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White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation

The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation Awards 2019 Glasrud Fellowships

WHITE BEAR LAKE, Minnesota (February 27, 2019) In 2004, Ted Glasrud, a 1933 graduate of White Bear High School, and his family made a generous contribution to the Foundation by establishing the Ted Glasrud Family Endowment. Mr. Glasrud was instrumental in helping to organize and create School District 624 and acted as the first School District 624 School Board Attorney. Ted Glasrud and his wife, Lorraine Glasrud, along with their children Sharon Glasrud, Theodore G. Glasrud, and Debra Lentsch, asked that the Glasrud Family Gift be used to create annual Glasrud Family "Fellowships" for teachers within School District 624. Grants are awarded to teachers for personal professional growth with the hope that these awards will allow teachers to pursue professional development which would otherwise not be possible.

This year's recipients are listed here below with a total of \$24,984.10 awarded.

Laura Krueger (Normandy Park) a pediatric physical therapist, will be traveling to New Zealand to continue her studies with Gill Connell, a globally recognized presenter and child development authority, specializing in the foundations of learning through movement and play.

Lai Lau (Vadnais Heights Elementary) will be participating in a volunteer trip to China, organized by an American organization called "Bring Me Hope." The trip will include two, one-week summer camps, to deliver hope and encouragement to orphans and at-risk children in China.

Brenda Shea and Beth Englund (Oneka Elementary) will be traveling to Boston, MA for a Road Scholar trip to enhance their understanding of how American Independence was born.

Melissa Wickert (North Campus) will be traveling to Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic to gain a better understanding of the transition from WWII to the Cold War and how this changed American History.

Dana Eckton (Sunrise Middle School) will attend the "Science in the Rockies with Steve Spangler" conference.

Josh Lane (South Campus) will be traveling to southern South Africa (Cape Town, The Wild Coast, Port Elizabeth and the Garden Route), enhancing his firsthand knowledge of South Africa, in relations to works by Zakes Mda, J.M. Coetzee, Nelson Mandela and Kopano Matlwa.

Alex Carlson (South Campus) will be traveling to Rome, Florence, Tuscany, Cinque Terre, and Venice, enhancing his teaching of world history and government to his students.

Jennifer Latuff (South Campus) will attend the "Discover Leadership Master Graduate Leadership Program."

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Ann St. Martin (Vadnais Heights Elementary and Hugo) will attend the Project Based Learning World 2019 Conference.

Jen LaFrinier (Lakeaires Elementary) will attend a conference focused on additional training at the intermediate level to gain the knowledge and strategies to offer a strong literacy program for struggling readers in 4th and 5th grade, including those with dyslexia.

Deb Thibault and Elizabeth Ulmer (Oneka and Hugo) will be traveling to Finland with Bookbag Tours, LLC - Connecting Teachers Around the World, studying Finland's educational system.

Alleks Kombaum (Lincoln Elementary) will be traveling to Atlanta, GA to attend "The Ron Clark Academy," focusing on: student engagement, academic rigor, and a climate and culture that leads to success for all.

About the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation:

The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation (WBLAEF) supports public education with the help of local businesses, alumni, and community members. The Foundation administers teaching grants, scholarships, fellowships for teachers, an Angel Fund for families with special economic needs. For more information about the WBLAEF please visit www.wblaef.org

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