



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Education News Writers  
FROM: Gretchen Wolfram, Communications Director  
RE: Teacher Creativity Fellowship Recipients  
DATE: March 15, 2002

One hundred public and private school teachers from 61 public school districts and five private schools across Indiana will spend their summer engaged in such creatively diverse projects as enhancing their skills in glassblowing, quilting and weaving, researching Indiana's underground railroad connections, studying Japanese drama and puppetry, composing a musical commemorating the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition, interning with a police crime lab, investigating famous battles and battlefields and exploring Indiana's waterways.

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.

“Lilly Endowment is convinced that engaged teachers help produce engaged students and that periods of personal renewal keep teachers in touch with those passions that led them to enter the teaching profession in the first place,” said Sara B. Cobb, Endowment vice president for education. “The Endowment highly values excellent teaching, and the popularity of this

program testifies to the eagerness of teachers to improve their work and make a difference in the lives of young people."

More than 750 teachers applied for the 100 slots in the \$750,000 program. The 2002 winners (list attached) included 28 elementary school teachers, 22 teachers from the middle grades and 50 high school teachers. Eight will work in collaborative teams on the same projects. (For the first time in the program's history, teachers in private schools were invited to apply, as well as former fellowship recipients who received their awards before 1994. Six private school teachers and 19 former recipients have received fellowships this year.)

The latest round of fellowship winners brings to 1,210 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  
2002 Recipients**

**Bloomington**

**Paul E. Binford**

**James R. Duvall**

**Linda Hitchings**

**James K. Orr**

**Catharine A. Rademacher**

**Carmel**

**Cynthia E. Baney  
(1992)**

**June M. Clair**

**Candice Ganzel**

**Chesterton**

**Robert DeRuntz**

**Craig Spiering**

**Monroe County Community School Corp.**

**Jackson Creek Middle School**

“Illuminating Indiana’s Underground Railroad”-  
-research on Indiana’s sites on the Underground  
Railroad

“Big Markets, Big Salaries, and the Big  
Leagues”--creation of activities for middle  
school students based on the economics of  
professional baseball

**Rogers Elementary School**

“The Science of Native American Culture”--  
study of traditional Apache survival skills

**Meadows Behavioral Health Care**

“Cycling the Colonies”--1,776-mile bicycle tour  
of New England and Mid-Atlantic states

**Bloomington High School South**

“Retracing Shakespeare’s Footsteps”--study of  
Shakespeare’s life and work

**Carmel Clay Schools**

**Carmel Elementary School**

“Folk, Fact and Fun: Recording Original  
Science Songs”--creation of science songs for  
use with early elementary and English as  
Second Language (ESL) students

**Clay Junior High School**

“It’s About Time”--development of an original  
musical revue for middle-school production

**Towne Meadow Elementary School**

“Studying the Wolves of Waterton/Glacier  
Park”--photographic study of wildlife in Canada

**Duneland School Corp.**

**Chesterton High School**

“Chaine Maille Armor in the Classroom”--study  
of medieval armor

“Reviving Dreams”--photographic journey  
through California’s national parks and down  
the coast into Mexico

**Clinton**  
**Beth A. Hoke**

**Columbus**  
**Denise A. Wampler**

**Crawfordsville**  
**Randy R. Patrick**

**Danville**  
**Theresa L. West**

**Delphi**  
**Patricia L. Brettnacher and  
Patricia A. Mason**

**DeMotte**  
**Cheryl A. Bockstahler**

**Denver**  
**Philip C. Spear  
(1991)**

**East Chicago**  
**Sue Gombus**

**South Vermillion School Corp.**  
**South Vermillion High School**  
“Earth, Hands and Fire”--enhancement of skills  
as a potter

**Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp.**  
**Southside Elementary School**  
“Around the World with Drums”--enhancement  
of skills as a percussionist

**South Montgomery Community Schools**  
**Southmont High School**  
“Eocene Primate Collecting in Wyoming”--  
comparative study of Indiana’s and Wyoming’s  
fossils and geology

**Danville Community School Corp.**  
**Danville North Elementary School**  
“It’s All About Pride”--enhancement of skills in  
American landscape painting

**Delphi Community School Corp.**  
**Delphi Community High School**  
“One Moment in Time: Documenting the  
Manhattan Project”--research on the impact of  
nuclear physics

**Kankakee Valley School Corp.**  
**DeMotte Elementary School**  
“Books with Wings”--reading project at  
orphanage in Honduras

**North Miami Community Schools**  
**North Miami Middle/High School**  
“Trashy-Junkyard Ceramics”--production of  
ceramics using native clay, “junk” metal and  
recycled glazes

**School City of East Chicago**  
**Benjamin Harrison Elementary School**  
“Urban Edges”--development of pastel paintings  
that depict the beauty of the inner city

**Edinburgh**  
**Sheila F. Turner**

**Eminence**  
**Joni L. James**

**Evansville**  
**Ruth E. Baize**  
(1991)

**Duane E. Martin**

**Kelly Trafton**

**Fishers**  
**Jennifer Goldsmith**

**Susan K. Wong**  
(1991)

**Flora**  
**Wyndham D. Traxler Carter**  
(1991)

**Fort Wayne**  
**Karin Huttzell**

**Joanne L. Heritier**

**Edinburgh School Corporation**  
**Edinburgh Middle School**  
“An Itch to Stitch”--enhancement of skills as a quilter; study of the role of quilting in the Civil War

**Eminence Community Schools**  
“Rhythmical Blessings”--study of rhythm and hand drumming

**Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp.**  
**West Terrace Elementary School**  
“River Chase”--creation of children’s adventure book using the Ohio River as its setting  
**Cynthia Heights Elementary School**  
“Funnel Facts and Twister Tales”--study of severe weather in the Great Plains  
**North High School**  
“Exploring the Origins and Genres of Drama”--exploration of European influences on American theater

**Hamilton Southeastern Schools**  
**Hamilton Southeastern High School**  
“Differences and Similarities within the French-Speaking World”--comparative video study of teenagers in Montreal and Martinique  
“Cemeteries and Burial Grounds of Europe and the Americas”--mathematical, cultural and historical study

**Carroll Consolidated School Corp.**  
**Carroll Elementary/Jr.-Sr. High Schools**  
“Weaving the Family Thread into the Fabric of My Life”--enhancement of skills as fiber artist

**Northwest Allen County Schools**  
**Hickory Center School**  
“Operation: Turtle Rescue”--study of land, desert and sea turtles

**Southwest Allen County Schools**  
**Deer Ridge Elementary School**  
“Am I Dracula’s Daughter?”--exploration of Romanian heritage

**Fort Wayne, continued**  
**Gayle Bloom**

**Susan K. Johnson**

**Donald M. Luepke**

**Cheryl L. Wiehe**

**Fortville**  
**Fred L. Granger**

**Franklin**  
**John A. Jackson**

**Greensburg**  
**Stephen J. Whitaker**

**Greencastle**  
**Connie Dee Huber and  
Synthia Ann Topf**

**Stacie Stoffregen**

**Greenfield**  
**Storm M. Murphy**

**Greenwood**  
**Sharon S. Hoff and  
Beverly A. Ladyga**

**Homestead High School**

“A Walden Woods Experience”--study of Emerson and Thoreau

“The Road Less Traveled”--study of American literature

**Concordia Lutheran High School** (private)  
“The Square Root of Gardening”--photographic study of geometry and patterns in formal and informal gardens

“The Search for Freedom and Individuality: Then and Now”--study of early American writers

**Mount Vernon Community School Corp.**  
**Mount Vernon High School**

“Lewis and Clark and Me”--exploration of the American West

**Franklin Community School Corp.**  
**Franklin Community High School**  
“A Hoosier Yankee in King Arthur’s Court”--exploration of Arthurian legend

**Decatur County Community Schools**  
“Moving Water”--creation and illustration of book on fly fishing in southern Indiana

**Greencastle Community Schools**  
**South Putnam Central Elementary School**  
“National Living Treasures of Japan”--study of Japan’s traditional crafts, theater and music

**Greencastle Middle School**  
“Diving Deep to Distant Discoveries”--study of marine biology and ecology

**St. Michael Catholic School** (private)  
“Creation and Use of Puppets”--enhancement of creativity, teamwork and reading strategies through puppetry

**Center Grove Community Schools**  
**Center Grove Middle School**  
**Center Grove Elementary School**  
“Kenyan Class Connection”--study of Kenya’s history, customs, culture and traditions

**Indianapolis**

**Sherry L. Annee**

**Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School** (private)  
“Pursuit of a Dream”--internship with  
Indianapolis-Marion County Forensic Services  
Agency to study DNA crime scene evidence

**Duane S. Nickell**  
(1993)

**Franklin Township Community School Corp.**  
**Franklin Central High School**  
“A Scientific Tour of Europe”--study of famous  
physicists

**Dorothy A. Easterly**

**Heritage Christian School** (private)  
“Our Changing Language -- Exploring  
Appalachian Dialect”--study of speech patterns  
across generations

**Karen Beck**

**Indianapolis Public Schools**

**Arsenal Technical High School**  
“Pilgrims, Reformation and the Legacy of the  
Society of Jesus in the Americas”--study of  
religious and educational reforms in England,  
Spain and the Americas

**Sandra K. Clyburn**

“Issues of Tolerance and Assimilation”--  
comparative study of Roman-occupied Palestine  
and the American westward expansion

**James R. Keating**  
(1992)

**Broad Ripple High School**  
“The Wabash-Erie Canal”--historical analysis of  
this Indiana man-made waterway

**Kristina S. Campbell**

**Edgar Evans Academy**  
“North to Alaska”--exploration of the Yukon  
Territory and Alaska

**Mark T. Shullenberger**

**The International School of Indiana** (private)  
“Views from Abroad: How Americans and  
French Perceive Each Other”--comparative  
cultural study

**Celestine Bloomfield**

**MSD of Lawrence Township**  
**Indian Creek Elementary School**  
“Lew Wallace High School Class of 1970”--  
collection of stories from African-American  
students who integrated Lew Wallace High  
School, Gary, Ind., in 1966

**Mark A. Francis**

**Lawrence North High School**  
“Marine Biology Field Studies at Belize”--  
study of marine biology and reef ecology

**Indianapolis, continued**

**Jerome O. Lahlou**

**Pamela A. Valdés**

**Julia E. Blackburn**

**Litsi Kounelis-Plonski**

**Freddi Stevens-Jacobi**  
(1989)

**Jeffersonville**

**Tresa M. Castelo**

**Kokomo**

**Susan Luttrell**

**LaCrosse**

**Sandra Holt**

**Lafayette**

**Nancy Kuyoth**

**Forest Glen International School**

“Promoting Cultural Diversity and Understanding”--study of American ethnic communities

**Craig Middle School**

“The Impossible Dream”--study of Spanish history, language and culture

**MSD of Pike Township**

**Pike High School**

“In Search of a National Identity”--comparative study of the artists of America and Australia

**MSD of Washington Township**

**North Central High School**

“My Odyssey”--study of Homer’s epic poem and retracing family history in Greece

“Today’s Teenage Migrant Farm Workers”--documentation of struggles and contributions of Indiana’s young migrant workers

**Greater Clark County Schools**

**Jeffersonville High School**

“Mayan Mosaic”--study of Mayan culture in Guatemala

**Kokomo-Center School Corp.**

**Sycamore School**

“Continuing the Tradition”--enhancement of skills in quilting

**Dewey Township Schools**

**LaCrosse High School**

“In Gene Stratton-Porter’s Footsteps”--in-depth study of the Indiana author

**Tippecanoe School Corp.**

**McCutcheon High School**

“Visions”--study of the photography of Ansel Adams



**Stephen H. Randak**  
(1989)

**LaGrange**  
**Kathleen L. Jackson**

**Mickey Schulze**  
(1989)

**Keith L. Thompson**

**Lanesville**  
**Darrell Riggins**

**Leesburg**  
**Judy Anne Kinsey**

**Logansport**  
**Kay L. Antonelli**  
(1988)

**Lowell**  
**Nancy E. Satterblom**

**Lafayette School Corp.**  
**Lafayette Jefferson High School**  
“A River Runs Through It”--study of a watershed, beginning in the Montana mountains and ending at the Missouri River

**Prairie Heights Community Schools**  
**Prairie Heights Elementary School**  
“Kabuki and Banraku Communication”--study of Japanese drama and puppetry

**Lakeland School Corp**  
**Lakeland High School**  
“The Wright Stuff”--study of Frank Lloyd Wright’s architecture  
“A Quest for the Past”--exploration of family genealogy

**Lanesville Community Schools**  
**Lanesville Jr./Sr. High School**  
“Landscapes for Lanesville”--exploration of Ansel Adams’ landscape photography techniques

**Warsaw Community Schools**  
**Leesburg Elementary School**  
“The Journal, a Discovery...”--exploration of writing strategies while traveling the Lewis and Clark Trail

**Logansport Community Schools**  
**Logansport High School**  
“Creation with Fire: The Art of Blown Glass”--artistic, technical and academic study of glassmaking

**TriCreek School Corp.**  
**Lowell Middle School**  
“Where Food Comes From”--study of the agricultural industry from farm to table

**Madison**  
**Gene Snyder**  
(1988)

**Marion**  
**Artis Ann Hoffmann**

**Mishawaka**  
**Stacy Reisdorf**

**Monticello**  
**Gordon Sheffield**  
(1992)

**Muncie**  
**Jane A. Miller**

**Deborah Christopher**  
(1988)

**Richard M. Willis**  
(1990)

**Nashville**  
**Matthew Noriega**

**Kyle D. Lanoue**

**Madison Consolidated School Corp.**  
**Madison Junior High School**  
“Hands-on Landform Study”--investigation of the geology of the Grand Canyon and Hawaii’s volcanoes

**Marion Community Schools**  
**McCulloch Middle School**  
“In Pursuit of Pushkin”--study of Russian culture and literature

**School City of Mishawaka**  
**John Young Middle School**  
“Forging Bonds with the Past, Retracing Their Footsteps”--participation in Civil War reenactments

**Twin Lakes School Corp.**  
**Twin Lakes High School**  
“Life in New Andes”--creative writing project

**Cowan Community Schools**  
**Cowan Jr./Sr. High School**  
“Were They Geeks or Greeks?”--historical study of mathematicians

**Delaware Community Schools**  
**Royerton Elementary School**  
“Rockin’ USA”--enhancement of skills in rock collecting; development of student-parent rock club

**Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities**  
“Review, Redo, Renew”--study of Shakespeare’s plays from the perspective of an actor/director

**County School Corporation of Brown County**  
**Brown County High School**  
“From Hutton to the Hebrides”--study of Scottish geology  
“Exploring America’s Last Frontier”--mountaineering project in Alaska

**Patricia Rhoden Bartels**  
(1993)

**Brown County Junior High School**  
“Walking in the Footsteps of the  
Impressionists”--artistic tour of Europe

**New Albany**  
**Tim Ferree**

**New Albany/Floyd County School Corp.**  
**New Albany High School**  
“Human-powered Generator Demonstration  
Device”--study of power production and  
renewable energy

**Deborah Hunter**

**Hazelwood Junior High School**  
“Putting Ireland in my Soul and in My  
Classroom”--study of Irish education  
“This Shall Be ... America”--creation of  
Musical for high school students  
commemorating the bicentennial of the Lewis  
and Clark expedition

**David K. Longest**  
(1987)

**Elizabeth Ann Murphy**

**Hazelwood Junior High School**  
“Lessons I’ve Learned in the Classroom”--  
compilation of memoirs about 24 years of  
teaching in Indiana

**Noblesville**  
**Mary Fieldhouse**

**Hamilton Southeastern Schools**  
**Harrison Parkway Elementary School**  
“Guys and Dolls”--study of the Japanese art of  
Kimekomi doll making

**Charles VonIns**

**Noblesville Schools**  
**Forest Hill Elementary School**  
“Proud to be an American”--research on famous  
battles and battlefields

**North Judson**  
**Steven A. Lee**

**North Judson-San Pierre Schools**  
**North Judson Junior High School**  
“Our Heroes, Never Forgotten”--oral history  
project documenting local veterans and their  
stories

**Plymouth**  
**Janice Curtis**

**Plymouth Community School Corp.**  
**Plymouth High School**  
“Marketing the Rocky Mountain Gold Rush”--  
study of marketing ethics past and present

**Rensselaer**  
**Lana Zimmer**

**Rossville**  
**David Ebersole**

**Scottsburg**  
**Julia Q. Wells**

**South Bend**  
**Mary Ann L. Dentino**  
**(see also Wheatfield)**

**Bonita Hoover**

**Cynthia A. Kingma**

**Speedway**  
**Geoffrey A. Mahan**

**P. Joseph Reagin**

**Terre Haute**  
**David Swingley**

**Rensselaer Central School Corp.**  
**Rensselaer Central Middle School**  
“From Hell to Paradise”--environmental study  
of the Hawaiian archipelago

**Rossville Consolidated School Corp.**  
**Rossville Middle/Senior High School**  
“Study of Native Drums of East Africa”--  
documentation of and experimentation with  
African percussion instruments

**Scott County School District 2**  
**Scottsburg High School**  
“Cornblossom: From Sycamore Shoals to  
Yahoo Falls”--preparation of book about  
Cherokee ancestors

**South Bend Community School Corp.**  
**John Adams High School**  
“Gourmet Travelers”--study of culture and  
cuisine of Italy and France  
**Clay High School**  
“The Blues Bridge”--study of the development  
of an American music tradition  
**Clay Middle School**  
“Celebrate Eight!”--creation of a book for  
young adolescents

**School Town of Speedway**  
**Wheeler Elementary School**  
“Great Fossils”--paleontology expedition  
through Nebraska and Wyoming  
**Speedway High School**  
“A Summer of Exploration and Renewal on  
Indiana’s Waterways”--exploration of Indiana’s  
rivers by boat and canoe

**Vigo County School Corp.**  
**Woodrow Wilson Middle School**  
“A Teacher’s Dream: REDcedar, WHITEwater,  
BLUEsky”--construction of wooden canoe;  
travel on the Missinaibi River in northern  
Ontario

**Valparaiso**

**Marilyn Hanson**  
(1988)

**Wheatfield**

**Kathy J. McKinney**

**Linda M. Lippert**  
(see also South Bend)

**Wolcottville**

**Mark F. Parker**  
(1991)

**Valparaiso Community Schools**

**Valparaiso High School**

“Young Heroes in Our Midst”--production of photo essay and electronic book documenting students’ acts of community service

**Kankakee Valley School Corp.**

**Kankakee Valley High School**

“Poetry’s Natural Integration”--study of Alaskan poets and poetry

**Kankakee Valley Middle School**

“Gourmet Travelers”--study of culture and cuisine of Italy and France

**Lakeland School Corp.**

**Wolcott Mills Elementary School**

“If Fortune Had Turned Toward Him”--study of the expedition of August Motten de la Balme