



## **FACT SHEET: The Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows— Inaugural Cohort, 2009**

### **About the Fellowships**

- Indiana is the first state to launch the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship, a program 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.
- Each Woodrow Wilson Indiana 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.

### **About the Application and Selection Process**

- The inaugural round of the Fellowship in 2009 focused on recruiting teachers with strong backgrounds in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.)
- The Foundation received more than 4,000 inquiries.
- Of the 318 interested candidates who completed applications:
  - 76% majored in a STEM discipline (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)
  - 67.5% were 25 years of age or older
  - 51% were male
- 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.

### **About the Inaugural Cohort of Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows**

- The inaugural cohort of the Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows comprises 59 Fellows.
  - Of these, 20 will attend Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis;
  - 19 will attend Purdue University; and
  - 20 will attend the University of Indianapolis.

Selection of Fellows for Ball State University is expected for the summer 2010 cohort.

- Of these first-ever WW Indiana Teaching Fellows:
  - 97% majored in a STEM discipline
  - 27% hold advanced degrees
  - 88% completed the undergraduate degree with a GPA in excess of 3.0;  
32% had a GPA of 3.5 or higher
  - Most (85%) are either changing careers or returning to the workforce;  
15% will graduate from their undergraduate institution this spring
    - 49% completed the undergraduate degree more than five years ago
    - Three are retirees coming back into the workforce
  - 56% are female, and 10% are minority
  - 32% 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, Franklin College, Indiana State University, Indiana University-Bloomington, and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology