation of leaders shaping American institutions. It also supports innovation in the institutions they will lead.



FACT SHEET: The W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Woodrow Wilson Michigan Teaching Fellows, 2011

About the Fellowships

- The goals of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Woodrow Wilson Michigan Teaching Fellowships are to:
 - attract the very best candidates to teaching;
 - put strong teachers into high-need schools;
 - cut teacher attrition and retain top teachers; and
 - 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).
- Each WKKF-WW Michigan 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.
- **The W.K. Kellogg Foundation launched the Fellowships in Michigan in 2009**, providing \$18 million in support. This year's group is the **inaugural class (or cohort) of Fellows in Michigan**.

About the Application and Selection Process

- For the 2011 Fellowship competition, more than 48,000 inquiries were received, generating a total of more than 1,500 applications.
- Selection included screening at the Foundation, a full-day interview process driven by a team of veteran STEM teachers based in Michigan, and a careful admissions review by the partner universities.

About the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's 2011 Woodrow Wilson Michigan Teaching Fellows

- There are 92 Fellows in the 2011 cohort of WKKF-WW Michigan Teaching Fellows. They will be attending Eastern Michigan University; Grand Valley State University; Michigan State University; the University of Michigan; Wayne State University; and Western Michigan University.
- The partner universities will be preparing Fellows in classrooms in seven school districts: Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Detroit, Godfrey-Lee, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Muskegon.
- Of these new WKKF-WW Michigan Teaching Fellows:
 - 98% majored in a STEM discipline: 51% in the sciences, 27% in engineering and technology, and 20% in mathematics.
 - Nearly one in three (32%) hold advanced degrees.
 - Most Fellows are dean's list/honors graduates; 35% had a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
 - Many are either changing established careers or seeking new career paths:
 - o 44% completed the undergraduate degree more than five years ago; 47% are 30 years of age or over, with 13% age 50 or over.
 - o Another 36% are recent college graduates (five years or less) who are changing direction.
 - o 20% will graduate from their undergraduate institution this spring.
 - 51% are female, and 28% identify themselves as members of minority groups.
 - 88% of the 2011 Fellows are from Michigan.



PROFILES:
The WK Kellogg Foundation's
Woodrow Wilson Michigan Teaching Fellows, 2011

Michael Adamisin | Northville, MI | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan '04, mechanical engineering
- **Graduate college and degree:** Michigan State University '07, law (J.D.)

Private math and science tutor; co-designer of ACT prep course; as undergraduate, co-teacher of class section; tutor and mentor to student from high-need background.

David Anderson | Ann Arbor, MI | Will attend: University of Michigan

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Kettering University '04, electrical engineering

Electronics test engineer; former instrument design and sales specialist; volunteer technical director, high school theater, and high school forensics/speech coach; church youth group leader; graduate of rural high-need high school.

Adam Battle | Whitmore Lake, MI | Will attend: University of Michigan

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Central Michigan University '07, economics, minor in mathematics

Research associate with experience in education research focused on technical assistance and disseminating teaching materials; math tutor and instructor at community college; developer of methods for effectively tracking student progress and meeting benchmarks.

Shanda Bennett | Wyoming, MI | Will attend: Western Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Grand Valley State University '09, cell and molecular biology

Undergraduate researcher with strong background in chemistry and experience on two different research projects, including one involving orchid embryos; certified phlebotomist; coach, high school color guard.

Vlad Borza | Sterling Heights, MI | Will attend: Grand Valley State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '07, biology

Former manager, University of Michigan Neuromotor Behavior Laboratory (medical physics, brain research); five semesters, dean's list; substitute teacher, Detroit; camp counselor, lifeguard, outdoorsman; graduate of high-need schools.

Jenna Bourdeau | St. Clair Shores, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Oakland University '10, biology, minor in psychology

Anatomy lab assistant; chemistry tutor; hospital staffer in medical transcription, ER research, and patient transport; honors graduate and multiple scholarship recipient; admissions ambassador/trainer; Habitat for Humanity volunteer.

Cary Brainard | London, UK/Detroit, MI | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Purdue University '00, mechanical engineering

Coordinator and engineer for major automotive manufacturer in Europe and North America with more than a decade's experience; speaker of French and Japanese; graduate of high-need schools.

Rhea Broughton | Detroit, MI | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Bowling Green State University '10, psychology, minor in mathematics

Eighth-grade summer school math teacher; math tutor for Wayne State's Math Corps program; instructional assistant and graduate instructor at Wayne State University; active supporter of the TOMS and Invisible Children organizations.

Amanda Burgess | East Moline, IL | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Augustana College '07, biology, minor in biochemistry

Quality control laboratory technician with extensive analytical and medical laboratory skills; Beta Beta Beta biology honor society; Rock Island County Humane Society volunteer; volunteer exhibit construction contributor at Putnam Children's Museum.

Edna Carter | Bogotá, Colombia/Saranac, MI | Will attend: Michigan State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Florida '06, animal sciences

Former temporary teacher of high school biology and earth/space science; volunteer teacher's aide; college math and physics tutor; former manager/supervisor in industry and sales, fluent in Spanish.

Ana Castleberry | Grand Rapids, MI | Will attend: Grand Valley State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Grand Valley State University '09, biomedical sciences

Substitute science teacher at Intercity School; youth advocate for Grand Rapids Public Schools; coach of numerous sports over eight years with Grand Rapids Public Schools; former Girl Scout troop leader.

Michael Cosnowski | Roseville, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '11 (expected), physics, minor in mathematics

Undergraduate researcher in particle physics at Fermilab; honors graduate with senior thesis in superconducting materials; dean's list student; mentor in Wayne State's Math Corps; workshop leader, WSU Emerging Scholars math honors program.

Levens (Evan) DeBack | East Lansing, MI/Muskego, WI | Will attend: Michigan State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Wisconsin-Madison '07, physics
- **Graduate college, class, and major:** Michigan State University '10, physics (M.S.)

Teaching assistant in astronomy and physics; research assistant in astronomy; community college math/physics tutor; National Merit Scholarship finalist; organizer for live-action role-playing games.

Dominic DeMarco | Wallingford, CT | Will attend: Michigan State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Michigan State University '11 (expected) physics, minor in mathematics

Physics teaching assistant; tutor in high school geometry, algebra, trigonometry, physics; Honors College student, University Distinguished Scholarship recipient, five semesters on dean's list; member, leadership team, Spartan Christian Fellowship.

Karen Deppe | Marshall, MI | Will attend: Western Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan '79, metallurgical engineering

Metallurgical engineer in laboratory and manufacturing plant with 15 years' experience; volunteer math tutor and teachers' assistant in three schools; substitute middle school/high school teacher.

Maureen Donegan | West Bloomfield, MI | Will attend: Michigan State University
• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan '08, biology and psychology,
• **Graduate college and degree:** Northern Michigan University '11 (expected), psychology (M.S.)
Graduate researcher, psychopharmacology lab; neuroscience intern in R&D arm of global pharmaceutical company; college psychology instructor; tutor/mentor with Michigan Reach Out; workshop leader for middle schoolers on resisting peer pressure.

Karen Epstein | Ann Arbor, MI | Will attend: University of Michigan
• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan '76, mathematics
• **Graduate college and degree:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology, organization studies '87 (Ph.D.)
Visiting and adjunct lecturer at college level (operations, statistics, psychology); substitute middle and high school teacher; committee and board member for the American Red Cross and Jewish Family Services.

Andrea Ewasek | Livonia, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University
• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Northern Michigan University '11 (expected), biology, minor in psychology
Honors graduate with extensive laboratory and field experience; quiz bowl member; student leader in restructuring of honors program; volunteer at domestic violence shelter; Girl Scout Brownies leader and lifetime Girl Scout; AmeriCorps member.

Steven Feutz | Grand Rapids, MI | Will attend: Grand Valley State University
• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Notre Dame '09, aerospace engineering and music theory
Engineering intern, major high-tech aerospace manufacturer; researcher on airfoil modification and testing in aerodynamics lab; member and leader of multiple music groups playing trumpet and singing.

Marissa Fountain-Nelson | Kalamazoo, MI | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University
• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Boston University '09, athletic training
• **Graduate college, class, and major:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas '11 (expected), kinesiology (M.S.)
Athletic trainer/mentor, two public high schools; trainer at physical therapy facility; teaching/laboratory assistant and guest lecturer, kinesiology, UNLV; assistant in Boston University sports medicine department.

Yolanda Gandy | Southfield, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University
• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '95, business administration, minor in computer science
Former business analyst with global automotive corporation, 14 years; web design/IT consultant; member, Toastmasters International; mentor/volunteer instructor, public schools; church youth leader; graduate of urban high-need schools.

Benjamin Garlets | Grand Rapids, MI | Will attend: Michigan State University
• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Grand Valley State University '10, mathematics and biomedical sciences
Undergraduate research assistant, neurology and biochemistry; creator of honors college service learning in Ghana, developing a library to supplement program and support future students.

Mark Garrod | Lansing, MI | Will attend: Western Michigan University
• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Michigan State University '11 (expected), mathematics
Math tutor, local high school and in college; teaching assistant, college calculus; ESL tutor for new, international T.A.s; volunteer coach, high school quiz bowl; coached high school science Olympiad team.

Damon Gatewood | Detroit, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan '94, chemical engineering/piano performance

Engineer for 14 years; volunteer in mentoring program matching K-8 students and engineers; chemistry tutor, U-M Minority Engineering; composer and pianist (classical and gospel); self-taught student of Greek and Hebrew.

Nektarios Georgiadis | Milan, MI | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Eastern Michigan University '95, actuarial science and economics

Math tutor; substitute teacher in secondary education; business owner and corporate manager with 14 years in finance, marketing and sales, as well as team building, and employee training.

Susan Goerge | Plymouth, MI | Will attend: University of Michigan

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan '78, industrial and operations engineering

Technical professional in manufacturing with over 20 years' experience in sales, industrial engineering and software applications; ESL instructor; mentor in the Big Sisters organization.

Novel Grant, Jr. | Southfield, MI | Will attend: Grand Valley State University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Ohio State University '84, mathematical sciences, minor in engineering sciences

• **Graduate college and degree:** Cambridge College '11 (expected), education leadership (M.Ed.)

Sales manager/business developer with two-plus decades in engineering consulting, sales development, and loss control; licensed insurance agent; former charter school board member; graduate of an urban high-need school.

Gabrielle Griffey | Madison Heights, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '10, mathematics, minor in business administration

Participant, Emerging Scholars math honors program; math department tutor; Math Corps summer instructor for five years; tutor and community youth activity leader; former student assistant, cancer institute's pathology department.

Satonya Griffin | Dearborn Heights, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Detroit Mercy '98, mathematics

Bookkeeper with Detroit Public Schools, ten years; tutor for three years; former finance/HR officer in small business and former administrative assistant for community advisory council; Sunday school teacher for five years.

Helen Hale | Kalamazoo, MI | Will attend: Western Michigan University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Mississippi Valley State University '88, biology, minor in chemistry

Director of child care center/youth program working with young people ages 2 ½ to 18 for more than 15 years; laboratory technician experience.

Paul Hartzler | Ferndale, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Lawrence Technological University '89, mathematics/computer science and humanities (double degree)

• **Graduate college and degree:** Michigan State University '92, linguistics (M.A.)

Senior market research manager with more than a dozen years' experience; student assistant and math tutor during college; college instructor of linguistics and English courses.

Anne Heyt | Sparta, MI | Will attend: Grand Valley State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Michigan State University '85, civil engineering
- **Graduate college, class, and major:** Grand Valley State University '08, M.B.A.

Civil engineer in water and wastewater systems for more than 20 years; volunteer engineering mentor in public schools; GVSU Outstanding M.B.A. Student, 2008; craftsman, do-it-yourselfer.

Chris Hiltz | Ann Arbor, MI | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan-Dearborn '95, mechanical engineering
- **Graduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan-Dearborn '03, engineering (M.S.)

Mechanical engineer with 15 years' experience in industry; former dolphin trainer and sailing instructor; Science Olympiad coach; volunteer tutor for students and adults, including high-need and special education.

Heather Holland | Sparta, MI | Will attend: Grand Valley State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Grand Valley State University '10, mathematics/psychology double major

Volunteer math tutor, middle/high school and community college; former student aide and teacher's assistant; dean's list student with multiple scholarships; writer and painter with interest in film and video.

Steven Jablonski | Grand Haven, MI | Will attend: Grand Valley State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Grand Valley State University '10, biology

Volunteer at GVSU Regional Math and Science Center, assisting with science presentations and activities for children; 7th-grade science classroom assistant and tutor; high school algebra tutor; competitive endurance athlete.

Sarah Jenzen | Grosse Pointe, MI | Will attend: Western Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Kalamazoo College '11 (expected), mathematics and psychology

Peer consultant in the Math and Physics Center at Kalamazoo College; math mentor with K-College AMIGOS; elementary school math tutor; math camp volunteer; swim teacher/coach for children ages 3 to 12.

Georgina Johnson | Odessa, FL | Will attend: University of Michigan

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of South Florida '05, interdisciplinary natural sciences

Former supervisor and technical specialist in two water quality laboratories, with experience in wet chemistry and bacteriology; previously an electroneurodiagnostic clinician in healthcare; test administrator/proctor for Pearson VUE testing center.

Melanie Kapolka | Pleasant Ridge, MI | Will attend: Western Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Albion College '11 (expected), biology, minor in chemistry

Introductory biology lab teaching assistant; summer camp counselor; swim instructor/coach; volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and a pet rescue shelter; member of Beta Beta Beta honorary biology organization.

Kristen Karczewski | Royal Oak, MI | Will attend: University of Michigan

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan '09, civil engineering

AmeriCorps member serving at Warren E. Bow Elementary and Middle School; probability and statistics professor's assistant at University of Michigan; math tutor in Albion College's quantitative skills center.

Melissa Karjala | Ann Arbor, MI | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan '01, biological psychology
- **Graduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan '04, public health (MPH)

Medical research finance administrator; former captain and All-American, Michigan Women's Water Polo Team; high school water polo/swimming coach; volunteer, therapeutic horseback riding; will swim English Channel in 2012.

Elyssa Krivicich | Geneva, NY | Will attend: Grand Valley State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The College of Wooster '09, geology
- **Graduate college and degree:** The Ohio State University '11 (expected), geology (M.S.)

Research assistant in tree ring lab at The College of Wooster; undergraduate researcher in Jurassic fossils from Israel, with two published journal articles; graduate teacher's associate at OSU.

Megan Labbate | Lake Placid, NY | Will attend: University of Michigan

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Skidmore College '11 (expected), chemistry

Undergraduate researcher who helped rewrite college's laboratory curriculum for honors general chemistry; tutor for general, organic and biochemistry; coach and athlete in Skidmore's Nordic ski club.

Alicia Lane | Farmington Hills, MI (originally Huntsville, AL) | Will attend: University of Michigan

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** double baccalaureate—Spelman College '07, chemistry/University of Michigan '08 civil/environmental engineering

Civil engineering intern, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; former NASA intern; tutor/mentor for National Society of Black Engineers, Detroit tutoring firm, and an Atlanta charter school; craftsperson.

Jo-Ann Lucas | Grosse Pointe, MI | Will attend: University of Michigan

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '74, biology, minor in psychology
- **Graduate college and degree:** American University of the Caribbean '90, medicine (M.D.); Tulane University '91, public health (M.P.H.)

College-level teacher for more than seven years in various biology concentrations, anatomy, physiology, nutrition and other sciences; founder and executive director of Youth and Family Services of Michigan.

James Lyden | Dearborn, MI | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan '74, physical oceanography
- **Graduate college and degree:** University of Michigan '83, physical oceanography (M.S.)

Research engineer with 28 years of experience working with defense and intelligence agencies; Habitat for Humanity volunteer; author of seven published journal articles and numerous conference papers and technical reports.

Tamara Matthews | Redford Township, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '98, engineering, minor in business administration
- **Graduate college, class, and major:** Davenport University '02, business administration (M.B.A.)

Program manager and former design/test engineer, global automotive supply firms, 12-plus years; former IRS clerk; founder, STEM Council of Metro Detroit; high school tutor; parent liaison, teen programs.

Erika McBurrows | Detroit, MI | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '98, civil engineering

Transportation engineer with the Michigan DOT since 2005; six years of project engineering experience; secretary of the Detroit Chapter National Society of Black Engineers—Detroit Alumni Extension.

Aria Moody | Detroit, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '01, biological sciences, minor in psychology

Substitute teacher; insurance administrator and clerk; active volunteer and officer for community organizations; graduate of high-need urban schools.

Christina Muckenfuss | Logansport, IN | Will attend: Grand Valley State University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Indiana University Kokomo '10, biological and physical sciences, minor in communication arts

Laboratory assistant in biology preparation lab at IU Kokomo; assistant to blind emeritus professor; substitute teacher in Kokomo and Logansport.

Quinton Myers | Southfield, MI | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Lawrence Technological University '04, computer engineering and electrical engineering

Electrical and application engineer for four years; analyst intern with top automotive company; volunteer with the Saving Our Sons mentoring center; mentor/speaker with Detroit Public Schools; founding partner of a children's enrichment & leadership program.

Richard Olson | Farmington, MI | Will attend: University of Michigan

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Michigan State University '94, civil engineering

Civil engineer for 15 years, with experience including land development and city planning; former Peace Corps volunteer developing water and sanitary systems, bridges, and roadways in Ecuador.

Toby Onyekonwu | Champaign, IL | Will attend: Grand Valley State University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** St. Francis University '11 (expected), health leadership

Certified health tech since 2007, with British Government training in classified drugs/substance abuse and the law; assistant director, General Assembly for the Chicago Global Classroom, United Nations Association of the United States.

Richard Ostrowski | Byron, MI | Will attend: University of Michigan

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Western Michigan University '09, anthropology and environmental studies

Co-teacher for an internship at Oakland Technical Campus; volunteer reading group leader at local middle school; summer program teacher for at-risk youth; judge for local schools' public speech contest on natural resources.

Mitchell Overway | Holland, MI | Will attend: Western Michigan University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Grand Valley State University '88, health sciences

• **Graduate college and degree:** Grand Valley State University '90, health sciences (M.S.)

Full-time minister working with at-risk teens and adults; teaching assistant, tutor/lab instructor, human anatomy and physiology; tutor/mentor in public schools; coach for youth ropes courses and other experiential settings.

Onika Powell | Kalamazoo, MI | Will attend: Western Michigan University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Florida '06, microbiology, minor in art history

Clinical researcher and lab mycologist; mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters; tutor at local elementary school; chemistry teacher's assistant at the University of Florida; substitute teacher.

Christina Roy | Davison, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan-Flint '09, wildlife biology

Naturalist at Seven Ponds Nature Center since 2004; volunteer in Lapeer Community Schools; volunteer environmental and outdoor education for youth; certified bowling coach.

Carrie Russell | Livonia, MI | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Michigan Technological University '96, chemical engineering

- **Graduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '04, M.B.A.

Engineer, quality specialist, buyer for global automotive company for 10-plus years; magna cum laude graduate from Michigan Tech, summa cum laude graduate from Wayne State; Sunday school teacher (1st & 2nd grade).

John Russell | Baltimore, MD | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wheaton (IL) College '11 (expected), political science and environmental studies (double degree)

Board member and vice president for an international conservation organization; former lab technician in commercial R&D; behavioral therapist/personal support worker for special needs children; intern with Cosley Zoo.

Dora Sanchez-Mead | Lathrup Village, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Michigan State University '75, mathematics

Former training manager/consultant with more than 20 years of experience in human resources and learning services; substitute middle school math teacher; National Merit Scholar; fluent in Spanish.

Ann Schultz | Whitmore Lake, MI | Will attend: Michigan State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Arizona '79, management information systems

- **Graduate college and degree:** University of Maryland '09, chemical and life science (M.C.L.F.S.)

Former business analyst and business owner; Montessori and Waldorf teacher; teaching assistant in anatomy/physiology for massage therapy; volunteer with the Huron River Watershed Council, leading school groups for streamside ecology walks.

Elliot Sedlecky | Grand Rapids, MI | Will attend: Michigan State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Aquinas College '10, biology

Undergraduate researcher with intensive experience in plant biology; dean's list student; peer tutor, college chemistry; FACTS tutor/mentor for Grand Rapids elementary students; active environmental advocate.

William Seniura | Grand Rapids, MI | Will attend: Michigan State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Michigan State University '09, mathematics

High school math and reading tutor; substitute teacher, middle and high school math, social studies, literature and computer teacher; past high school hockey coach; economics lab volunteer at MSU.

Matthew Sheick | Clio, MI | Will attend: Michigan State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Alma College '07, biology, minor in chemistry

Former laboratory technician, major chemical corporation; substitute teacher, high-need schools; supervisor, crew of at-risk teens in state parks; outdoor education coordinator, YMCA camp; traveler (36 states and seven countries).

Robert Slider | Grand Rapids, MI | Will attend: Grand Valley State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Grand Valley State University '09, biology
- **Graduate college and degree:** Grand Valley State University '11 (expected), biology (M.S.)

Arctic ecologist with three field seasons in Alaska researching the impacts of climate change on plants as part of an international study; teaching assistant in biology and aquatic plants at GVSU.

Julia Sluchak-Carlsen| Livonia, MI | Will attend: Eastern Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '85, biology, minor in health
- **Graduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '05, urban studies (M.A.)

Project manager at national cancer center, overseeing clinical trials and supervising college and medical students; former research assistant, oncology, infectious diseases; mentor, high school students; volunteer/teacher's assistant, elementary level.

DeAndre Smith | Detroit, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '10, electrical engineering

College instructor for Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation; math tutor for School of Social Work; Math Corps summer camp instructor and mentor; community service chair and vice president of his fraternity.

Gregory Smith | Lansing, MI | Will attend: Michigan State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Michigan State University '08, forestry

Professional forester; lab assistant, MSU's forest biogeochemistry lab, two years; assistant project director, MSU Extension's wildfire program; tutor, alternative and urban middle schools; camp counselor at a nature center.

Travis Smith | Kalamazoo, MI (Newark, NJ/Greensboro, NC) | Will attend: Western Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Kalamazoo College '10, mathematics

Algebra camp counselor/precalculus tutor for high-need students; assistant high school math teacher in Ecuador (fluent in Spanish); substitute teacher; study host for Caribbean Society of Kalamazoo; graduate of high-need schools.

Tammy Stambaugh | Jenison, MI | Will attend: Grand Valley State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Grand Valley State University '11 (expected), biology

Published undergraduate researcher; teaching assistant in ecology lab; dean's list, nine semesters; member of several scientific study groups; first-generation college student from high-need background; parent of special-needs child.

Stephen Stauffer | Battle Creek, MI | Will attend: Michigan State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University at Buffalo '11 (expected), chemistry

Calculus and chemistry tutor; member of the American Chemical Society; Eagle Scout; worship team participant, Newman Center; youth service organizer; avid traveler in Europe and Egypt.

Trevor Stefanick | Kalamazoo, MI | Will attend: Western Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Western Michigan University '04, physics (B.S.), minor in mathematics; theatre (B.A.)
- **Graduate college and degree:** Western Michigan University '11 (expected), physics (M.S.)

Part-time physics instructor at Kalamazoo Valley Community College for four years and at WMU for two years; theater volunteer with at-risk high school students for two years.

Kerry Steinke | Kalamazoo, MI | Will attend: Western Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Western Michigan University '09, biomedical sciences and Spanish, minor in chemistry

Student researcher with the URGE program at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute; lab technician working with the U.S.D.A. on plum pox virus; quality control lab technician at Perrigo testing finished products.

Kyle Stewart | Rochester Hills, MI | Will attend: University of Michigan

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Michigan '11 (expected), electrical engineering, minor in biophysics

Math tutor for high-need middle- and high-schoolers; college study group leader; dean's list student, pioneering undergraduate researcher; Regents Scholar, recipient of Semiconductor Research Fellowship; computer programmer and video producer.

Nicole Thomas | Detroit, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Detroit Mercy '98, civil engineering
- **Graduate college and degree:** Lawrence Technological University '04, engineering management (M.E.M.)

Project engineer/manager in construction industry, with Leadership in Environment and Energy Design accreditation; intern trainer; den leader, Cub Scouts; mentor, YMCA's Minority Achiever Program; church youth teacher.

Loretta Vaara | Holland, MI | Will attend: Western Michigan University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Western Michigan University '88, mathematics, minor in communication
- **Graduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '94, M.B.A.

Former program manager, quality engineer, and systems engineer, automotive industry; volunteer team manager, youth soccer; PTA program coordinator/founder and fundraiser for annual Fun Run.

Nick Wasmer | Farmington Hills, MI | Will attend: University of Michigan

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Kalamazoo College '07, biology, minor in economics

Co-chair, Farmington Hills Beautification Commission; co-owner/manager, family landscaping business; tutor for Hispanic high school students; volunteer biology teacher in Ecuador for one month, teaching in Spanish.

Jordan Williams | St. Clair Shores, MI | Will attend: Wayne State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wayne State University '11 (expected), mathematics

Mentor and tutor to all age groups; assistant teacher at Clintondale Continuing Education Center; after-school teacher for elementary students in Detroit Public Schools; Habitat for Humanity volunteer.

Virginia Wimmer | Whitehall, MI | Will attend: Grand Valley State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Grand Valley State University '94, chemistry and psychology

- **Graduate college and degree:** University of Florida '97, physical chemistry (M.S.)

Research chemist in private industry for a decade; lab technician in municipal water facility; chemistry teaching/research assistant, college level; substitute teacher/tutor, secondary-school math and chemistry; volunteer, Science Olympiad program.

Francis Winful | Ann Arbor, MI | Will attend: University of Michigan

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Greenwich (U.K.) '86, electrical and electronic engineering

Engineer/business owner in electronics, telecommunications and information technology, 19 years; innovator who introduced the first digital recording equipment for Ghanaian courts; church music director.

Nathan Wruble | Big Rapids, MI (Harbor Beach, MI) | Will attend: Grand Valley State University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Ferris State University '06, survey engineering

Survey engineer, five years; six-time dean's list student, five-time GLIAC All-Academic Team Member; former captain, Muskegon Thunder football team; coach, high school football, basketball, power lifting; volunteer math tutor; camp counselor.

Ian Zang | Flushing, MI | Will attend: Michigan State University

• **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Michigan State University '11 (expected), human biology, minor in bioethics

Undergraduate teaching assistant, lab and classroom; lab assistant at Kettering University under a Department of Defense grant; residence hall president; volunteer, campus community service and recruitment groups.