



MEMORANDUM

TO: Education writers, reporters, editors

FROM: Gretchen Wolfram, communications director

RE: 2003 Teacher Creativity Fellowship Recipients

DATE: Feb. 17, 2003

One hundred twenty teachers, principals and assistant principals from 62 public school districts and 10 private schools across Indiana will spend their summer in individually renewing projects all over the world. They will study lighthouses and glaciers, bronze sculpture, papermaking and woodcarving, needlework and quilting, religious communities and spiritual pilgrimages, Chinese culture, gardening, creative writing, and the civil rights movement in this country.

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

“Lilly Endowment is convinced that engaged, inspired and energetic teachers and principals help produce involved students. We believe that these periods of personal renewal keep teachers and principals in touch with those passions that led them into education 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 and principals to improve their work and lead their schools in making a difference in the lives of young people. It is a pleasure to see the results of their fellowship experiences,” she said.

The Endowment received more than 800 applications for the 120 slots in the \$900,000 program. The 2003 recipients (list attached) include 39 from elementary schools, 23 from middle grades schools and 58 from high schools. Sixteen will work in collaborative teams on the same project.

For the first time in the program’s history, principals and assistant principals were invited to apply, as well as former fellowship recipients who received their awards before 1995. Eleven principals and assistant principals and 23 former recipients have received fellowships this year.

The latest round of fellowship winners brings to 1,330 the number of fellowships awarded since 1987 to classroom teachers, guidance counselors, school librarians, resource teachers, principals and assistant principals. The successful proposals are selected by a team of independent, out-of-state judges.

**LILLY ENDOWMENT INC.
TEACHER CREATIVITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
2003 RECIPIENTS**

Anderson

Chicqiela Suzette Elbert-Velazco (1995)

Anderson Community School Corp.

Highland High School

“Pressed for Time: A Woman’s Dilemma to Sustain a Creative Spirit as a Printmaker”-- study traditional and innovative printmaking techniques

Angola

Paul Beckwith (1989)

MSD of Steuben County

Angola Middle School

“The Watermen of Chesapeake Bay”-- study the East Coast fishing industry

Avon

Jason Lacey

Avon Community School Corp.

Avon High School

“Disappearing Lighthouses of the Great Lakes”--produce a photographic and narrative presentation on lighthouses

Bedford

Debbi Crane

North Lawrence Community Schools

Heltonville, Springville, Parkview and Stalker Elementary Schools

“Thinking Outside the Book”--study the art of bookmaking

Bloomfield

Charlotte Ann Paul (1992)

Eastern School District of Greene County

Eastern District Elementary School

“Stained Glass: Past, Present and Future”-- study stained glass in European cathedrals and public buildings

Bloomington

Flora France Knable

Monroe County Community School Corp.

Jackson Creek and Tri-North Middle Schools

“Acadiana: Experiencing Cajun Culture”-- study French culture in Nova Scotia and southern Louisiana

Cynthia Creek

Rogers Elementary School

“Heading Upwind on my Learning Journey”--enhance sailing skills

Brownsburg

Jill Fairhurst Taylor (1995)

Carmel

STands (cq) Rumple

Rebecca Krueger Malenkos (1992)

Chesterton

**Terese A. Maletta and
Jack T. Neuliep (1988)**

Richard A. Lawson

Connersville

Robert Swope

Crawfordsville

Marianne Darling Ballenger

Shannon Hudson

Crown Point

Sabra Holly Marshall (1992)

Brownsburg Community School Corp.

Brown Elementary School

“Knitting the Story of My Life”--visit the Aran Islands to research family history; enhance knitting skills

Carmel Clay Schools

Carmel Elementary School

“Footsteps of the Past: Hope for the Future through Native Art”--create a collection of Native American textiles and oral histories

Carmel High School

“Pearl S. Buck – The First Door to China”--research the life of Pearl S. Buck; prepare a first-person monologue about her life

Duneland School Corp.

Chesterton High School

“Connecting Science and Art”--study geology and chemistry as they relate to firing, glazing and ceramic techniques

Liberty and Jackson Elementary Schools

“The Pueblo to Denver, Colorado Railroad: The Joint Line”--construct a model railroad

Fayette County School Corp.

Grandview and Frazee Elementary Schools

“Grand Canyon & Ansel Adams Country”--explore the Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Ansel Adams Wilderness Area

Crawfordsville Community Schools

Crawfordsville High School

“Into the Fire – Pursuing a Passion”--enhance skills in creating bronze sculpture

Joseph F. Tuttle Middle School

“Piecing the Underground Railroad”--create a quilt depicting the symbols used by conductors, slaves and safe-house operators

Crown Point Community School Corp.

Winfield Elementary School

“Piecing Together American History”--study quilting in American history

Danville
Susan P. Gillock

James Casey Born

Elkhart
Bruce Rogers

Cornelia A. Varga

Evansville
Brenda Patton Weber
(principal)

Vicki L. Blemker

Lori Ann VanScyoc

Douglas A. Johnson

Fishers
Mary Ann Verkamp (1991)

Danville Community School Corp.
Danville South Elementary School
“A Renaissance of Traditional Art Forms and a Renaissance of Personal Growth”--intern with wrought-iron craftsman in Vicenza, Italy; create glass and iron artwork
Danville North Elementary School
“Conservation Beyond Indiana”--study sea turtle conservation in Costa Rica and Texas

Elkhart Community Schools
Eastwood Elementary School
“Selma to Montgomery: Voices from the Past, Footsteps to the Future”--study the civil rights movement; recreate the walk from Selma to Montgomery
Elkhart Central High School
“Public Education and Democracy”--study the relationships between democracy and prosperity

Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp.
Evansville North High School
"Reenergize, Rejuvenate and Recapture"--explore Alaska and Hawaii
Central High School
“A Sampling of Samplers – My Own Connection to the Past”--study historic needlework; design and create personal sampler
Evans Middle School
“Teens in Crisis”--develop a resource guide for parents/guardians of teens
Washington Middle School
“An Exploration of the Colorado and Ohio Rivers”--prepare a film comparing and contrasting the two rivers

Hamilton Southeastern Schools
Hamilton Southeastern High School
“From Europe to Indiana: A Journey of Spirit”--study Benedictine religious communities in Germany, Switzerland and Indiana

Flora

David S. Kratz (1989)

Floyds Knobs

Lewis C. Stevens

Fort Wayne

Barbara Kay Bickel

James M. Drake and Kris Kallmeyer

Donna Beebe

Susan Pape and Diane Perriguet

Angela G. Wood

Stephen J. Clough (1995)

Thomas E. Burch

Laura Semba

Carroll Consolidated School Corp.

Carroll Junior/Senior High School

“Solving the Rubik’s Cube with JAVA”—
use computer technology to create a virtual
Rubik’s Cube

**New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated
Schools**

Floyd Central High School

“Educational Videos: Enhancing the
Learning Process”—produce a video series

Canterbury School (private)

“South Africa: From Printed Words to
Personal Wonder”—prepare an educational
documentary on South Africa

Fort Wayne Community Schools

Northrop High School

“Exploring an Alternative Vision –
Socialism in Cuba”—study Cuba’s culture,
society and language

Arlington Elementary School

“Remember Me: The Family Farm”—
prepare a children’s book on family farms in
Allen County

Portage Middle School

“A Quest for Music – Tuning into the
Middle Ages”—study medieval music

MSD Southwest Allen County Schools

Homestead High School

“Walking El Camino”—hike to Santiago de
Compostela in northern Spain
“A Charge to Keep”—document family
history

Northwest Allen County Schools

Carroll High School

“Sing Us a Song, You’re the Special Ed.
Man”—study the music industry; produce a
CD of original music
“Impressions of Japan in Words and
Images”—tour and photograph Japan; create
haiku poetry

Fortville
Joseph F. Loomis
(principal)

Fremont
William Stitt
(principal)

Greenfield
Sandra P. Hall (1995)

David Poncar

Greenwood
Lorelei A. Smelser

Jamie B. Marshall

Patricia Hanley

Hammond
Karen E. Baumann

Hobart
Beth Germann

Mount Vernon Community School Corp.
Mount Vernon High School
"Lost and Found – My Family"--research biological family history

Fremont Community Schools
Fremont Middle School
"The Pedaling Principal Project"--bicycle to fifth-graders' homes to introduce parents and students to middle school

Greenfield-Central School Corp.
Greenfield Middle School
"China: Studying the Meixia Inlaid Glass Technique of Xiamen"--study architectural art glass design
"The Knobstone Trail Overture"--create an original musical composition for middle-school band students, based on Indiana's longest continuous hiking trail

Center Grove Community School Corp.
Center Grove Elementary School
"Ballroom Dancing: The Next Generation"--expand ballroom-dancing skills; develop a student dance club

Center Grove High School
"Capturing a View of Peru"--tour and photograph Peru to capture its history and traditions

Northeast Elementary School
"In My Father's Footsteps"--study Ireland as it was in the 1920s and 1930s

School City of Hammond
Hammond High School
"Caught in Arachne's Web"--study the history of lace making

School City of Hobart
Hobart Middle School
"Art of Botanical Illustration"--enhance skills in botanical drawing

Huntington

Margaret R. Griffin

Lyn E. Ocken (see also South Whitley)

Indianapolis/Marion County

Tamara K. O’Hearn

Theresa J. Wishart

Sheila Sims

Britt Brown

Eric Allen (see also Indianapolis, Homecroft Elementary School)

Christina J. Davenport

Pamela Denny-Rohrbach (1992)
(assistant principal)

Karen S. Ivy

Huntington County Community School Corp.

Lincoln Elementary School

“Tracking TR’s Bully Passion for the Environment”--study Theodore Roosevelt’s efforts to preserve the American outdoors

Northwest Elementary School

“Spurred to Inspiration”--study silversmithing techniques; create bits and spurs

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School

(private)

“Studying European Gothic Locations”—tour France, England and Italy to study Gothic architecture

Covenant Christian High School (private)

“Renewing My Soul Through Raku”--enhance skills in producing Raku pottery

Hasten Hebrew Academy (private)

“Thanksgiving: An Inclusive Holiday”--study of the lives and motivations of America’s pilgrims

Heritage Christian School (private)

“No Limits Library Project”--partner with the No Limits Library in Pyatigorsk, Russia

Indianapolis Public Schools

Emmerich Manual High School

“Cultivating Roots and Life Cycles”--study horticulture as it relates to family history

Rousseau McClellan No. 91

“Acting Out: An Adventure in Theater”--explore local and British theater

Shortridge Middle School

“Urban Art Mural”--create a mural on the Monon Trail commemorating September 11, 2001

International School of Indiana (private)

“Dreams of Drumming”--study culture of Senegal and Ghana

Indianapolis/Marion County, continued

Kristi L. Kimberlin

“Rupert Goes Home to Tasmania”--prepare a children’s book about a platypus that escapes from the Sydney, Australia, zoo to visit his family in Tasmania

Carolyn E. Lausch
(assistant principal)

St. Richard’s School
“Reflection Is Creation”--prepare a reflective writing piece

Caroline Hewitt (1995)

Franklin Township Community School

Corp.

Franklin Central High School

“Resiliency of the Human Spirit”--enhance skills as a poet

Kent W. Evans
Curt R. Downing

“The Flora and Fauna of Australia”

“Architecture and Geometry in Hawaii”

Jennifer M. Barnes

MSD Lawrence Township

Fall Creek Valley Middle School

“Rendezvous des Cajuns: A Study of Cajun Culture”--investigate the Acadians in southern Louisiana

Hilda A. Vázquez

Forest Glen Elementary International School

“The Missing Piece: The Relationship Between the Child and the Environment”--study the Reggio Emilia approach to education

Ryan A. Brown

Lawrence Central High School

“Designing Myself”--design and build a mission-style chair

Nicholas Derado

“Priceless”--travel to Yugoslavia, Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia to document family history

David Mattingly

“Location! Location! Location!”--enhance skills as a painter in the outdoors

Katherine S. Francis

Lawrence North High School

“Coping in High School”--prepare a booklet to help students and parents cope with the emotions that accompany the high school years

Indianapolis/Marion County, continued

Steven Dawson (1995)

Celeste M. Allen (1995) (see also Indianapolis, Emmerich Manual High School) history

Pamela A. Barry

Myron Cochran

Marsha Reynolds (principal)

Jessica Hasler

Carl L. Gibson

Nancy J. Schmitt

Lafayette
Greg Louk

Charles Todd Garrett

MSD Perry Township

Douglas MacArthur Elementary School
“From Fifes to Sousa”--study the history of band music in America

Homecroft Elementary School
“Cultivating Roots and Life Cycles”-- study horticulture as it relates to family

MSD Pike Township

Deer Run Elementary School
“Paper Bridges – Connecting Cultures through Japanese Washi”--study Japanese papermaking

Lincoln Middle School
“A Nocturnal Walk”--explore photography in the night environment

MSD Washington Twp.

Crooked Creek Elementary School
“Chinese and American Connections”-- study the culture, art and economic structure of China

Harcourt Elementary School
“Study in Western Australia”--study literacy teaching techniques used in Australia

North Central High School
“In the Footsteps of Galileo Galilei and Isaac Newton”--explore the lives of two great physicists

Spring Mill Elementary School
“On the Trail of the Cowboy Artist”--study four American artists (Remington, Russell, Miller and Moran)

Lafayette School Corp.

Jefferson High School
“Rock and Roll Rocks”--create songs to enhance science instruction

Sunnyside Middle School
“A Patriot’s Journey: Bridging the Past with the 21st Century”--study America’s colonial period

LaGrange
James R. Keeslar

LaPorte
Marcia R. Alexander (1992)

Janis Martinsen (see also Westville)

Lowell
Sherry L. Stout (1995)

Marion
Juline Keilholtz

Sheryl A. Fulaytar

Mishawaka
Robert S. Imbur

Angela Allen

Mary M. Malloy

Morgantown
Kim E. Sechler
(principal)

Lakeland School Corp.
Lakeland High School
“Into the Undiscovered Country with Lewis and Clark”--retrace the journey of Lewis and Clark

LaPorte Community School Corp.
Lincoln Elementary School
“I Dig Dinosaurs!”--study geology and fossil excavation techniques

St. John’s Lutheran School (private)
“Piecing It Together”--study mosaic art

Tri-Creek School Corp.
Lowell Middle School
“The ‘Nature’ of Frank Lloyd Wright”--study the influence of nature on Frank Lloyd Wright’s work

Marion Community Schools
Marion High School
“Kazak Contact”--study the ethnic Kazak culture in China
“Active Glaciers: Changing the Dimensions of Our World”--study North American glaciers

Penn-Harris-Madison School Corp.
Penn High School
“Island Hopping in Lake Erie: A Journey in Narrative”--enhance skills as a writer of fiction
“Gallaudet or Bust”--travel to Gallaudet University; study American Sign Language
“Leading a Writer’s Life”--spend the summer writing

County School Corp. of Brown County
Helmsburg Elementary School
"Spiritual Gardening and the Zen of School Administration"--visit gardens to reflect, write and draw

Muncie

Fred Christopher (1991)
(principal)

Jane Calnan Haynes (1995)

Myra Schull (1993)

Nashville

Sherrel and Gail Helmerich

New Albany

Margaret E. Shain

New Castle

Elgan E. Carter Jr.

Myra McIntyre

Muncie Community Schools

Morrison-Mock Elementary

“Once Upon a Time and Other Tales”--
develop storytelling skills

University Schools

**Indiana Academy for Science,
Mathematics and Humanities**

“Finding Joyce, Finding Jane”--study James
Joyce’s *Ulysses*

Delaware Community School Corp.

**Albany, DeSoto and Royerton
Elementary Schools**

“The Long and Winding Road”--travel
along and study the first national road

County School Corp. of Brown County

Brown County High School

“Pushing Ourselves Down Under”--tour
Australia focusing on physical fitness
activities

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

(private)

“A Study of Flowering Plants in the New
England States and Canadian Atlantic
Maritimes”

New Castle Community School Corp.

James W. Riley School

“An Old Man and a Trail”--hike parts of the
Appalachian Trail

New Castle Chrysler High School

“Operation Pedro Pan: Would I Do for My
Children What My Parents Did for Me?”--
research adults who, as children, were sent
by their parents to the United States to
escape Castro’s Cuba

Orleans
Paul White

Pendleton
Christine Bellessis

Lisa Ann Swift

Pittsboro
Donna K. Jones

Portage
Wanda H. Rice

Seymour
Catherine Dix Sipe

Shelbyville
Alfred V. Parsons

Sheridan
Cathy L. Good

Orleans Community Schools
Orleans Junior/Senior High School
“Social Studies Live”--explore dramatic applications to the teaching of U.S. history and world culture

South Madison Community School Corp.
Pendleton Heights High School
“Spiritual Renewal: Native American Rhythms”--participate in Native American sacred ceremonies
South Elementary School
“The Wonderful West in Watercolor”--enhance skills as a watercolor artist

North West Hendricks Schools
Pittsboro Elementary School
“Cooking’ Up a Great Adventure Story”--prepare a series of short stories based on the life of Capt. James Cook

Portage Township Schools
Portage High School
“Finding My Way with Clay”--study ceramics

Seymour Community Schools
Seymour High School
“Prince Madoc – Legend or Fact?”--study early Welsh explorer

Shelbyville Central Schools
Shelbyville High School
“Canals of Southern England”--study historic waterways

Marion-Adams Schools
Marion Elementary School
“Creating Children’s Books”--prepare a series of books featuring animals from the San Diego Zoo and Wildlife Park

South Bend

Ann Bumb Hamilton (1990)

Marianne V. West

South Whitley

John J. Ocken (see also Huntington)

Terre Haute

Mark Kirby & Brad Hamersley
(principal and assistant principal)

Mary Ley (1988)

Susan Clements

Tipton

Tonda Cranor

Warsaw

Christine M. Foster

Washington

L. Dale Reller (1990)

South Bend Community School Corp.

Washington High School

“In Honor of Trees”--study old-growth forests, reforestation areas and clear-cut lands in Oregon’s coastal region

LaSalle Academy

“In Search of William Shakespeare”--study North American Shakespearean theater

Whitko Community School Corp.

Whitko High School

“Spurred to Inspiration”--study silversmithing techniques; create bits and spurs

Vigo County School Corp.

Otter Creek Middle School

"Two Administrators - One Goal: Fishing for Renewal"--fish in the US and Canada as a tool for relaxation and renewal

Sarah Scott Middle School

“Children’s Book”--publish a children’s book about the spirit of the triathlon

Terre Haute South Vigo High School

“Gone Bridgin”--study the mathematics of bridges and bridge building

St. John the Baptist School (private)

“Fairy Tale Castles”--study European castles

Warsaw Community Schools

Warsaw Community High School

“Carving a Carousel Animal”--enhance skills as a woodcarver

Washington Community Schools Inc.

Washington High School

“Turmoil and Tranquility: The Lives of Mary Shelley and Jane Austen”

West Lebanon

Jacqueline Brenner Fehrenbach

Westfield

Kellie Stewart

Adrian (Ed) Mendoza

(principal)

Westville

Karen R. Howes (see also LaPorte)

Wheatfield

Kevin Mulvihill

Robert (Chip) Lewis

MSD Warren County

Seeger Memorial High School

“In Search of Two Souls”--study Italian language, rural life and the rise of the early church

Westfield-Washington Schools

Westfield High School

“Snapshot: An Adventure of Lifelong Learning”--tour and photograph Ireland

Westfield Middle School

"The Needs of Mexican Immigrant Children Challenge Schools"--study urban and rural schools in Mexico

MSD New Durham Township

Westville Elementary School

“Piecing It Together”--study mosaic art

Kankakee Valley School Corp.

Kankakee Valley High School

“Building, A New Perspective”--tour Great Britain and France to study construction methods and architecture

Kankakee Valley Middle School

“The Importance of the Yellowstone River”
--study the ecological, historical and economic impacts of the Yellowstone River