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### The American Geographical Society Names 2016 AGS Geography Teacher Fellows

*Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) has named the selected AGS Geography Teacher Fellow for 2016. As part of the recognition, the Teacher Fellows will attend and participate in the AGS Fall 2016 Symposium “Envisioning a Sustainable Planet” in New York City on November 17 and 18, 2016.*

[New York City, NY] – [September 19, 2016] — The American Geographical Society (AGS) has named the 2016 AGS Geography Teacher Fellows. Fifty teachers were selected from across the United States to participate in this first year of the program. The AGS Geography Teacher Program has been made possible by a generous gift to AGS by the Boundless Corporation.

The selected teachers are:

Name	High School	City	State
Ms. Colleen Adrion	Leon M. Goldstein HS For the Sciences	Brooklyn	New York
Ms. Caroline Bednarz	McKinley Technology High School	Washington	District of Columbia
Ms. Kristie Blanchard	Bacon Academy	Colchester	Connecticut
Mr. Carl Brown	Sachse High School	Sachse	Texas
Mr. Brian Buccinna	Patchogue-Medford High School	Medford	New York
Mr. Todd Burker	Carthage Central School District	Carthage	New York
Ms. Anne Canipe	Cosby High School	Midlothian	Virginia
Ms. Dorothy Cassetta	Carroll High School	Southlake	Texas
Ms. Kristine Chapman	La Salle Academy	providence	Rhode Island
Mr. Justin Clark	Sulphur High 9th Grade	Sulphur	Louisiana
Ms. Frances Coffey	Chantilly High School	Chantilly	Virginia
Ms. Anne Cullison	Sunlake High School	Land O Lakes	Florida
Ms. Katherine Dew	Lexington High School	Lexington	South Carolina

Mr. Steven Freenor	H.V. Jenkins High School	Savannah	Georgia
Ms. Maria Teresa	Eastlake High School	Chula Vista	California
Ms. Allison Hunt	duPont Manual High School	Louisville	Kentucky
Ms. Rebecca Joaquin	Assumption High School	Louisville	Kentucky
Mr. Richard Katz	Roosevelt High School	Seattle	Washington
Ms. Kenneth Keller	George Walton Comprehensive High School	Marietta	Georgia
Ms. Alison Kelley	Lincoln Southwest High School	Lincoln	Nebraska
Ms. Alissa Kester	Mandarin High School	Jacksonville	Florida
Ms. Lydia Kirk	Harrison Central High School	Gulfport	Mississippi
Ms. Samantha Kowalak	Livingston High School	Livingston	New Jersey
Mr. Christopher Lester	BASIS Scottsdale	Scottsdale	Arizona
Ms. Parisa Meymand	Westosha Central High School	Trevor	Wisconsin
Ms. Lili Monk	Walter Johnson High School	Bethesda	Maryland
Mr. Charles Morgan	Lincoln East High School	Lincoln	Nebraska
Ms. Kendall Nickerson	Durant High School	Plant City	Florida
Ms. Shari North	Lakeview Centennial High School	Garland	Texas
Ms. Rebecca Nutter	Bearden High School	Knoxville	Tennessee
Mr. Ronald Peters	Viera High School	Rockledge	Florida
Ms. Amber Pinter	Fayetteville High School	Fayetteville	Arkansas
Ms. Candace Pryor Brown	Gill St. Bernard's School	West Orange	New Jersey
Ms. Celeste Reynolds	Mashpee High School	Sandwich	Massachusetts
Ms. Sandy Rivera	Gainesville High School	Gainesville	Georgia
Ms. Lisa Sanders	Austin High School	Austin	Minnesota
Ms. Brenda Sandy	Hillsborough Virtual School	Tampa	Florida
Ms. Kerry Schaefer-Romeo	MacArthur High School	Levittown	New York
Mr. Evan Sellers	West Florence High School	Florence	South Carolina
Mr. Derek Sheets	Stranahan High School	Ft Lauderdale	Florida
Ms. Jody Smothers-Marcello	Sitka High School	Sitka	Alaska
Mr. Nicholas Stamper	James Bowie High School	Austin	Texas

Ms. Jessica Stern	Eleanor Roosevelt High School	Greenbelt	Maryland
Ms. Melissa Wallerstein	Verona High School	Verona	New Jersey
Ms. Stacy Walls Bartkowski	Newark Charter High School	Newark	Delaware
Ms. Melissa Webster	Cascade High School	Everett	Washington
Ms. Megan Webster	J.J. Pearce High School	Richardson	Texas
Mr. Brian Weekley	Columbia High School	Lake City	Florida
Mr. Tom Wurst	Magnolia West High School	Magnolia	Texas
Ms. Catherine Yackee	Brooks College Prep	Chicago	Illinois
Ms. Megan Youness	Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Virtual High School EU Hub		Europe

As part of the award for being selected as a Teacher Fellow, they will attend the AGS Fall Symposium on November 17 and 18, 2016 at Columbia University in New York City. The Symposium will enable the Teacher Fellows to gain valuable cutting edge content knowledge and awareness of the real-world geographic workplace skills demanded by today's geospatial companies. The Teacher Fellows will have a unique opportunity to interact with, and become one of, the nation's thought-leaders who are involved in the multi-year dialog about the future of geography.

"We are very pleased to be able to have 50 of the best teachers in the country join us in New York City in November," said Dr. John Konarski, CEO of the American Geographical Society. "Geography and geospatial science have an effect on just about every aspect of our daily lives. The collective experience and expertise of these Geography Teacher Fellows will help guide the Society as we lead the discussion about the future of geography. In addition, the teachers will be able to bring back to their classrooms, practical and cutting edge information about the latest advancements in the geospatial world. We are so privileged to have these amazing teachers leading the future of geography with us," added Dr. Konarski.

The AGS Fall Symposium is one of the most important and recognized geography/geospatial events in North America during the Fall Semester. Attendees include CEOs and senior executives from preeminent geospatial companies along with leading experts and representatives from government, not-for-profits, and academia.

Established in 1851, the American Geographical Society (AGS) is the oldest professional geographical/geospatial organization in the United States. It is recognized world-wide as a pioneer in geographical research and education in geography for over 165 years. AGS is a 21st century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, understanding, and knowledge across business, government, academe, the social sector, and education. The goal of AGS is to enhance the nation's geographic literacy so as to engender sound public policy, national security, and human

well-being worldwide. AGS is the only organization focused on bringing together academics, business people, those who influence public policy (including leaders in local, state and federal government, not-for-profit organizations and the media), and the general public for the express purpose of furthering the understanding of the role of geography in our lives. AGS provides leadership to frame the national discussion of the growing importance of geography and geo-spatial tools. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.

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