



## FACT SHEET: The 2010 Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows

### About the Fellowships

- The Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowships are designed to:
  - attract the very best candidates to teaching;
  - get strong teachers into high-need schools;
  - cut teacher attrition and retain top teachers; and
  - transform teacher education.
- In Indiana, the Fellowships focus on recruiting teachers with strong backgrounds in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).
- Each Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellow receives a \$30,000 Fellowship to complete a specially designed, cutting-edge master's degree program.
- In exchange, Fellows commit to teach for three years in high-need secondary schools in urban or rural communities.
- **Indiana was the first state to launch the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowships**, with the first Fellows named in 2009. This year's group is the second cohort of Fellows in Indiana.

### About the Application and Selection Process

- For the 2010 Fellowship competition, more than 7,000 inquiries were received, generating a total of 505 applications.
- Selection included screening at the Foundation, a full-day interview process driven by three veteran STEM teachers based in Indiana, and a careful admissions review by the partner universities.

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- There are 80 Fellows in the 2010 cohort of Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows. They will be attending Ball State University; Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; Purdue University; and the University of Indianapolis.
- Of these new WW Indiana Teaching Fellows:
  - 96% majored in a STEM discipline: 51% in the sciences, 25% in engineering and technology, and 20% in mathematics.
  - 24% hold advanced degrees.
  - Their average undergraduate GPA was in excess of 3.3; one-third had a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
  - Many are either changing established careers or seeking new career paths:
    - 45% completed the undergraduate degree more than five years ago; notably, 35% are 40 years of age or over.
    - Another 36% are recent college graduates (five years or less) who are changing direction.
    - 19% will graduate from their undergraduate institution this spring.
  - 54% are female, and 16% are minority.
  - Nearly 1/3 (30%) completed an undergraduate or graduate degree at Purdue University.
  - Other institutions represented by more than one Fellow:  
Ball State University, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, the University of Indianapolis, DePauw University, Franklin College, Indiana State University, Indiana University-Bloomington, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.
  - 16% come from outside of Indiana (as compared with 5% in the 2009 cohort).