

# Lilly Endowment Inc.

## Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program 2024



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### ANDERSON

#### The Excel Center

The Excel Center - Anderson

Eric Pierzchala

"Journey Into Silence" - escape the noises of daily life and explore the power of silence by seeking out extremely quiet environments

### AVON

#### Avon Community School Corporation

Avon High School

Micah Borcharding

"Space Truckin'" - capture the cosmos using astrophotography while traveling by RV to America's best dark sky parks

Jared Emmons (2015)

"Project 118: Seeking Thrills on European Hills" - experience the thrills of 118 roller coasters by visiting 15 European theme parks and documenting footage for related vlogs

### BLOOMFIELD

#### Eastern Greene Schools

Eastern Greene Elementary School

Kimberly Hill

"Following Waterfalls to the New Me!" - seek renewal, a fresh perspective and a sense of empowerment by exploring the waterfalls of the Finger Lakes region

### BLOOMINGTON

#### Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis

St. Charles School

Christy Schmeckeber

"Faith in Science: A Sacred Pilgrimage Honoring Catholic Innovators and My Own Transformative Journey" - pursue a deeper understanding of the interplay between faith and scientific discovery by visiting historic sites associated with various Catholic scientists

### **Monroe County Community School Corporation**

Bloomington High School North  
Christopher Blackburn

"Into the Unknown" - explore family heritage in Denmark and England and learn about what family members sacrificed in pursuit of reinventing themselves in America

Amber Dehner

"Walking Korea: Taking My Soul and Soles to Seoul" - celebrate renewed health and experience new cultures by walking, hiking and running from Seoul to Jeju Island

Christina Adduci Daugherty

"Mangia, Mangia! The Sounds of Sundays" - as an homage to family and an inherited passion for cooking, travel through Italy taking culinary classes, visiting ancestral homelands and creating a compilation cookbook of familial recipes

Childs Elementary School

Abigail Brass

"If You Need Me, I'll Be in the Garden" - seek renewal by experiencing the beauty of the gardens of California, from the native wildflower landscapes of Sequoia and Yosemite national parks to planned garden spaces and flower farms

## **BOONVILLE**

### **Warrick County School Corporation**

Loge Elementary School  
Miranda Ferguson

"Rejuvenation with Fire and Ice" - pursue renewal and rejuvenation through exploring geographical features, establishing a ritual of relaxation, practicing art journaling and interacting with locals in Iceland

## **BROWNSBURG**

### **Brownsburg Community School Corporation**

Eagle Elementary School  
Lauren Townsend

"Making Stories Shine" - visit the places that inspired personally meaningful stories and books, learn about the people who penned them and explore the ways they are remembered

## **BUTLER**

### **DeKalb County Eastern Community School District**

Eastside Junior-Senior High School

Leanne Tijerina

“Immersion into Spanish: Dive In; the Water’s Fine!” - increase fluency in Spanish and experience Spanish culture by living with a host family in Madrid

## **CARMEL**

University High School of Indiana

David Priest

“Into the Wild” - pursue renewal and self-exploration through solitude, backcountry adventure and landscape photography in some of Alaska’s most remote wilderness and iconic national parks

### **Carmel Clay Schools**

Carmel High School

Jason ElRite

“Reflections and Inspiration: A Journey Through the Past to Write the Future” - conduct research for a novel-in-progress by traveling through Europe; discover a renewed voice to motivate students as they explore creating worlds with words

Carmel Middle School

Angela Easterday

“Musical Passions and Personal Joys in Austria and Italy” - experience music, history and culture while exploring personal heritage in Austria and Italy

## **CHESTERTON**

### **Duneland School Corporation**

Chesterton High School

Akiko Tsugawa

“Life Comes Full Circle: My Physical and Mental Journey Through Yoga” - pursue renewal during yoga and meditation class in Rishikesh, India, the “yoga capital of the world”; explore India’s various cultural sites

## **COLUMBIA CITY**

### **Whitley County Consolidated Schools**

Columbia City High School

Trampus Willis

"Journey Through Time and Literature: A Teacher's Odyssey of Renewal and Creativity" - experience the landscapes and landmarks in Greece and Italy that were the backdrop of the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys and have inspired many literary works

## **COLUMBUS**

### **Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation**

Central Middle School

Ethan Crough

"On Par with History: Playing the Oldest Golf Courses in the World for Stories of a Lifetime" - explore heritage and personal passion by playing golf at some of the oldest courses in the world in the British Isles

Lillian Schmitt Elementary School

Kaitlyn Day

"Snow, Saguaro and Sand: One Educator's Wellness Journey to Sustainable Serenity and Self-Care" - practice rituals of self-care centered on exercise, nutrition, sleep and relaxation during travels to serene landscapes of Alaska, Tucson and Daufuskie Island

Kaitlyn Edgren

"From Riding The School Bus To Camping In A Shuttle Bus" - pursue renewal through a personal cross-country field trip to the national parks of the Pacific Northwest and Montana while practicing sustainable camping in a renovated shuttle bus named "Betty White"

Jill Bless

"Namaste in Nature: A Yoga and Hiking Journey from the Redwoods to Joshua Tree" - journey through six national parks in California, hiking and practicing yoga in breathtaking settings

Northside Middle School

Carl Glesing

"Pedaling with Purpose: Finding Hygge and Lykke in Denmark After a Traumatic Cycling Accident" - experience the Danish culture that embraces hygge and lykke to reignite a love for cycling, drive for wellness and curiosity in mathematics

## **CONVERSE**

### **Oak Hill United School Corporation**

Oak Hill Junior High School

Lisa Belcher

"Cantering Around Castles and Countryside" - renew passions for riding, photography and writing by exploring the countryside of Ireland and Scotland on horseback and experiencing the culture, architecture and places that influence many fantasy novels

## **CRAWFORDSVILLE**

### **Crawfordsville Community Schools**

Mollie B. Hoover Elementary School

Hannah Lafever

“Searching for Caches and Closure: Geocaching Across Indiana” - find a geocache in each of Indiana’s 92 counties, fulfilling a bucket-list challenge in memory of an adventurous father

## **CROWN POINT**

### **Crown Point Community School Corporation**

Crown Point High School

Matthew Barno

“The Roads to History” - travel the historic roads of Route 66 and the Pacific Coast Highway while photographing experiences and learning about the significance of these roads through interactions with local people and places

Eric Beard

“Creativity on the Coast: An Exploration of Literature, Mindfulness, and Nature along the Pacific Coast” - travel through Northern California and Oregon while engaging in activities that enhance creativity, including reading literature, journaling, practicing meditation and yoga, and exploring nature

Ryan Collier

“Always Teaching, Never Learning...Until Now” - step into the role of a learner during various new experiences, including herding cattle in Wyoming, dog sledding in Minnesota, and snorkeling around the Florida Keys

## **DANVILLE**

### **Danville Community School Corporation**

Danville Community High School

Marieta Haiducu

“Échos Culturels - Unveiling Cultural Synergy Between French and Japanese Expressions” - examine the connections between French and Japanese cultures by exploring Impressionism’s ukiyo-e roots, French impact on designers Takada and Miyake, and Japanese views on French cuisine, couture, fragrances and foreign languages

## **ELKHART**

### **Concord Community Schools**

Concord South Side Elementary School

Dionne Wilson

“Retracing Harriet’s Steps: A Pilgrimage on the Underground Railroad” - retrace Harriet Tubman’s steps, from her birthplace in Dorchester, Maryland to St. Catharines, Ontario where she planted a freedmen’s community

## ELLETTSVILLE

### Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation

Edgewood High School

Amy Winkler

"Glaciers and Mountains and Bears, Oh My!" - take photography lessons and create a photographic chronicle of adventures through five national parks in Alaska

## EVANSVILLE

### Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation

Scott Elementary School

Matthew Cole

"Don't Hide, Tennis Will Find You" - pursue mental and physical rejuvenation through participating in world-class tennis training camps and receiving lessons from top players

## FAIRMOUNT

### Madison-Grant United School Corporation

Madison-Grant Jr./Sr. High School

Allison Saathoff

"Seashells: Time to Paint, Time to Heal" - participate in an extended plein-air workshop, create a watercolor journal of shells and shorelines, and view seashells painted by Rembrandt van Rijn and Andrew Wyatt

## FISHERS

### Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Fall Creek Intermediate School

Michael Teal

"Unraveling My Past to Create a Better Future" - explore personal heritage through visiting an oma's childhood home in the Netherlands; draw inspiration from family history to gain a deeper understanding of self

Fishers High School

Robin Geisinger (2008)

"My Father's Game" - use digital storytelling to create a short film of a father's life using sound and images recorded in Germany; impart love of family, Germany and fussball to a third generation by attending UEFA Euro matches

## FLOYDS KNOBS

### New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated Schools

Floyd Central High School

Brooklyn Chalfant

“Lotus Flowers and Cherry Blossoms: Harvesting Inspiration from the Asian Branches of my Family Tree” - find artistic inspiration and renewal while traveling to China and Japan to visit sisters’ countries of origin; experience culture and customs through theatrical performances

## **FORT WAYNE**

### **East Allen County Schools**

Paul Harding Jr. High School

Rachel Kesar

“Music and Movement in the Austrian Alps” - attend a wind-band-conducting workshop in a valley village, explore classical music’s rich Viennese history and trek through the Dachstein Alpine region

South Side High School

Amy Ross

“Dance Around The World” - find inspiration for creating original dance pieces for students to perform by experiencing the culture of dance, taking dancing lessons and watching dance performances throughout Europe

### **MSD Southwest Allen County Schools**

Homestead High School

Tara Olivero

“An English Teacher Breaks Away from English: Language Learning Through Cultural Immersion” - engage in an intensive Mandarin speaking course; practice newly-acquired skills while embracing the cultural opportunities of Beijing, China

Sarah Shatto-Jones

“My Art Teacher the Fraud”- travel through France and Italy to experience personally transformative works of art; document the experience through photography, sketching and journaling

## **FORTVILLE**

### **Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation**

Mt. Vernon High School

Haley Frischkorn

“There and Back Again: A Teacher’s Tale” - reignite the imagination by journeying through Middle Earth, visiting iconic sites of the beloved stories by J.R.R. Tolkien; hike to “Mount Doom,” kayak the Pelorus River and tour Hobbiton

## **FOUNTAIN CITY**

### **Northeastern Wayne Schools**

Northeastern High School

Trisha Peters

"Following in the Footsteps of the Masters: A Personal Art Renaissance" - ignite artistic self-discovery by creating art with unique mediums, drawing inspiration from Italy's art, architecture and culture

Northeastern Middle School

Mark Hinkey

"Fairway to Heaven" - seek joy, inspiration and balance by embarking on a putt-putt golf adventure tour of mini-golf courses around the country

## **GASTON**

### **Wes-Del Community Schools**

Wes-Del Elementary School

Angela Williams

"My Heart Will Be Blessed With the Sound of Music: Renewing, Restoring and Rediscovering My Own Song" - seek intellectual rejuvenation through participation in an Orff-Schulwerk course; visit sites throughout Austria and Switzerland from "The Sound of Music"

## **GEORGETOWN**

### **New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated Schools**

Highland Hills Middle School

Rebecca Davis

"Inspiration from the Indigenous: Experiencing the Culture and Wildlife of Kenya" - experience the cultures and lifestyles of native Kenyan groups while also reveling in the natural wonders of the African landscape

## **GOSHEN**

Bethany Christian Schools

Joshua Weaver

"A British Bicycle Pilgrimage" - build a bicycle from scratch, ride it on a spiritual pilgrimage through Cornwall and complete a 100-mile ride on famed routes circumnavigating the Isle of Man

## **GREENFIELD**

### **Greenfield-Central Community Schools**

Greenfield-Central High School

Todd Grimes (2000)

"Keep Calm and Hike On (And On...): A Cancer Survivor's Quest for Inner Peace and Tranquility" - engage in hiking adventures, from New England to the Grand Canyon, to regain inner and physical strength; reflect through reading, writing and photography



## GREENSBURG

### Greensburg Community Schools

Greensburg Community Jr. High  
Elizabeth Fry

“Renewal Reverie: Rediscovering Purpose and Passion Amidst Nature’s Symphony” - pursue self-renewal, reflection, physical well-being, family connection and intellectual growth on a transformative journey through three national parks

## GREENWOOD

### Center Grove Community School Corporation

Center Grove Middle School North  
Carolyn Ferrill

“A Drama Teacher’s Adventure in European Theatre: All the World’s a Stage!” - renew love for theater and the arts by traveling across Europe to see the stages and locations of the works that provide personal inspiration

Sugar Grove Elementary School  
Karyn Todor (2016)

“Write Like a Parisian” - explore the paths of 1920s Parisian expatriate writers as a springboard for personal creativity and renewal; achieve dream of writing a children’s novel featuring main characters who overcome communication disabilities

## HUNTINGTON

### Huntington County Community School Corporation

Riverview School  
Melissa Ross

“Resting in What’s Rare: A Spiritual Quest for Reconnection” - explore the unique wonders of the Great Bear Rainforest in the Pacific Northwest to pursue spiritual renewal and centeredness inspired by local native practices and the healing powers of nature

## INDIANAPOLIS

### Archdiocese of Indianapolis

St. Jude Catholic School  
Grace Hageboeck

“Eat Like A Local: The Search For the Best Food in Thailand and Singapore” - find and document the best foods and stories, from street vendors and night markets to home-cooked village meals

## **Franklin Township Community School Corporation**

Edgewood Intermediate School

Andrew Roets

“Knitting Through History” - learn regional styles of knitting from local experts in the United Kingdom, expand depth of personal skills in fiber arts and explore the history of knitting and fiber arts

## **Herron Classical Schools**

Herron High School

Kjersten Hild

“Finding My Light: Art, Language, History and Spain” - travel to Spain to study the language, learn from the history, practice a slower pace of life and connect with the memory of an artist father

## **Indianapolis Public Schools**

Center For Inquiry School 2

Katherine Lloyd-Jones

“Dark Skies, Dinosaurs and Cemetery Stomps: Discovering My Roots Through Family Cemeteries, Fossil Digs and the Shared Skies Between Them” - gain new perspectives of the relationship between the natural world and personal history by camping in certified dark sky parks, visiting a family cemetery and exploring fossil sites throughout the United Kingdom

Center for Inquiry School 84

Rachel Sharpe

“Ska vi fika? Connection through an Exploration of Swedish Fika Culture from the Homeland to the Heartland” - explore fika, an intentional pause in the day for coffee, pastries and conversation, within Swedish and Swedish American culture; develop a personal sustainable practice of sharing fika with family, friends and colleagues as a way of creating and maintaining meaningful connections

Cold Spring School

Tony Homan

“Intention and Attention: A Return to Scotland for a Journey of Curiosity and Renewal” - reconnect with Glasgow after nearly twenty years; seek renewal by exploring, hiking and resting within the Scottish Highlands and Orkney

Impact Academy 1

Stacey Byerly (2016)

“Perfectly Imperfect: Finding Beauty in Imperfection in both Humans and in Nature” - use scoliosis as a muse to explore and photograph curved national landmarks to construct a coffee table book bringing nature to students; pursue healing through learning and sharing exercise methods

Graduation Academy

Benjamin Purcell

“A History Teacher Learns the History of Teaching” - explore the foundation of western thought and education by walking in the footsteps of Plato, Solon, Pythagoras, Homer and the Apostle Paul in Athens, Greece

### **Irvington Community Schools**

Irvington Community School

Angela Gibbs

“Reinvigorating Cultural Passions”- attend a series of festivals throughout Latin America and Spain to revitalize cultural exposure as a Spanish teacher and renew passion for cultural awareness and understanding

### **MSD Lawrence Township**

Lawrence North High School

Koji Muraoka

“Soul-Searching Seoul: Tracing My Family’s Spiritual Path and Embracing Korean Culture” - experience and explore Korea’s culture through food, museums, art, music and festivals

### **MSD Pike Township**

Pike High School

Nicole Hicks

“Dropped Stitches: Rediscovering Family Traditions” - learn the contemplative handicraft skills of sewing, embroidery and knitting practiced by women in previous generations

### **MSD Washington Township**

Fox Hill Elementary School

Susan Henry

“From Meager Beginnings to Inspiring the World: A Road Trip Adventure Exploring the Roots of Laura Ingalls Wilder, Walt Disney and Georgia O’Keeffe” - discover how the foundational influence of farming, nature and travel sparked the imagination and creativity of three famous Midwestern storytellers

The Nature School of Central Indiana

Meagan Messuri

“Following Her Footsteps to Find My Own” - find renewal and inspiration by retracing Maria Montessori’s path throughout Italy, London and the Netherlands; pursue spiritual preparation, self-reflection and healing through reflective practices as a life-long learner

The Orchard School  
Tracey Gallion (2015)

“Medieval Mediterranean Mosaics” - engage in an artistic journey to investigate and learn how to create the mosaics of Greece and Italy while experiencing culture, landscapes and historical sites

### **Perry Township Schools**

Courtney Stewart (multiple schools)

“An Educator’s Metamorphosis” - build knowledge in Monarch butterfly migration and conservation through national park visits, guided tours, photography classes and hands-on experiences; apply gained knowledge to create Monarch butterfly waystations

Perry Meridian High School

Maria Delon

“Homesteading, Health and Healing: Finding My Way Back to Me” - focus on rebuilding health through increasing homesteading practices, detoxing and wellness coaching

Brandi Vozos

“Cradled by Natural Healing” - seek renewal by learning ancient healing rituals and practices in the Americas and connecting with people serving the community as healers

### **Victory College Prep Academy**

Lisa Wills

“A Taste of Italy” - feed a passion for the culinary arts by attending the Florence Culinary Art school; prepare homemade Italian cooking to nourish the body and mind

## **JASPER**

### **Catholic Diocese of Evansville**

Holy Trinity Catholic School

Kelly Schaefer

“Fractured Not Broken: A Journey of Hope, Healing and Forgiveness” - seek renewed peace by returning to Colorado to replace a tragic incident with positive, first-hand experiences

## **KNOX**

### **Knox Community School Corporation**

Knox Community Elementary School

Rebecca Despot (2010)

“Crazy About Critters: Wildlife Watching and Exploring Conservation Practices” - expand knowledge of wildlife and conservation efforts in Indiana, Alaska and Costa Rica

## LAFAYETTE

Lafayette Christian School

Sarah Bollock

“Cavorting with Colonial Characters” - embark on a journey that connects the stories, characters and sites of three New England colonial novels; create video and photograph collections for each novel

## Tippecanoe School Corporation

Hershey Elementary School

Daniel Lehe

“America’s High Points: Summiting the Tallest Mountain in Each State” - overcome challenges to visit and climb the highest points in multiples states, progressing toward fulfilling a dream of climbing tallest mountain in all 50 states

## MIDDLEBURY

### Middlebury Community Schools

Heritage Intermediate School

Kelly Anglemyer

“Wheels of Innovation: An Exploration of the History and Evolution of Motorcycles” - explore and draw inspiration from visiting top motorcycle manufacturers in Austria, Germany, Japan and the United States

## MISHAWAKA

### Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Marian High School

Thomas duToit

“Medieval Duel in Berlin” - learn to fence with a medieval sword and buckler at the medieval sword fighting club in Hamburg, Germany; travel to Berlin to duel with other practitioners from around the world

## MONROVIA

### Monroe-Gregg School District

Monrovia High School

Stephanie Neibert

“Walking My Journey of Grief to Bring My Life into Focus” - process grief and reflect on life by exploring the Maine shore, walking the coastal trails and photographing nature and lighthouses

## MUNCIE

### Cowan Community School Corporation

Cowan Elementary School

Karen Bouw

"Literary Road Trip: My Life through the Literature of the North Atlantic Coast"- seek renewal and healing through exploring the settings of four influential literary works: "Blueberries for Sal," "Anne of Green Gables," "Evangeline: A Tale of Acadia" and "Come from Away"

The Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities

Thomas Arnold (2006)

"In Search of Sustainability: An Exploration and Comparison of Ancient and Modern Southeast Asia" - experience self-discovery by visiting archeological and cultural sites in Southeast Asia; compare the ancient and the modern to gain insight on strategies for sustainable human communities

## **NEW PALESTINE**

### **Southern Hancock County Community School Corporation**

Sugar Creek Elementary School

Kristen Fishburn

"Eating an Elephant One Bite at a Time" - draw inspiration and build self-confidence from volunteering and actively exploring Thailand, the "Land of Smiles"

## **NEWBURGH**

### **Catholic Diocese of Evansville**

St. John the Baptist Catholic School

Jennifer Copeland

"Finding Eco-Happiness Through Animals and Nature" - experience physical and mental renewal by helping animals, connecting with nature and exploring the rainforest in Costa Rica

Jenna Hochmeister

"Through Lens and Landscape" - nurture a lifelong passion for photography and storytelling by traveling across the country to capture a variety of landscapes; infuse visual storytelling into the classroom

### **Warrick County School Corporation**

Castle High School

Thomas Dahlquist (2010)

"A Father in the Desert" - search for and document reptiles and amphibians in the American southwest while disconnecting from the noise of modern life

Amanda Antey

"History Has Its Eyes on You" - seek renewal by traveling and experiencing locations inspired by the life of Alexander Hamilton

## **NOBLESVILLE**

### **Catholic Diocese of Lafayette**

St. Theodore Guerin High School

Meaghan Neman

“From Valor to Legacy: Preserving the Heroic Journey of the 97th Infantry in WWII Europe” - retrace grandfather’s footsteps through his deployment in Europe during WWII; seek renewal through exploration and reconnecting to the past

### **Noblesville Schools**

Hinkle Creek Elementary School

Rebecca Matthews

“Qui Si Sana (Where One Heals): Forest Bathing in the Swiss Alps” - learn the art of landscape photography to capture the powers of the natural world and its effects on health and well-being

Noblesville West Middle School

Ara Nelson-Mercer

“A Strong Second Half” - improve fluency in Spanish and experience Peruvian culture by studying cooking, taking dancing classes and exploring local sites

## **NORTH MANCHESTER**

### **Manchester Community Schools**

Manchester Jr-Sr High School

Hannah Burnworth

“Washi Quilts: Creating Paper Quilts Using Paper Made in the Japanese Washi Tradition” - explore the commonalities between washi paper and motherhood; create a series of paper quilts utilizing Japanese washi papers collected in Japan

## **RICHMOND**

### **Richmond Community Schools**

Hibberd Program Building

Natalie Wise

“Renew with a Bird’s-Eye View” - explore the world 2,000 feet above the ground by solo-piloting a single-engine plane, collecting historical aerial photography, learning about aeronautics and obtaining a private pilot’s certificate

Richmond High School

Robert Ronne

"Growing My Heart: A Spanish and Yoga Intensive in Costa Rica" - attend classes at a small Spanish-language institute while living with a host family and practicing daily yoga

## **ROCHESTER**

### **Rochester Community School Corporation**

Rochester Community Middle School

John Wachtmann

"Exploring the Reefs of the Caribbean: A Journey of Expanding Skills, Knowledge and Experience" - inspire personal growth by earning an Advanced Open Water Diver certification and learning more about the preservation of Caribbean island reef systems

## **SOUTH BEND**

### **South Bend Community School Corporation**

Darden Elementary School

Patricia Karban

"Stepping Into My Cultural Heritage" - learn to Irish step dance, deepen connection to family and reflect on Irish culture by exploring the social aspect of traditional dance in Ireland

## **SPENCER**

### **Spencer-Owen Community Schools**

McCormick's Creek Elementary School

George Bergan

"The Left Coast Done Right" - experience self-renewal by traveling solo from Anchorage, Alaska to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico taking in the local flora, fauna and food along the way

## **TERRE HAUTE**

### **Vigo County School Corporation**

Lost Creek Elementary School

Kyle Kirchner

"Caravan Campfire Chronicles" - experience self-renewal and adventure by visiting wild settings and landscapes within national parks and forests; create storytelling videos to share with students

Woodrow Wilson Middle School

Carlee Sluder

"I Ain't Afraid of No Ghost: A Journey into Gothic Literature's Most Loved Legends and Lore" - gain knowledge and inspiration by visiting East Coast locations where favorite stories were written while traveling in converted "Stay Puft Marshmallow Van"



## THORNTOWN

### Western Boone Jr-Sr High School

Whitney Weber

“Expedition Shipwrecks and Lighthouses: Exploring the Depths” - fulfill dream of exploring and photographing lighthouses and shipwreck sites from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic

## UNIONVILLE

### Monroe County Community School Corporation

Unionville Elementary School

Rachel Allanson

“Following in my Great Aunt’s Footsteps: A Journey through Japan” - reconnect with shared familial history by traveling through Japan using diaries written by a great aunt

## VALPARAISO

### Union Township School Corporation

John Simatovich Elementary School

Amy Hardesty-Asher

“Paws for Renewal: A Journey of Learning, Renewal and Exploration” - seek renewal through the adoption, training and joint exploration of nature with a therapy dog

Union Center Elementary School

Matthew Gage

“Many Voices, One Journey” - follow the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail by RV and reflect on the human ability to explore, learn, ponder and share

### Valparaiso Community Schools

Valparaiso High School

Heidi Krouse

“Chasing Dreams and Tortoise Shells: One Teacher’s Pathway Towards Personal Growth, Scientific Enrichment and an Inspiring Example” - explore South America by engaging in conservation work, visiting UNESCO sites and trekking through Peruvian landscapes

## WALTON

### Lewis Cass Schools

Lewis Cass High School

Edward Gibson

“Documenting B1G Memories” - experience and document the campuses of the Big Ten Conference by visiting museums, landmarks and iconic restaurants

## **WARSAW**

### **Warsaw Community Schools**

Harrison Elementary School

Kaitlyn Murphy

“Imagination Inspired” - seek inspiration to create art by exploring the surroundings that influenced the work of Norman Rockwell and Lucy Maud Montgomery

## **WEST LAFAYETTE**

### **West Lafayette Community School Corporation**

West Lafayette Jr/Sr High School

Marydell Forbes

“The Put-a-Cork-in-It Writer’s Retreat” - attend a writer’s workshop and finish a memoir at the Anam Cara Writer & Artist’s Retreat in Cork County, Ireland; explore castles where ancestors lived

## **WESTFIELD**

### **Westfield-Washington Schools**

Westfield High School

Bridget Wede

“Conserving the Circle of Life” - explore and understand the influence humans have on African mammal populations and study the conservation efforts

Westfield Middle School

Amy Kempler

“Sailing the West Coast of Mainland Thailand, Visiting Villages in Cambodia and Vietnam and Reuniting with a Relative” - experience self-renewal through exploring Southeastern Asian languages and cultures, improving sailing techniques and visiting family in Cambodia

## **YORKTOWN**

### **Yorktown Community Schools**

Yorktown Elementary School

Kasey Oetting

“Happiness is Handmade: Compassionate Crafting for Clarity” - seek renewal and inspiration by engaging in creative art therapy through crafting and boosting educator morale with tokens of appreciation