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White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation

**The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation
Awards 2023 Glasrud Family Fellowships**

WHITE BEAR LAKE, Minnesota (March 8, 2023) – The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation (WBLAEF) recently awarded six Glasrud Family Fellowships to teachers in the White Bear Lake Area School District. Fellowships 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.

Maggie Skatrud (North Star Elementary - Speech-Language Pathologist K-5) - *Speech Pathology Study Abroad: Working with Bilingual Students* Maggie will travel to the Dominican Republic to listen to hands-on presentations, visit historical and cultural sites, and interact with people and local languages. The focus of the program is to “enhance the ability to serve children from any culture and language background.”

Traci Indlecoffer (Lincoln Elementary - First grade) - *Teacher Shadowing Experience in Finland* Traci will travel to Helsinki, Finland to participate in a teacher shadowing experience through Visit Edufinn. She will be observing and interacting with Finnish teachers and students in primary schools. She will also meet with a pedagogical expert. Finnish pedagogy exemplifies teaching to the whole child's well being.

Todd Weinhold (Sunrise Park Middle School Orchestra 6-8) - *Guest Directing the Association for Music in International School's High School Honor Orchestra at the American School of Madrid.* Todd has been selected to guest direct the orchestra at this event. The orchestra is composed of students across Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

Amber Rustand, Calli Moreau (Central Middle School) - *BARR National Conference” (Building Assets, Reducing Risks)* Amber Rustand and Calli Moreau will attend the BARR National Conference in Palm Springs, CA. This will provide a team approach to learn strategies and resources to find solutions for students who are struggling.

Jenna Vollmer (Normandy Park Education Center - Early Childhood Special Education) - *Nature Pedagogy and Outdoor Education* Jenna will travel to Perth and Kinross, Scotland to work with Claire Warden (educational consultant) who developed the approach of nature pedagogy which believes that children learn best through outdoor preschools as they are able to learn from their own learning experiences.

Denise Callen (Sunrise Park and Central Middle Schools - Spanish 8th grade) - *Villahermosa, Mexico* Denise will travel to Villahermosa, Mexico, where she will teach martial arts in Spanish.

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, and the Angel Fund for families with special economic needs. For more information about the WBLAEF please visit www.wblaef.org

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