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Mrs. Samantha Kowalak Named AGS Geography Teacher Fellow

Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) has named Samantha Kowalak of Livingston High School as a 2018 AGS Geography Teacher Fellow. As part of the recognition, the Teacher Fellows will attend and participate in the AGS Fall 2018 Symposium "Powering Our Future Planet" in New York City on November 15 and 16, 2018.

[New York City, NY] – [September 4, 2018] — The American Geographical Society (AGS) has named Samantha Kowalak of Livingston High School in Livingston, New Jersey as a 2018 AGS Geography Teacher Fellow. Mrs. Samantha Kowalak is one of fifty teachers selected from across the United States to participate in this third year of the initiative. The AGS Geography Teacher Fellow initiative has been made possible by a generous gift from the Boundless Corporation, sponsorship from Mapbox for the Geography Teacher Fellow Mapathon, and support from the AGS Corporate Angels Partners, whose contributions provide resources for teacher professional development throughout the year.

Mrs. Samantha Kowalak teaches Advanced Placement (AP) Human Geography in Livingston, New Jersey. As part of the award for being selected as an AGS Geography Teacher Fellow, Mrs. Kowalak will attend the AGS Fall Symposium on November 15 and 16, 2018 at Columbia University in New York City. The Symposium provides Teacher Fellows with the opportunity to gain valuable cutting-edge content knowledge and awareness of the real-world geographic workplace skills demanded by today's geospatial companies.

"We are very pleased to be able to invite Samantha, who is one of the top geography teachers in the country, to join us in New York City in November," said Dr. John Konarski, CEO of the American Geographical Society. "AGS Geography Teacher Fellows are an integral part of the AGS community, leading and educating future generations in geography and geospatial science. This year we have focused on expanding activities that reinforce teachers' geographical and geospatial knowledge, and will be continuing to provide guidance to teachers seeking to develop projects for their classrooms" said Dr. Konarski.

Geography 2050 is the most important and widely recognized geographical/geospatial event in North America during the fall semester. CEOs and senior executives from preeminent geospatial companies along with leading experts and representatives from government, not-for-profits, and academia attend the AGS Fall Symposium.

The American Geographical Society (AGS) is a 21st century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most importantly with teachers and students. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States. It is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education for over 166 years. The mission of AGS is to advance and promote geography in business, government, science, and education. Our goal is to enhance the nation's geographic literacy so as to engender sound public policy, national security, and human well-being worldwide. AGS seeks to engage the American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.



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The American Geographical Society has named Samantha Kowalak of Livingston High School in Livingston, New Jersey as a 2018 Geography Teacher Fellow. As part of the award for being selected as a Teacher Fellow, Mrs. Kowalak will attend the AGS Fall Symposium, Geography 2050 in November.

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