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White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation

**The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation  
Awards 2024 Glasrud Family Fellowships**

**WHITE BEAR LAKE, Minnesota (February 15, 2024)** – The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation (WBLAEF) recently awarded seven 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.

**John Nachtsheim, Hannah Hensley and Cassidy Wegwerth (North Campus Social worker, 9th and 10th grade Geography and Ethnic Studies and US History.)** The group will attend the BARR (Building Assets, Reducing Risks) conference in Palm Springs, CA, which provides new and innovative approaches to student success both academically and emotionally.

**Jill Bristow, Karen Schmitz, Calli Moreau (Central Middle School - Counseling).** The group will attend the ASCA (American School Association) National Conferences in Kansas City, Missouri. This conference is a premier event for in-depth school counseling related educational sessions.

**Shannon Walsh, Karolyn Erickson (Otter Lake Elementary - Speech and Language Pathologists K-5)** This is a self paced on-line course that will allow Shannon and Karolyn to become qualified in providing assessment, interventions and coaching for staff and families on how best to support students who communicated with delayed echolalia, scripting, autism spectrum disorder, and AAC devices.

**Amy Van Akkeren (North Star Elementary - Special Education)** Amy will attend the Conscious Discipline Institute, which takes place in Palm Springs, CA.

**Kelly Coorough, Alyssa Larson (Matoska International World IB School - 1st and 2nd grade)** The group will be visiting a school in Seattle to observe the social/learning spaces as well as meeting with school administration and educators. They hope to gain insight on how to implement the new CKLA curriculum in a team teaching, looping, and multi-age setting.

**Briana Santoscoy, Mark Domshot, Hannah Hensley (North and South Campus - grades 10-11)** This team along with Alex Doucette, Taelynn Gittens and Russ Reetz will be attending the Ethnic Studies Pathway XITO Conference in Seattle, Washington. The team will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in research based best practices for culturally, socially and historically responsive/sustainable/empowering pedagogical approaches that are highly effective especially with traditionally marginalized and underserved student populations.

**Sarah Forestell (White Bear Lake Area High School - North and South Campus - Grades 9-12 Spanish)** Sarah will be attending a unique and personalized five day professional development and teacher workshop that takes place in Bochalema, Colombia which is conducted completely in Spanish.

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