



MEMORANDUM

TO: Education News Writers
FROM: Gretchen Wolfram, Communications Director
RE: Teacher Creativity Fellowship Winners
DATE: March 16, 2000

Eighty public school teachers from across Indiana will spend their summer engaged in such creatively diverse projects as studying Brazilian theater and music, writing a historical novel, interning with NASA engineers, learning digital photography techniques and researching the Holocaust.

These individuals – winners of Teacher Creativity Fellowships from Lilly Endowment Inc. — each will receive \$7,500 to pursue their self-designed plans for personal and professional renewal. All the fellows have at least three years of teaching experience and have pledged to stay on as teachers in Indiana for at least one year.

Nearly 630 public school teachers applied for the 80 slots in the \$600,000 program. The 2000 winners (list attached) included 24 elementary school teachers, 20 teachers from the middle grades and 36 high school teachers. Eleven of these winners will work in collaborative teams on the same projects.

The latest round of fellowship winners brings to 1,030 the number of fellowships awarded since 1987 to classroom teachers, guidance counselors, school librarians and resource teachers. The winning proposals are selected by a team of independent, out-of-state judges.

Anderson

Teresa Wiley

Angola

Deborah Gilbert

Arcadia

Karen Simmons

Bloomington

Mary C. Johnson

Todd R. Kelley

Andrea Auf der Heyde

Valerie D. Long

Boonville

Paul W. Kranning

Anderson Community Schools

Highland High School

“The Process of Pottery”--recreation of pottery methods used by Eastern Woodlands, Plains and Southwestern Native American tribes

MSD Steuben County

Angola Middle School

“The 101 Lakes of Steuben County, Indiana”--study of lakes and lake lore of Steuben County

Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights Elementary School

“Observation and Preservation of the Leatherback Sea Turtle”--participation in Coastal Research and Education Society of Long Island research team

Monroe Community School Corp.

Fairview Elementary School

“Brazil: A Theatrical Folklore Journey”--study of Brazilian theater and music; creation of theater piece based on a Brazilian folktale

Jackson Creek Middle School

“A British Designed Summer”--study of technology education in Britain

Rogers Elementary School

“From Kennel to Anchorage to Nome--Mushing with Lifeskills”--study of Iditarod Trail and Iditarod dogs; internship in Alaskan dog kennel

“Electrified Learning: Connecting Bloomington and Anguilla Classrooms”--teacher exchange experience in Anguilla; electronic pen-pal program in classroom

Warrick County School Corp.

Boonville High School

“The Jeep Project!”--study of the jeep in military and civilian history

Carmel

Helen Filipow

Chesterton

Hilda Demuth-Lutze

David N. Keammerer

Columbus

Paul W. Walker

Evansville

Michael A. Flake

Thomas R. Virgin

**Bonnie Alcorn and
William VanHooks Jr.**

Fort Wayne

Jon L. Baker

Steve Lake

Carmel Clay School Corp.

Prairie Trace Elementary School

“Scaling the Castle Walls”--study of castles in England’s Midlands and south country

Duneland School Corp.

Chesterton High School

“Girls of the Plank Road: Historical Fiction for Young Adults”--creation of historical novel, a story of a pioneer settlement in Wisconsin before the Civil War

“Shaker Style Oval Box Making”--study of history and construction techniques

Bartholomew Cons. School Corp.

Parkside Elementary School

“Using a MIDI Computer System to Compose Music Inspired by Impressionist and Personal Paintings”--creation of a suite of musical compositions

Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp.

McGary Middle School

“Teacher Resource Environmental Education Project”--study of local urban wetlands

Perry Heights Middle School

“Lights! Camera! Action! Cut!”-- participation in New York Film Academy’s summer workshop

Central High School

“The Colors of Our Community”-- multicultural oral history documentary of Evansville, Ind.

MSD Southwest Allen County Schools

Homestead High School

“From D-Day to the Bulge--An Odyssey With the 101st Airborne”--study of World War II

“Working for the Next Generation in Space”--internship with NASA engineers at Edwards Air Force Base and Johnson Space Center

Frankfort

**Brenda Buckingham-Ehrmann
and Violet Chesney**

Gary

Mary A. Nickoloff

Goshen

**Becci Hawkins and
Kay D. Macke**

Greenfield

Lynn E. Coers

Greenwood

John M. Frank

Rick Jones

Hope

Todd R. Grimes

Indianapolis

G. Michael Jackson

Community Schools of Frankfort

Riley Elementary School

“WPA Doll Conservation Project”--
preservation of Works Progress
Administration doll collection
at Riley Elementary School (one grant)

Lake Ridge School Corp.

Lake Ridge Middle School

“Teacher-Researcher in a Biomedical
Laboratory”--internship experience learning
gene expression analysis, DNA extractions
and molecular virology

Goshen Community Schools

West Goshen Elementary School

“Dog-Eared Tales-‘Paws’ to Write”--
creation of a children’s book; development
of a collection of student-authored books

Greenfield Central School Corp.

Weston Elementary School

“In the Footsteps of the Great Music
Masters”--study of European composers

Center Grove Community School Corp.

Center Grove High School

“Following in the Footsteps of the Medieval
Pilgrim”--exploration of the “Pilgrim’s
Way” in Spain; study of medieval European
history

“Superior Landscapes”--digital photography
project around Lake Superior

Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corp.

Hauser Junior-Senior High School

“Tearing Down the Walls of
Misunderstanding”--a study of mental
illness and treatment resources

Indiana School for the Deaf

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“DRATS – An American Child Raised in a
Military Family”--retracing childhood
journey through various American military
bases

Indianapolis, continued

Marsha L. Wetzel

Donita L. Bayer

Adrienne Mintz

Susan T. White

Harold V. House

Elaine Y. Bultman

Timothy O. Williams

Scott A. DeFreese

**Jennifer Beeching and
Heidi Butler**

Susan L. Davis

Susan Pattee

Indiana School for the Deaf, continued

“Journey into the Deaf Jordanian World”--
study of Jordanian deaf culture and sign
language

Indianapolis Public Schools

T.C. Steele School No. 98

“Investigating Successful Teaching”--
study of education by serving as a visiting
teacher in Australia and observing classes in
New Zealand

Joseph J. Bingham School No. 84

“Holocaust: Who, What, Where, Why,
How?????”--study of the Holocaust and its
effects in Europe and Israel

Daniel Webster School No. 46

“Susan White’s Day(s)”--preparation of a
classroom book based on settlers’ life in
Plymouth, Mass.

Arlington Woods Middle School

“Laughter is the Best Medicine”--study of
humor and its therapeutic effects

Crispus Attucks Middle School

“Wild, Wild West”--historical study of black
cowboys in the American West

Forest Manor Middle School

“Exploring Photography in the ‘Digital
Darkroom’”--creation of photographic art
using digital technology

H.L. Harshman Middle School

“Bringing Imperial Russia to Urban
Indianapolis”--study of Russian language
and culture

Arlington High School

“A Literary Tour of Europe”--production of
Power Point presentations and Web site for
students in English classes

Arsenal Technical High School

“A Multimedia Approach to the Literary
History of America”--study of America’s
literary history

Broad Ripple High School

“A Novel Approach to Reading”--creation
of a books-on-tape program for
the classroom

Indianapolis, continued

Linda M. Robb

Ray E. Brown Jr.

Staci R. Fahlsing

Jan R. L. Knight

D. Bruce Nelson

Mark C. Gibson

Marie A. Palmer

Michael E. Burr

Kathleen F. Legge

D. Drew Horvath

Indianapolis Public Schools, continued

Broad Ripple High School, continued

“Cowboys and Indians: Oral Traditions in Literature of the American West”--immersion in the culture of the “mythical” American West

Northwest High School

“The Narrative Poetic Tradition in America”--cultural study of narrative poetry
“Hispanic Cultural Education Project”--study of Mexican culture; improvement of Spanish-speaking skills

MSD Decatur Township

Decatur Middle School

“Ye Olde Stained Glass”--study of the history of stained glass; preparation of stained-glass collage

MSD Lawrence Township

Forest Glen International School

“Animation – Putting the ‘Character’ back into Character Education”--study of the science and art of animation; application of animation techniques to character education curriculum

Indian Creek Science & Technology

Elementary School

“CD-ROM Scrapbook on Chugach State Park”--ecological study of Alaska

Fall Creek Valley Middle School

“Exploring African-American Gospel Music”--study of classic and contemporary gospel music

Lawrence Central High School

“The Cowboy’s Life”--study of the American West

“The Ties that Bind”--study of Mennonite family history and Amish quilt making

“An Immigrant’s Journey Back to Hungary”--exploration of family history in Hungary; preparation of classroom presentation on American citizenship

Indianapolis, continued

Sandra L. McCormick

**Judy Karty,
Jenny J. Moore and
Leslie Preddy**

Jane Cooney

Dawn M. Whitehead

Carol K. Wessels

Marion

Sandra L. Chapman

William K. Turner

Merrillville

Molly J. Dunscombe

MSD Perry Township

Abraham Lincoln Elementary School
“Seeking Star Stories”--study of constellations in the Northern and Southern hemispheres; collection of associated folk stories

Perry Meridian Middle School
“Seeking Out American Roots” (SOAR)-- a research study of the Civil War

MSD Pike Township

Guion Creek Elementary School
“Sand and Ice: An Exploration of Two Ecological Extremes”--study of glaciers and deserts in the American West; Web site and e-mail link to students in Indianapolis

Pike High School
“Reconnecting through the Middle Passage: Restoring the connections between West Africans and African Americans”-- historical and cultural study

MSD Washington Township

North Central High School
“I Am Still Learning, Too”--study of Michelangelo’s work, life and creative spirit; research, reflection and creation of animated film about Michelangelo

Marion Community Schools

Marion High School
“Close Encounters on a Coral Reef: Interactions in a Fragile Ecosystem”--study of coral reef biology and ecology; internship on dolphin research vessel
“Celestial Navigation and Polynesian Migration”-- study of noninstrument navigation

Merrillville Community School Corp.

Clifford Pierce Middle School
“Capturing Wildflowers in Indiana”--digital documentation of wildflowers

Mishawaka

Theresa D. Bademan

Monrovia

Cindy Chrzastowski

Mount Vernon

Joanne Hamm

Nashville

Deborah B. Strother

Brenda S. Krieger

New Albany

Linda DeRungs

Newburgh

Lisa Muller

Penn-Harris-Madison School Corp.

Penn High School

“Biking the British Isles: A Literary Odyssey”--preparation of multimedia classroom resources

Monroe-Gregg School Corp.

Monrovia Junior-Senior High School

“Georgia on My Mind”--study of Georgia O’Keeffe and enhancement of personal skills in painting, drawing and photography

MSD Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon Senior High School

“A Day in the Life of Mount Vernon”--project with students using digital photography depicting life in rural Mount Vernon, Ind.

County School Corp. of Brown County

Brown County High School

“Maiolica: The Fine Art of Painting on Clay Canvases”--study of painting technique in Faenza, Italy; study of Italian language

Nashville Elementary School

“Wilderness Skills, Outdoor Leadership, and Connecting with Self and Nature”--outdoor education project (backpacking, rock climbing, mountaineering, safety, leadership and personal reflection)

New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corp.

New Albany High School

“‘What’s Opera, Doc?’ Making Opera Accessible to the High School Musician”--Adaptation of Gilbert and Sullivan’s *The Pirates of Penzance* for high school students

Warrick County School Corp.

Castle High School

“Understanding the Holocaust: Walking in Their Footsteps”--study of prejudice, discrimination and intolerance, including preparation of a photo essay on the Holocaust

Portage

Carolyn R. Rodea

Rensselaer

William Zimmer

Rossville

Thomas E. Wilson

St. John

Raymond P. Lentz

South Bend

Cheryl Hayward

Sullivan

Sharon E. Hayward

Terre Haute

Patsy K. Baker

Portage Township Schools

Portage High School

“Son y Salsa”--study of regional and folk Latin American music and instruments

Rensselaer Central School Corp.

Rensselaer Central High School

“The Stars, Geology and Me!”--study of geography, astronomy and geology in the American West

Rossville Consolidated Schools

Rossville Junior-Senior High School

“A Journey of the Heart”--study of family history and its relationship to the Holocaust

Lake Central School Corp.

Lake Central High School

“Enhancing Classroom Science Education”--study of science and technology in American and naval history

South Bend Community School Corp.

Adams High School and

Edison Middle School

“Weston to Whitefish: Mother and Daughter Explore the Back Roads of the Northwest”--study of rural communities in the American Northwest

Southwest Sullivan School Corp.

Central Elementary School

“Swedish Arts: Past and Present”--study of Sweden’s arts and culture; creation of traditional straw art

Vigo County School Corp.

Fuqua and Hoosier Prairie Elementary Schools

“Singing in Austria: My Dream Come True”--participation in the Classical Music Festival in Eisenstadt and Vienna

Terre Haute, continued
Matthew Jenkins

Thorntown

Christina M. McCarter

Valparaiso

Miguel E. Rosario Vega

West Lafayette

Tanya Van Hyfte

Westfield

Christopher A. Sluder

Nicholi (Nikki) Davis

Wheatfield

Gail Woolever

Terre Town Elementary School
“The Traditional Music of Ireland”--study of Irish songs, dances and instruments; learning to play the bodhran (frame drum used in traditional Irish music)

Western Boone Community School Corp.
Western Boone Junior-Senior High School
“Gorillas, Mountains, and Gameparks”-- biological study of East Africa

Valparaiso Community Schools
Valparaiso High School
“Bringing the Concert Band Music of Puerto Rico to Music Students at Valparaiso High School”--research and documentation project

Tippecanoe School Corp.
Harrison High School
“Sense of Place: Poet and Artist”--parallel study of Robert Frost and Andrew Wyeth

Westfield Washington Schools
Westfield Intermediate School
“The King of Instruments and the Father of Classical Music”--study of pipe organ design and construction in the days of J.S. Bach; construction of small pipe organ for classroom
Westfield High School
“Composing My American Experience”-- exploration of the American West; documentation through compositions and essays

Kankakee Valley School Corp.
Wheatfield Elementary School
“Putting a Face on Our Future”--study of classical portrait painting; creation of portrait series of local farmers for exhibit