# Lilly Endowment Inc. Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program 2023



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Note: Year in parentheses denotes year of a previous Teacher Creativity Fellowship grant.

## **AVON**

# **Avon Community School Corporation**

Avon High School
Jennifer Eckert

"Walking with Dragons" - inspired by Charles Darwin, hike, snorkel and kayak the Galapagos Islands to explore a variety of species, with a focus on tortoises

## Mallory Hawkins

"From Cacao to Schokolade - 'Finding My Calm' Through Virtual Reality and Chocolate" - learn the history and process of making chocolate from farm to bar by visiting various cacao farms in Costa Rica; search for the world's best chocolate while on a chocolate tour of Switzerland

## **BLOOMFIELD**

## **Bloomfield School District**

Bloomfield Middle and High School

Christina Fegan

"Creating a New Normal Through Exploration of Family Heritage and Honoring Kenny's Memory" - process grief and honor a loved one through exploring ancestral roots in Northern Ireland and Scotland

## **BLOOMINGTON**

# Monroe County Community School Corporation

Bloomington Graduation School

Sarah Frb

"Riding the Roads Less Traveled: Navigating Cultures, Countries and Challenges" - explore new cultures and countries by backroads as a solo adventurer and motorcyclist; expand riding, navigational, mechanical and problem-solving skills

Bloomington High School South Ramon Garcia-Tamaran "Sea, Silence, Solitude and Native Spirit: The Healing Power of Nature" - experience restoration by visiting sacred sites, Native American Reservations and contemplative monastaries on a trip to the Northern Pacific coast

# Childs Elementary School

Sarah Knepper

"Montana Mountain Magic and More" - rekindle love of photography and enhance knowledge of weathering and landforms by exploring Glacier, Yellowstone, Grand Teton and Rocky Mountain national parks

# Templeton Elementary School

Dennis Sipe

"Angling for Answers: Casting My Way to Poetry and Reeling It Back In" - seek renewal through fly fishing for trout from Pennslyvania to Yellowstone National Park and capturing reflections through daily writing

## **BROWNSBURG**

# **Brownsburg Community School Corporation**

Brownsburg East Middle School

Marci Davis

"Breaking Records! Hot to Cold and High to Low" - explore the ecosystems and geology of Denali, Death Valley, Sequoia, and Yellowstone national parks; promote the protection of these environments by sharing photographs; and inspire students to unplug and enjoy the outdoors

# Brownsburg High School

Kristen Sargent

"Off the Grid: Recharging One's Self Through the Power of Nature" - pursue renewal and self-growth through exploring five national parks by RV

## Brownsburg West Middle School

Cassandra Brooks

"Down to the Roots: Wellness Through the Lens of Dutch Family Heritage" - research family history in the Netherlands and explore the ways that an actvie lifestyle shapes past, current and future approaches to wellness education

#### **CARMEL**

University High School of Indiana

Tasha Barger

"The Language, Light and Color of France" - conduct intensive investigations into the French language, the artists who shaped the modern art movement in the south of France and how location and light can inspire art

# **Carmel Clay Schools**

Carmel High School

Anthony Dunham

"Pasta, Pizza and My Family's Past: A Genealogical Exploration of Cultural Heritage Through Food" - master the diverse cuisines of four distinct Italian regions while learning about Italian heritage

## **CAYUGA**

# North Vermillion Community School Corporation

North Vermillion High School

Jo Spurr

"I'm on My Whey! Cutting the Cheese Across America" - engage in hands-on learning of the craftsmanship of artisan cheesemaking across the United States

## **CHARLOTTESVILLE**

# **Eastern Hancock County Community School Corporation**

Eastern Hancock High School

Jennifer Lightcap

"You are an Ironman! Rejuvenating by Reaching the Finish Line" - complete new challenges by finishing an Ironman race in the Red Rocks and desert of Arizona

## **COLUMBUS**

# **Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation**

Columbus East High School

**Emily Cordova** 

"My Own Infinite Adventure" - experience self-renewal while camping, exploring and journaling through the Alaskan wilderness

L. Francis Smith Elementary

Casey Voelz (2012)

"The Triangle of Life: Embracing Life Habits in Thailand, Malaysia and Sri Lanka" - explore and draw inspiration from the cultures of wellness in Thailand, Malaysia and Sri Lanka

## **CONNERSVILLE**

# **Fayette County School Corporation**

Whitewater Career Center

Elizabeth Fodrea

"Oma Beth's Homestead Preservation Project" - inspired by the book series, "The Foxfire Book," explore a simpler, more self-sufficient homesteading life; share experience with grandchildren and others

#### **CRAWFORDSVILLE**

# **Crawfordsville Community Schools**

Mollie B. Hoover Elementary School

Trisha Whicker

"A Personal Alaskan Journey" - experience and photograph Alaska, Iditarod race landmarks and the state's indigenous people

#### **DALEVILLE**

## **Daleville Community Schools**

Daleville Junior/Senior High School Julian Ravenscroft

"For the Love of SOIL: Thousands of Miles, Magnifications and Minds!" - learn from innovative regenerative farms and unique soil biomes, become a certified soil health expert, and inspire students to grow delicious produce using soil food web data

## **DECATUR**

# **North Adams Community Schools**

Bellmont Middle School

Benjamin Fawbush

"Minor Steps to Reach a Major Goal" - follow in the footsteps of minor league baseball players as they try and reach the goal of playing in the Major League

Bellmont Senior High School

Jaime Macklin

"Happy is What Happens When All Your Dreams Come True" - gain insight on inspiring students to continue in the arts by attending musicals in New York, San Francisco and London and by participating in a theater directors workshop in New York

## **ELLETTSVILLE**

Seven Oaks Classical School Stephen Shipp

"Renewal Through Return: Walking the Old Paths" - seek renewal and inspiration by retracing personal educational and intellectual journey and exploring the places where great United Kingdom educators lived and wrote

#### **EVANSVILLE**

Signature School Nicholas Bullington "Viewing the Shoulders of Giants" - learn about foundational European physicists from the 17th century on and how their discoveries led to the current understanding of the physical universe

# **Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation**

Benjamin Bosse High School

Wendy Dollarhide

"Yucatan Peninsula: Walking Through Rainforests, Beaches and History!" - experience physical and mental challenges by actively exploring the beauty of the Yucatan Peninsula and becoming immersed in the culture and language

Highland Elementary School

Nichole Freiberger

"Trolling for Trolls and Trashy Treasures" - explore and learn about recycled art activist Thomas Dambo's hidden troll sculptures, finding renewed peace by connecting with nature, art and the sustainability of our earth

McCutchanville Elementary School

Mindy Matthews

"Step into a Big Island Backyard: Observing Feathered Friends and Planting Seeds To Grow Mindfulness for Your Soul" - volunteer with plant nurseries and bird sanctuaries in Hawaii to learn the art of floriculture, horticulture and natures' tools for mental health

## **FISHERS**

# Catholic Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

St. Louis de Montfort Catholic School

Margaret Berger

"A Pilgrimage to Italy: Traveling Across the Ocean to Find My Way Back Home" - a faith-filled pilgrimage to Italy to view life from a broadened cultural and intellectual perspective

## **Hamilton Southeastern Schools**

Fishers High School

Brigham French

"Fulfilling Dreams in Dublin" - visit ancestral lands and family, explore the culture, kiss the Blarney Stone and fulfill a lifelong dream of watching a rugby game in Ireland

Fishers Junior High School

Deborah Kletch

"The Howl of the Wild" - immerse in spectacular vistas of the Canadian Rockies and reconnect with wild places by photographing wolves, bears, elk and other wildlife

#### **FORT WAYNE**

Canterbury School

Trevor Campbell

"Mimesis of Migrations: Following and Drawing the Great Migrations of Alaska" - reflect and create artworks of North American wildlife by following, photographing and drawing the seasonal migrations of salmon, humpback whales and the Porcupine Caribou Herd throughout Alaska

# Indiana District of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

St. Paul's Lutheran School

**Andrew Whirrett** 

"Family Road Trip Across the American West" - explore western states and national parks and create a future travel itinerary for foreign exchange families

# Fort Wayne Community Schools

South Side High School

Kara Fultz

"One Woman, One Bag: A Dream No Longer Deferred" - backpack on three continents and take in breathtaking views, absorb new cultures, see the world's greatest natural treasures and reclaim lost time

Weisser Park Elementary School

Vincent Serrani

"Pushing Pedals and Personal Limits" - discover the hidden wonders of the Lake Michigan region by bicycle, a three-week adventure to challenge the body, clear the mind and breathe life into a teacher's soul

Whitney Young Early Childhood Center

Andrea Jones and Erin Patton-McFarren

"Homeland to Heartland" - journey to Brazil with 'traveling studios' to create art and return to share an immersive art and cultural experience in the heartland of Indiana

# **MSD Southwest Allen County Schools**

Covington Elementary School

Jennifer Peeper

"Reconnecting Through Culture, Service and Community: A Three-Week Reunion in Africa" - immerse in culture, partner with service organizations and experience the community on a visit to Rwanda and South Africa after an eight-year absence

Woodside Middle School

Sarah Kniss

"Viewing the Earth Through the Eyes of an Astronaut" - trace the history of the U.S. space program and learn about current missions by visiting iconic locations across the United States while reflecting on the unique balance of natural biodiversity on our home planet

## **FORTVILLE**

# Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation

Mt. Vernon High School

Yi-Fan Lin

"Telling Bilingual and Bicultural Stories" - learn from Asian American experiences by traveling to Chinatowns in the United States and sharing stories discovered in both English and Mandarin to increase understanding of different cultures

## **FRANKLIN**

# Franklin Community School Corporation

Custer Baker Intermediate School

Christa Roberts

"Eat, Play, Love" - explore the concept of giving back, known as charity in Christianity, zakat in Islam, and dāna in Hinduism through travels in Italy, Indonesia and India; find purpose and restoration in caring for self and others

Franklin Community Middle School

Marc Callan

"From Rembrandt Under Glass to Big Mike on the Ceiling" - delve into the aesthetic, psychological and spiritual impact of artists such as Rembrandt, Rodin, Titian, Donatello, Leonardo and Michelangelo through traveling and journaling in six European cities

## **GOSHEN**

# **Goshen Community Schools**

Goshen High School

Lavonne Shetler

"Warm Culture, Warm Heart: Learning about Latin American Culture through Language and Literature" - build restorative creative practice, engage more fully with community and develop broader compassion for students through international travel, language school and new cultural experiences

## **GREENWOOD**

**Center Grove Community School Corporation** 

Center Grove High School

Alice Thompson

"Gardens Galore: A Photographic Journey Through the Seasons" - journey through the most beautiful gardens in the world during all four growing seasons; create a photographic journal with sketches to reimagine and create a renewal garden at home

# Alisha Milligan

"Living My Husband's Legacy" - travel to Alaska to camp, hike and immerse in the natural places of the state to recreate the course that her late husband led for more than 20 years

## **HEBRON**

# **MSD** Boone Township

Hebron High School

Stephanie Santos Crook

"Strength Through Adversity: A Journey of Recovery and Reflection" - learn more the role of religious faith and how it can foster strength in adversity by visiting European locations where war and conflict have strained even the most devoted

## **INDIANAPOLIS**

Covenant Christian High School Sean Bird (2008)

"Renewal in Scotland Retracing Maxwell and Reformers Steps" - during the 150th anniversary of his Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism, retrace the steps and Reformation heritage of James Clerk Maxwell, a Scottish Presbyterian elder and mathematical physicist

The Oaks Academy - Middle School Laura Grammer (2011)

"Knit Together" - learn to knit on a unique sheep farm in England which houses a wool processing mill

# Paul Kortepeter

"With Pen and Boots in Ireland" - add descriptive detail to two middle school novels-in-progress by rambiling the blustery wild country of western Ireland

The Orchard School

Dustin Klein

"Spiritual and Cultural Renewal Through Music-Connecting Songs to the Soul" - reinvigorate love and knowledge of music history, teaching and performance by traveling to seven musical epicenters in Europe

#### Karen Powell

"I Am Peace" - become inspired and revitalized at Peace Awareness Training in Israel; experience restoration and create a multilingual children's book about peace after visiting UNESCO world heritage sites for Baha'i, Christianity, Islam and Judaism

St. Richard's Episcopal School Stacy Graber (2010)

"A Renewal Roadtrip: Culinary Adventures for the Heart, Soul and Classroom" - experience the culture and cuisine of the Mediterranean region

# **Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis**

Bishop Chatard High School

Lisa Johnson

"Exploring the Shift Between Roman Mosaics to Byzantine Mosaics" - engage in an artistic and spiritual journey through Italy studying and examining Roman and Byzantine mosaics

St. Matthew Catholic School

Alexandra Nahmias

"Renewing Mind, Body and Spirit Through Fables and Folktales" - celebrate physical strength and enrich units of study through traveling to the Nordic land to learn about folktales, complete a half marathon under the aurora borealis and engage in reflection, meditation and exploration

# Indianapolis Public Schools

Arsenal Technical High School

Isaac Adams (with April Adams of Thomas Gregg Neighborhood School 15)

"Watercolor and Wilderness: An Escape to the Natural World" - immerse into the natural world to seek healing, rest, calm, awe, and inspiration while cultivating skills and passions through watercolor painting, fly fishing, and hiking

Butler University Lab School 55

Erika Kline

"Walking Away the 'Shoulds' on the Camino de Santiago" - find clarity, joy and confidence as a whole human using the rhythms of walking and the magic of the Way of St. James

Lew Wallace School 107

Denise Hershberger

"Revisiting Costa Rica to Experience 'Pura Vida' " - experience the simple life in a small Costa Rican town while living with a host family and improving Spanish language skills

Thomas Gregg Neighborhood School 15

April Adams (with Isaac Adams of Arsenal Technical High School)

"Watercolor and Wilderness: An Escape to the Natural World" - immerse into the natural world to seek healing, rest, calm, awe, and inspiration while cultivating skills and passions through watercolor painting, fly fishing, and hiking

# **MSD** Decatur Township

Decatur Central High School Tracey Krell (2012)

"Cairo to Chinotimba" - renew love of art and culture by traveling from Northern Africa to South Africa; explore ancient mysteries, exciting safaris and meet with indigenous people

# **MSD** Washington Township

Crooked Creek Elementary School

Keana Parquet

"Identity Crisis: Reimagining My Identity. Longing to Understand My Other Culture" - explore areas of South Korea to reconnect with biological mom and discover a greater understanding of self; learn the country's history and participate in its culture by studying its food, fashion, beauty, wellness and music

Nora Elementary School

Jill Kropa

"Journey Through Discomfort" - gain appreciation of refugee and immigrant populations by navigating new cultures alone; engage in three yoga retreats in unfamiliar countries and cultures

North Central High School

Sheila Akinleye

"Remembering Carver: Finding Relief from Grief Through Family, Tradition and Botany" - explore the life of personal hero Dr. George Washington Carver and apply his life principles through an exploration of botanical gardens

Melissa Blessing Martin (2005)

"Getting to the Root of It: A Journey to My Family Roots Through the Lens of Language and Writing" - investigate family's German roots, language and culture by discovering the history and beauty of Germany

Spring Mill Elementary School

Lisa Harton

"In the Beginning There Was the Word: West African Oral Traditions from Home to the Homeland" - reflect, restore and discover ways to support international colleagues in Ghana; explore oral traditions of Ghanaian culture in order to develop a platform for storytelling to share with school community

## Westlane Middle School

Elsa Eckart

"The Joys of Junior High" - integrate three junior high passions of writing, drawing and French through a visit to France and create a travel journal replete with sketches, descriptions and impressions of France's architecture, paintings, language and people

# **MSD** Wayne Township

Area 31 Career Center

Daniel Schifano

"In Giro Per le Mie Passioni (Touring my Passions)" - feeding a passion for the culinary arts by experiencing the food and culture of Italy while enjoying the freedom and release of interacting with the countryside on a motorcycle

# Ben Davis High School

Susan Williams

"Repairing What's Broken" - embark on a personal journey to better understand peacemaking and how communities are restored by traveling to Africa to learn how art is used by indigenous artists for therapeutic purposes in post-genocide Rwanda

## Ben Davis Ninth Grade Center

Amanda Cowgill

"Using Calligraphy to Link Past and Present" - learn calligraphy and travel to libraries and museums in Chicago, London, Edinburgh and Dublin to view and read manuscripts written in calligraphy

# Ben Davis University High School John Dimmick and William Sibley

"In the Footsteps of the Fighting 44th" - follow the path that the U.S. Army's 44th Infantry Division made through France, Germany and Austria during World War II and seek renewal through exploration, gastronomy, fellowship, contemplation and history

## David Killion

"Asian Art Adventure" - enhance knowledge, understanding and appreciation of diverse Asian cultures and their historical and contemporary contributions to visual and performing arts; experience a variety of performing arts, tour museums and galleries, visit historical sites, meet artists and participate in workshops to develop creativity

# Bridgeport Elementary School

Deanna Ratz

"Eat, Wander, Pray: A Mediterranean Odyssey of Cuisine, Exploration and Spirituality" - seek renewal and purpose professionally, personally and spiritually by exploring and experiencing the landscapes, historical sites and cultures of Italy and Greece

Lynhurst 7th & 8th Grade Center John Murty

"Managing the Mental Health Workload" - find new and innovative strategies in the United Kingdom to provide equitable mental health services to Indiana students

Maplewood Elementary School

Danica Park

"Costa Rica or Bust: Immersion Into the Language and Culture of Costa Rica" - develop fluency in Spanish and become familiar with Costa Rican culture by studying dance, cooking and other art forms; participating in intercambios; and touring national parks

## **JEFFERSONVILLE**

# **Greater Clark County Schools**

Jeffersonville High School

Pamela Hall

"Art Underground" - discover beauty amid chaos by exploring graffiti, sculpture musical performances and other art forms in the New York City subway system

## **LA PORTE**

# La Porte Community School Corporation

La Porte Middle School

Megan Sullivan

"Facing Hard History" - learn about slavery in the United States, including how it is remembered and taught, by visiting New Orleans and New York, two cities shaped in significant ways by slavery

## **LAFAYETTE**

Faith Christian School

Elizabeth Haynie

"Spanish Exploration for Firsthand Experience" - explore the country, culture and history of Spain to bring fresh perspective and authentic insight to future years of Spanish teaching while purposefully sparking intentional self-awareness, introspection and reflection made possible through solo travel

# **Lafayette School Corporation**

Jefferson High School

Cameron Nunan

"Teacher. Technology. Tokyo." - experience and document the mesmerizing technologies and cultures of Tokyo and Kyoto while learning of their success as megacities

# Oakland Academy

Lindsay Nunan

"Inspiration in Italy" - experience and digitally document the art and history of the Italian Renaissance in Florence and the history behind Shakespeare's greatest works in Verona, Venice and Rome; attend the Future of Education Conference in Florence

## **MARTINSVILLE**

## **MSD Martinsville Schools**

South Elementary School

Julie Sullivan

"Aloha! Riding the Waves of Change" - work to preserve some of the world's most threatened sea turtles by volunteering with and learning from a sea turtle conservation team in Hawaii

## **MUNCIE**

The Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities David Haynes (2015)

"Made in Massachusetts and the Editing Room" - expand cinematic education by creating an audio-visual memoir of family's origins and experiences in Massachusetts, creating a wholly personal film from inception to completion

#### John Marsh

"Seeking Educational Theater and Classroom Inspiration in Britain" - inspire the creation of youth educational theater scripts through a transformative journey across Great Britain

## Sean Scott

"A Hoosier Historian's European Grand Tour" - deepen historical knowledge through visiting some of the most iconic landmarks, museums and cathedrals of England and France and hiking portions of the Tour du Mont Blanc, Swiss Alps and Scottish Highlands

## **NAPPANEE**

Wa-Nee Community Schools

NorthWood High School

Zachary McGowen

"Ski Schooled" - pursue improvement in personal passion of skiing by participating in lessons on Michigan moguls, Appalachian groomers and Rocky Mountain timber-lined back bowls at four different ski schools

## **NEW HAVEN**

## Lutheran Schools of Indiana

Central Lutheran School Janet Hayward

"In Search of Kindness: Exploring the Culture and Beauty of the Rock" - immerse in a unique culture of kindness that provided food, water, shelter and friendship to nearly 7,000 passengers who were stranded for five days starting on September 11, 2001; explore over 1,500 miles of Newfoundland's rocky cliffs, fjords, waterfalls and brightly painted cities

## **NEWBURGH**

## Catholic Diocese of Evansville

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Maria Dickinson Janney

> "A Granddaughter's Journey: Uncovering the Heroism of World War II" - learn about the sacrifices many Americans made during World War II through travels to Hawaii and New Orleans; capture reflections in a book

## **NOBLESVILLE**

Legacy Christian School Melinda Just

"A Journey into the Past" - travel through parts of Eastern Europe to better understand and experience family history, visit sites that had generational impact and collect photos and personal accounts to use in a documentary to preserve memories for future generations

## Catholic Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

Guerin Catholic High School

Liane Foerder

"Walking the Way (Caminando el Camino): A Catholic-School Spanish Teacher's Adventure of a Lifetime" – hike the ancient religious pilgrimage, the Way of St. James (El Camino de Santiago), from southern France across northern Spain, a total of 477 miles, for spiritual renewal, Spanish language practice and an exploration of historical and religious sites

## **PORTAGE**

**Portage Township Schools** 

Wallace Aylesworth Elementary Kara Orosz and Caryn Rybecki "Educational TikToking Across Europe" - renew passion for learning and teaching while using an innovative approach to connect to curriculum topics and create connections to new knowledge through easily consumable, educational and kid-friendly videos

## **RICHMOND**

# **Richmond Community Schools**

Richmond High School

Derek Worch

"Parli Italiano? A Journey of Exploration, Study and Rejuvenation with la Lingua Italiana" - study Italian in Rome and Florence while exploring the local culture and history

## **SHARPSVILLE**

## **Tri-Central Community Schools**

Tri-Central Middle/High School

Heather Holman

"Hemingway Summer: A Moveable Feast of Literature and Life" - pursue healing and growth by visiting and writing in the places important to Ernest Hemingway, culminating in teaching a Hemingway course and facilitating a suicide survivors' support group

## **SHELBYVILLE**

# **Shelbyville Central Schools**

Shelbyville Senior High School

Justin Stenger

"Reflection, Rhythms and Relatives" - practice mindfulness while on the Shikoku Pilgrimage before exploring family lineage through Japanese language study and travels; explore the culture and art of Japanese taiko drumming

## **SOUTH BEND**

# **South Bend Community School Corporation**

Adams High School

Cecilia Stanton-Verduzco (2015)

"A Renaissance: A Journey of Passion Through Language and Art" - explore and document the art and culture of Italy, Spain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and England

## ST. JOHN

# **Lake Central School Corporation**

Lake Central High School Lisa Moreno (2011) "Who and What Makes HOME a Home?" - explore wildlife sanctuaries and discover the geological history around four of the Great Lakes, Silver Springs State Park and the Atlantic Ocean

## **TERRE HAUTE**

# **Vigo County School Corporation**

Woodrow Wilson Middle School

Sheri Foy

"Experiencing the Gold Rush: When an 1849 Diary Becomes a 2023 Road Map" - follow great-great-grandfather's path along the Oregon Trail en route to gold rush towns of California

## **THORNTOWN**

# Western Boone County Community School District

Western Boone Junior/Senior High School

Terri Gavin

"Return to Italy: Finding closure and renewal through the art of Italy" - renew passion for life and teaching through cultural immersion and creating art inspired by the history and art of Italy

## **WABASH**

# **Wabash City Schools**

L. H. Carpenter Early Learning Center

Kristi Clark

"What a Wonderful World: Immersion in Nature to Reawaken Mind, Body and Soul" - experience ecotherapy by traveling from Alaska through the Canadian Rockies and to Yellowstone and Arches national parks

## **WAKARUSA**

# Wa-Nee Community Schools

Northwood Middle School

Valerie Anglemyer

"The Quest for Calm and Wabi-Sabi: An Instructional Coach's Journey to Find the Beauty in Imperfection" - investigate the impact created by landscapes and explore the idea of wabi-sabi through a cultural exploration of Japan

## **WALTON**

**Lewis Cass Schools** 

Lewis Cass High School Vicki Dockery "A Beacon of Hope and Renewal" - study the history of seven lighthouses, from Old Baldy to Currituck Lighthouse, while representing each in a different art medium

## **WEST NEWTON**

# **MSD** Decatur Township

West Newton Elementary School Diane Stebbe (2014)

"Music Composition Inspiration: Following the Footsteps of a Child Genius" - gain inspiration to write a piece of vocal music in the style of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart by traveling the three-year itinerary he took as a child and experiencing the sights he saw and the places where he performed

## **WESTFIELD**

# Westfield-Washington Schools

Westfield High School Sydney Bartel

"Zen & Now" - learn Zen meditation and traditional landscaping techniques from experts in Japanese Buddhist gardens

Westfield Intermediate School Kathryn Speidel

"Finding My Center: A Journey of Reconnecting to Myself Through Simple Living, Nature and Throwing Pottery in Mid-Coastal Maine" - focus on ceramic creativity and finding balance through living simply and practicing mindfulness for inner peace, rest and rejuvenation

## **WHITELAND**

# **Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation**

Whiteland Community High School Nathaniel Cangany

"History and Hoops: Two Passions, One Experience" - travel to Revolutionary War historic sites in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Colonial Williamsburg and visit college basketball programs throughout the country