

WW Pennsylvania Teaching Fellows, 2021

Erin Bair | Colorado Springs, CO | *Will attend:* Duquesne University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Colorado Mesa University, 2018, chemistry Undergraduate researcher, iso-alpha acid degradation in beer; president, student chapter of chemistry club; volunteer leader, science night for elementary students; community volunteer; teaching assistant, general chemistry lab; instructor, swim school; participant, German language and culture program in Munich, Germany.

Ashley Mae Bernardo | Moraga, CA | *Will attend:* University of Pennsylvania

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of California, Davis, 2018, biological sciences Tutor, university-level biology and biochemistry, high school English; teaching assistant, secondary science; undergraduate researcher, self-efficacy and motivation in post-secondary chemistry education; member, national biological sciences honors society; Fulbright program coordinator, English teaching assistant program in Malaysia; award-winning artist.

Rachel Bookman | Bryn Mawr, PA | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Miami, 2018, marine and atmospheric science Graduate student researcher, asthma and respiratory function; undergraduate laboratory assistant, serotonin transporter mRNA expression and osteoarthritis and myocardial infarction; undergraduate student researcher, perinatally-acquired HIV; tutor, biology.

Veronica Chua | Barrigada, Guam | *Will attend:* University of Pennsylvania

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Swarthmore College, 2021, biology Laboratory teaching assistant, introductory biology; undergraduate writing associate; undergraduate researcher, quantitative plankton ecology; teaching aide, local summer school; assistant teacher, English as a second language; recipient, multiple academic scholarships.

Zoe Finkelstein | Cornwall on Hudson, NY | *Will attend:* University of Pennsylvania

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Colgate University, 2019, behavioral neuroscience Teaching assistant, first and second grade; tutor, reading, writing; class instructor, science enrichment; volunteer, after-school art classes.

Ryan Herlihy | Dennisville, NJ | *Will attend:* University of Pennsylvania

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Haverford College, 2019, computer science Undergraduate teaching assistant, computer science; software developer; camp counselor, middle school students, high school cross country athletes.

Zachary Herz | Queens, NY | *Will attend:* University of Pennsylvania

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** State University of New York at Binghamton University, 2021, psychology Group leader, summer camp; visiting student instructor, school district volunteer, university initiative; undergraduate researcher, neurodegenerative disorders; executive vice president, local fraternity chapter; vice president of social responsibilities, university interfraternity council; student representative, university council.

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Anna Hightower | West Islip, NY | *Will attend:* University of Pennsylvania

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Gettysburg College, 2021, chemistry

Undergraduate researcher, metal concentrations in paints; research assistant, brine shrimp movement; teacher observer, high school biology and middle school physics; tutor, math; counselor, day camp; member, university chemistry club; athlete, intramural soccer and basketball.

Wei Jiang | New York City, NY | *Will attend:* University of Pennsylvania

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** City College of New York, 2020, biology

Science mentor, university afterschool STEM mentoring program; field coordinator, ecology center; lab tutor, general biology; peer mentor, biology and insect ecology; scientific writing tutor, plant-animal interactions; technology troubleshooter, multiple biology courses; Chinese language translator, community organizations; self-taught computer technician.

Isabel Johnston | Cape Elizabeth, ME | *Will attend:* Duquesne University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** College of Charleston, 2018, pure mathematics

Volunteer teacher, ESL; graduate researcher, rankability; senior coordinator, university civic leader program; after school program coordinator, local girls, trans youth, and gender nonconforming youth organization, educational support nonprofit; recipient, Susan Pryzak award for future teachers; honorable mention, interdisciplinary contest in mathematical modeling.

Jonquil Jonathan | Seattle, WA | *Will attend:* University of Pennsylvania

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Temple University, 2019, Africology and African American studies

Mentor, summer education programs for children and teens; substitute teacher, grades K–6; instructional assistant, children with learning disabilities.

Ivan Juarez | Atlanta, GA | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia State University, 2014, mathematics

Mathematics tutor, high school, algebra 1 & 2, geometry, calculus; teacher, high school in Fulton County Schools; member, teacher residency program in Fulton County, GA.

Daniel Kahn | Middletown, NJ | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Johns Hopkins University, 2014, environmental engineering
- **Graduate institution, year, degree:** Stanford University, 2015, civil and environmental engineering

Licensed civil engineer; chapter president, Engineers without Borders; mentor, middle school and college students; tutor, SAT math; co-author, open-source turbidimeter; camp counselor.

Lauren Klemme | Lincoln, NE | *Will attend:* Duquesne University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Nebraska Wesleyan, 2021, biology

Educational animals intern, local children's zoo; teaching assistant, organic chemistry I, introduction to anatomy and physiology, general chemistry; animal technician, research snakes and display turtles; member, biology honor society; events volunteer leader, pre-health club; member, university religious ministry; gardener, university greenhouse.

Alexander Kruszewski | Fairfax County, VA | *Will attend:* University of Pennsylvania

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** George Mason University, 2017, physics and English

Robotics teacher and curriculum developer, afterschool STEM; substitute teacher, K–12; tutor, math, physics; undergraduate researcher, active galactic nuclei; mentor, middle and high school; recording artist; musician.

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Joshua Kugel | New Sewickley, PA | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** The Pennsylvania State University, 2019, biomedical and mechanical engineering

Undergraduate research assistant, artificial heart and cardiovascular fluid dynamics lab, acute ischemic stroke, bioprosthetic heart valves; design project participant, global security and aerospace company; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; Dean's list; Eagle Scout; member, university track and field club; local organization and community volunteer.

Rodney Landis | Philadelphia, PA | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of the Arts, 1995, dance and theater
- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Temple University, 2021, biology
- **Graduate institution, year, degree:** Kaplan University, 2012, secondary education

Dance teacher; apprentice, bench fabrication and jewelry-making; volunteer, local dance companies; founding member, Koresh Dance Company in Philadelphia; dance mentor, multiple dance companies and programs; black belt, Aikido.

Emily Ledesma | Catasauqua, PA | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Muhlenberg College, 2020, mathematics

Tutor, virtual learning, college mathematics; resident teaching assistant, summer program; teaching assistant, business communications; camp counselor; participant, study abroad program in France; member, university marching band, university women's ultimate frisbee.

Samira Mack | Baltimore, MD | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Morgan State University, 2020, biology

Teaching assistant, animal physiology; independent student researcher, genetics and health disparities; supplemental learning instructor, general chemistry; certified nursing assistant; intern, university hospital; member, national leadership society, future educators society, biology club, health organization; community volunteer.

Kristal Marcano | Worcester, MA | *Will attend:* University of Pennsylvania

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Bryn Mawr College, 2021, mathematics

Program specialist, STEM program for young girls; recipient, multiple scholarships; STEM mentor, 4th and 12th grade BIPOC students; staff, afterschool data analytics program focusing on social issues in students' communities; teaching assistant, math.

Ivan Matos | Fayetteville, NC | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** North Carolina State University, 2021, mathematics

Teaching assistant and grader, undergraduate ordinary differential equations; tutor, precalculus to multivariable calculus; undergraduate researcher, numerical ranges; member, Association for Women in Mathematics; teaching assistant and counselor, summer educational program for high-achieving high school students; community volunteer.

Lindsey McDivitt | Johnsonburg, PA | *Will attend:* Duquesne University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, 2019, biochemistry

Undergraduate researcher, Fourier Transform Microwave Spectroscopy; supplemental instructor and peer tutor, introduction to statistics; president, university chemical society; lead, chemistry outreach programs; recipient, multiple leadership scholarships; resident assistant; summer camp volunteer; library summer reading leader; baton twirler and choreographer.

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Joseph McGinnis | West Chester, PA | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** West Chester University, 2018, chemistry
Tutor, chemistry, mathematics; undergraduate researcher, chemistry; member, national chemistry honor society; quality control scientist, global biotechnology company; analytical chemistry intern, Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology Research Lab; member, chemistry club; athlete, university swim club team.

George Migias | Exton, PA | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wheeling Jesuit University, 1988, biology
Pharmaceutical, biotech, immunoscience and neuroscience sales and marketing commercial leader, multinational pharmaceutical corporations; instructor, sales training and management development; instructor, English language institute; instructor, biology, chemistry, and physics; board member, non-profit humanitarian organization; volunteer, local church.

Despina Nakos | Upper Darby, PA | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of the Sciences, 2020, physics
Undergraduate researcher, physics education; intern, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; minorities in STEM outreach leader, physics student society; counselor, summer physics club for middle school girls; recipient, multiple scholarships; member, Pontian Greek American society; dancer.

Charlie Neibel | Philadelphia, PA | *Will attend:* University of Pennsylvania

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Pomona College, 2015, studio arts
Preschool teacher, mathematical thinking and creative arts; digital literacy instructor, Supportive Older Women's Network (SOWN); volunteer, local church; recipient, Pacific Basin Institute documentary film scholarship; friend to insects and animals; lover of the outdoors.

Jenna Nold | Natrona Heights, PA | *Will attend:* Duquesne University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Franklin & Marshall College, 2021, biology, classics
Student teacher, elementary science; tutor, ancient Greek; volunteer tutor, elementary math, reading; first year mentor, university; intern, university swine health research; veterinary assistant, local animal hospital; group leader, planning team member, religious leadership training conference; captain, ultimate frisbee team.

Michael O'Brien | Cooper City, FL | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Miami, 2011, history, psychology, biology minor
- **Graduate institution, year, degree:** Florida International University, 2014, history
Teaching assistant, history; tutor, mathematics, science, reading; graduate researcher, history; grader, university history department; substitute teacher, middle school; volunteer, summer camp for neurodivergent children; recipient, multiple scholarships.

Nikita Patel | Yorktown Heights, NY | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Dominican College of Blauvelt, 2021, biology
Tutor, biology, chemistry, math; member, national biology honor society; secretary, microbiology honor society; culture and religion mentor, local Hindu temple; co-author, complete genome sequences of two mycobacterium smegmatis bacteriophages; hospital volunteer.

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Rachel Radke | Pittsburgh, PA | *Will attend:* Duquesne University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Southern New Hampshire University, 2020, mathematics

Substitute teacher, elementary school; tutor, secondary math; volunteer, harm reduction and vacant land reclamation non-profits; freelance writer; awardee, university president's list.

Roman Savedra | San Diego, CA | *Will attend:* University of Pennsylvania

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** California State University - Long Beach, 2021, physics
- Tutor, math and other subjects; mentor, military style learning academy; president, physics student society.

Daniel Shahar | Philadelphia, PA | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Temple University, 2018, biology
- Conservation intern, national fish and wildlife management agency and environmental non-profit; peer advisor, university center for academic advising and professional development; undergraduate research assistant, insulin resistance in drosophila metabolic pathways; emergency medical technician; English language tutor and volunteer; after school program in Akko, Israel.

Olivia Sipler | Weatherly, PA | *Will attend:* University of Pennsylvania

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Pennsylvania State University, 2019, human development and family studies
- Scholar, association supporting low-income youth's pursuit of higher education; research assistant, university basic and applied social psychology lab; peer assistant, university mentoring program for first-year students; teaching assistant, local preschool; volunteer, program fighting homelessness and food insecurity.

Eden Thomas | Chadds Ford, PA | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Southeastern Philippines, 1999, biology
- Instructor, after-school science club; one-on-one support provider, children with Autism; assistant teacher, science; substitute teacher, STEM; tutor, English as a second language; volunteer community research and development worker; laboratory assistant, U.S. Department of Agriculture; scholarship recipient.

Samantha Van Note | Albuquerque, NM | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** New Mexico State University, 2020, biology
- Teaching internship, elementary music; state finalist, Educators Rising competition; undergraduate field research, Rhopalocera; ministry leader, New Mexico-based Christmas gift organization; multiple scholarship recipient; community volunteer.

Michael Veltre | Gibsonia, PA | *Will attend:* Duquesne University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Duquesne University, 2021, physics
- Tutor, conceptual and applied physics; teaching assistant, physics; lab teaching assistant, conceptual physics; undergraduate researcher, physics; undergraduate laboratory intern, Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility; summer STEM intern, Citizen Science Lab; member, multiple academic honor societies.

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Daniel Walton | The Woodlands, TX | *Will attend:* Duquesne University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** West Virginia University, 2014, forestry

Lab instructor, dendrology; tutor, mathematics; undergraduate researcher, National Science Foundation, plant physiology; entomology intern, U.S. Forest Service Pathways Program; conservation manager, Memorial Park Conservancy; wetland program assistant, Texas A&M; sponsor, mentor, advisor, Eagle Scout; violinist.

Hannah Wilkins | Skiatook, OK | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Grinnell College, 2021, biological chemistry and Spanish

Laboratory teaching assistant, organic chemistry; curricular assistant, Spanish; undergraduate researcher, semi-synthesis of terpene natural product derivatives; recipient, national match scholarship; volunteer and discipleship leader, local church.

Kaylen Woods | Hermitage, PA | *Will attend:* Duquesne University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Pennsylvania State University, 2021, meteorology and atmospheric science

Undergraduate researcher, Martian atmosphere; learning assistant, physics; grader, math, electrical engineering; recipient, university honors; president, physics student society; relations director, student organization battling childhood cancer; member, astronomy club, meteorology society and weather association; volunteer, university science program; participant, virtual science fair.

Ashley Young | Philadelphia, PA | *Will attend:* West Chester University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Lincoln University, 2010, biology

Teacher, elementary school; tutor, math and English as a second language; volunteer, afterschool extracurriculars; coach, Science Olympiad.