# MEMORANDUM

TO: Education News Writers

FROM: Gretchen Wolfram, Communications Director

RE: Teacher Creativity Fellowship Winners

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Eighty public school teachers from across Indiana will spend their summer engaged in such creatively diverse projects as interning with a newspaper, investigating traditional Mexican music, researching Indiana authors, exploring the Appalachian Trail, transcribing family letters from the Civil War, studying Loggerhead sea turtles and composing music for school bands.

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.

More than 600 public school teachers applied for the 80 slots in the $600,000 program. The 2001 winners (list attached) included 25 elementary school teachers, 21 teachers from the middle grades and 34 high school teachers. Ten of these winners will work in collaborative teams on the same projects.

The latest round of fellowship winners brings to 1,110 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.

**Lilly Endowment Inc.**
**Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program**
**2001 Recipients**

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| **Anderson** | **Anderson Community School Corp.** |
| **James R. Jackson** | **Highland High School**<br>"Searching for My Roots in Clay"--study of primitive pottery methods |
| **Arcadia** | **Hamilton Heights School Corp.** |
| **Janice Kaye Plummer** | **Hamilton Heights Middle School**<br>"The Masai Tribe in Tanzania -- A Step Back in Time"--cultural study of Tanzania and Kenya |
| **Attica** | **Attica Consolidated School Corp.** |
| **Walter Rhyner Griffin** | **Attica Elementary School**<br>"Sharing a Veteran's Reflection on Vietnam"--travel through Vietnam to capture its culture, geography and history |
| **Bloomington** | **Monroe County Community School Corp.** |
| **Kelly Hobbs** | **Marlin Elementary School**<br>"The Journey from Fabric to Fiber"--development of skills in spinning and weaving |
| **Diana Love** | **Binford Elementary School**<br>"A Dream Takes Flight"--preparation of book on family bird-watching |
| **Beth McCall** | **Bloomington High School South**<br>"The Artist Within"--enhancement of skills in the production of leaded stained glass |
| **Daria Smith** | **Bloomington High School North**<br>"Tiles, Tiles, Tiles, and a Little Relief"--study of history and design of American art tiles; production of molded tiles |
| **Kristine Kay Stewart** | **Childs Elementary School**<br>"Hand Me Downs"--collection and preservation of family stories |
| **Jane Taubensee** | **Unionville Elementary School**<br>"Creative Renaissance in Europe"--enhancement of artistic skills in France and Italy |
| **Carmel** | **Carmel Clay Schools** |
| **Kim S. Kercheval** | **Carmel High School**<br>"Following Family Footsteps"--transcription of great-great-grandfather's Civil War letters |

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| **Chesterton** | **Duneland School Corp.** |
| **Carolann C. Biel** | **Chesterton High School**<br>"Echoes of Our Past: Oral History from Tape to Type"--documentation of family history |
| **Columbus** | **Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp.** |
| **Howard J. Bagan** | **Central Middle School**<br>"Cycling Japan"--exploration of Japanese culture; creation of virtual partnership with Japanese school |
| **Mark A. Yeaton** | **Southside Elementary School**<br>"The Art of the Luthier: Research and Apprenticeship"--study of guitar building |
| **Connersville** | **Fayette County School Corp.** |
| **Peggy Ann Hollingsworth** | **Connersville High School**<br>"Finding a Friend"--study of Indiana author, Mabel Leigh Hunt |
| **East Chicago** | **School City of East Chicago** |
| **Lawrence Lane** | **Central High School**<br>"A Journey to the Birthplace of the Mariachi"--study of traditional Mexican music |
| **Edinburgh** | **Edinburgh School Corp.** |
| **Jerry K. Hayes** | **Edinburgh Middle School**<br>"Famous Gardens Brought to Small-Town Indiana"--study of gardens in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland |
| **Fishers** | **Hamilton Southeastern Schools** |
| **Heather Piezer** | **Fishers Junior High School**<br>"The Many Lives of Madagascar"--study of Madagascar's climate, soil, flora and fauna |

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| **Fort Wayne** | **Fort Wayne Community Schools** |
| **Michael S. Floyd** | **Elmhurst High School**<br>"Native American Sacred Places"--creation of documentary on Native American culture<br>**Southwest Allen County Schools** |
| **Michael F. Schmid** | **Haverhill Elementary School**<br>"Relief Sculpture Based on Photographic References"--enhancement of skills in digital photography and sculpture |
| **Thomas G. Tricker** | **Homestead High School**<br>"Gumby and Me: Animation in the High School Classroom"--study of clay animation |
| **Frankfort** | **Community Schools of Frankfort** |
| **Julia Ingels**<br>**and** | **Riley Elementary School**<br>"The World Through Special Eyes"--study of photography for use with special-needs students |
| **Beth Lamar** | **Suncrest Elementary School**<br>(see Ingels, above) |
| **Franklin** | **Franklin Community School Corp.** |
| **Michael Robert Cree** | **Custer Baker Middle School**<br>"The Creation of Historical Vignettes"--hands-on living history program |
| **Garrett** | **Garrett Keyser Butler Schools** |
| **Patricia M. Geise** | **J.E. Ober Elementary School**<br>"Developing an Ecologically Sound Four-Season Garden"--creation of an environmentally responsible garden |
| **Chad Hollenbaugh** | **Garrett Middle School**<br>"Journey of Rediscovery: Lewis and Clark Trail Adventure"--exploration of the 83 sites along the Lewis and Clark Trail |
| **Greencastle** | **Greencastle Community Schools** |
| **Anne M. Krutulis** | **Greencastle Middle School**<br>"Inside, Outside, and Around Shakespeare"<br>--participation in poetry and Shakespeare festivals<br>**Cloverdale Community School Corp.** |
| **Lora Sue Wood** | **Area 30 Career Center**<br>"Summer School in England"--study of British horticulture |

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| **Greenwood** | **Center Grove Community School Corp.** |
| **Arleen Navarro Gonzalez** | **Center Grove High School**<br>"Aztec Influence on the Development of Modern Spanish in Mexico"--study of Mexico's culture and language |
| | **Greenwood Community Schools** |
| **Denise Ann Roberts** | **Greenwood Community High School**<br>"Deadline"--internship with a weekly newspaper |
| **Indianapolis** | **Franklin Township Community School Corp.** |
| **Shelly E. Horvath** | **Franklin Central High School**<br>"A Grandfather and Granddaughter Remember Pearl Harbor"--exploration of family history |
| | **Indianapolis Public Schools** |
| **Susan Gayle Bender** | **Minnie Hartmann School No. 78**<br>"An Adventure in Film and Theater"--study of film and theater in the British Isles |
| **Cynthia Marie Grutsch** | "Experiencing the Earth's Greatest Wilderness"--study of the Inca civilization and exploration of the Amazon River |
| **Claytonya Dean Castle** | **John Marshall Middle School**<br>"Through My Eyes"--study of computer graphics programs; creation of painted digital photographs |
| **Claudia Hubert** | **T.C. Steele School No. 98**<br>"Catch That Volunteer Spirit"--study of loggerhead sea turtles |
| **Milbert Penner** | **Brookside School No. 54**<br>"Exploring the Wilderness: Fishing and Packing in the Rocky Mountain High Country"--enhancement of fishing skills; creation of fishing club at school |
| **Toni K. Wilson** | **Washington Irving School No. 14**<br>"Hawksbill Turtle Monitoring Project"--study of endangered American turtles |
| | **MSD Decatur Township** |
| **Jacqueline D. Bagosy** | **Lynwood Elementary School**<br>"The Sea…"--exploration of Ireland's coast and study of family history |
| **Ann Rosborough** | **Decatur Middle School**<br>"Study of Divided Cultures in South Africa and Egypt"--exploration of race relations and gender equity |

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| | **MSD Perry Township** |
| **Mary M. Dorrell** | **Southport High School**<br>"Berlin Revisited: The Newest European Capital" --comparative study of Berlin during the Cold War and today |
| | **MSD Pike Township** |
| **Norman H. Leonard** | **New Augusta Public Academy – North**<br>"Microclimates and Plant Adaptations"--study of Indiana's geology and botany |
| **Leon T. Ruiz** | **Guion Creek Middle School**<br>"Spanish Language, Mexican Culture Immersion Trip"--enhancement of Spanish-speaking skills; study of Mexican culture |
| | **MSD Warren Township** |
| **Jessica Glendening** | **Creston Middle School**<br>"Dances of the World"--exploration of music and dance in England, France and Germany |
| | **MSD Washington Township** |
| **Bill Gulde** | **North Central High School**<br>"The Road Less Traveled"--study of the Silk Road |
| **Stephanie S. Ihler** | "World War II: Exploring Facts and Feelings"--comparative study of Japanese and American cultures, focusing on World War II |
| **Kathryn M. Sullivan** | **Eastwood Middle School**<br>"A Renaissance Woman in 2001"--study of Leonardo da Vinci in England, France and Italy |
| | **MSD Wayne Township** |
| **Anne M. Shepherd** | **Stout Field Elementary School**<br>"ESL – Up Close and Personal"--development of Spanish-speaking skills in Mexico |
| **Lafayette** | **Lafayette School Corp.** |
| **Avalyn Sue Jones and Marguerite Ann Morgan** | **Tecumseh Middle School**<br>"A Collaborative Study of Fables, Myths and Legends of Ancient Greece"--study of the connections between ancient and modern civilizations |
| | **Tippecanoe School Corp.** |
| **Michael Van Hyfte** | **McCutcheon High School**<br>"On the Road - A Reprise"--literary study of the 1950s |

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| **Steven E. McIntyre and** | "Study of Alaskan Salmon from a Biological and Technological Perspective"--exploration of educational applications of Alaskan salmon and the Alaskan fishing industry |
| **Stewart T. McIntyre** | **Wainwright Middle School** (see McIntyre, above) |
| **LaGrange** | **Lakeland School Corp.** |
| **Sue Ann Keenan** | **Lakeland High School** "Kids & Animals - Together, Making Changes"--internship in an animal sanctuary |
| **Jane Aiken Martin** | **Prairie Heights Elementary School, Milford Elementary School and Prairie Heights High School** "Alaskan Wilderness Experience: Opportunity for Expression"--study of Alaskan culture and literature |
| **Logansport** | **Logansport Community School Corp.** |
| **Susan Zellers and Carolyn Thomas** | **Landis Elementary School** "Great Britain, an Intricate Mosaic"--collaborative study of the British Isles |
| **Marion** | **Marion Community Schools** |
| **Jason W. Hauger** | **Marion High School** "The Mathematical Architecture of the Great Pyramid"--Egyptian tour to study the history, design and geometry of the Great Pyramid |
| **Jan McCune** | "Learning Photographic and Nonphotographic Methods of Silkscreen for Application in the Classroom"--enhancement of skills in silkscreening |
| **Middlebury** | **Middlebury Community School Corp.** |
| **Barbara E. Tayler** | **Northridge High School** "Journey in Search of the Stelmach-Herrscher Family Tay-Sachs Gene"--research on genetic disorder |
| **Mooresville** | **Mooresville Cons. School Corp.** |
| **Don Adams** | **Mooresville High School** "A Virtual Tour of the 1835 Pioneer Village Store" --Internet project investigating the economic, social, health and culinary habits of early 19th century America |

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| **Muncie** | **Delaware Community Schools** |
| **Janet S. Morris** | **Royerton Elementary School**<br>"In Tune and In Touch with Native American Roots"--study of Cherokee festivals and music |
| | **Muncie Community Schools** |
| **Rebecca Troke** | **Wilson Middle School**<br>"Running with the Wolves"--study of the gray wolf |
| **Newburgh** | **Warrick County School Corp.** |
| **Tom Dean** | **Castle High School**<br>"By the Water's Edge"--creation of musical composition for concert band |
| **New Prairie** | **New Prairie United School Corp.** |
| **Marsha L. Belsaas** | **New Prairie High School**<br>**"**An introduction to English pastoral composers"--study of composers from rural English communities |
| **Carol Shamory** | **Olive Township Elementary School and Rolling Prairie Elementary School**<br>"Singing Opera in Italy"--enhancement of vocal skills |
| **Noblesville** | **Noblesville Schools** |
| **Carolyn Beardshear** | **Noblesville High School**<br>"Go East, Teacher, Go East!"--study of Chinese language and culture |
| **Darlene L. Patterson** | **Forest Hill Elementary School**<br>"Art at the Tip Top of the World"--study of the art and culture of Native Americans in the Northwest Territories |
| **Rochester** | **Rochester Community Schools** |
| **Mary Anne Heishman and** | **Columbia Elementary School**<br>"The Appalachian Trail -- A Challenging Experience"--exploration of the Appalachian Trail |
| **Vicki Onstott** | **Rochester Middle School**<br>(see Heishman, above) |
| **Rossville** | **Rossville Cons. School Corp.** |
| **Donald D. Aschliman** | **Rossville Middle School**<br>"Study of Present-day Russia via the Trans-Siberian Railroad"--historical and cultural study of Russia |

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| **St. John**<br>Sandra L. Hobbs | **Lake Central School Corp.**<br>Lake Central High School<br>"Special Studies in Gregorian Chant"--study of ancient music |
| **South Bend**<br>**Mary Beth DiGann** | **South Bend Comm. School Corp.**<br>**Edison Middle School**<br>"A Teacher's Renewal"--integration of arts and relaxation into curriculum for learning-disabled and emotionally disturbed students |
| **Speedway**<br>**Joe McConnell** | **School Town of Speedway**<br>**Speedway Junior High School**<br>"Tangled Adventures: Exploring a Mangrove Swamp"--study of Florida ecosystems |
| **Spiceland**<br>**Keith A. Isaacs** | **South Henry School Corp.**<br>**Tri Junior-Senior High School**<br>"Woodworking: Not 'Work' But An Escape!" --enhancement of skills in American woodworking |
| **Terre Haute**<br>**Kelly J. Dumas** | **Vigo County School Corp.**<br>**Sugar Grove Elementary School**<br>"Wander Indiana on the Underground Railroad"--production of virtual ride on the Underground Railroad for elementary students |
| **Thomas McCarthy** | **Terre Haute North Vigo High School**<br>"An Exploration of the Development of Jazz"--study of jazz with an emphasis on improvisation |
| **Thorntown**<br>**Jody Burks** | **Western Boone School Corp.**<br>**Western Boone Junior/Senior High School**<br>"Totally Tepees and Totems"--study of Native Americans in Canada and the U.S. |
| **Valparaiso**<br>**Anne M. Austensen** | **East Porter County School Corp.**<br>**Washington Township School**<br>"Reversing the Melting Pot Syndrome"--study of Norwegian language, folk lore and art |
| **Mary Carringer** | **Valparaiso Community Schools**<br>**Memorial and Parkview Elementary Schools**<br>"Pictish Symbols"--study of Dark Age stone carvings in Scotland |

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| **Alice L. Gambel** | **Valparaiso High School**<br>"Musical Theater Composition"--creation of musical theater production for middle school students |
| **<u>Wheatfield</u>**<br>**Bonnie J. Sparks** | **<u>Kankakee Valley School Corp.</u>**<br>**Kankakee Valley Intermediate School**<br>"The Paper Chase"--study of folk art of paper-cutting |