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**28 Camden County, New Jersey Teachers  
Awarded Fellowships by The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation**

(MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY) The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation has announced the recipients of the 2007 Dodge Foundation Teacher Fellowships. This year, the second year focusing on Camden County schools, the Foundation has made grants to 28 Camden County teachers. The teachers received more than \$130,000 to fund 21 projects.

The Dodge Foundation believes that beyond having skills and dedication, the very best teachers are interested and interesting people. In addition to professional development, teachers also need opportunities for intellectual, physical, emotional, and spiritual renewal in order to remain vibrant, curious, and inspired. The Dodge Foundation Teacher Fellowships provide such opportunities to support teachers and their continued service to children and their learning. David Grant, President and CEO of the Foundation comments, "We are thrilled to be supporting such inspiring Camden County public school teachers. The proposed projects by this year's cohort are very unique in that all of their fellowships take place internationally. We can only imagine what impact their adventures in international learning will have on them personally and ultimately on the children they serve as they bring back the world to their classrooms."

This round of grants is the final year of the Foundation's two year commitment to Camden County school teachers. Information and applications for the 2008 Dodge Foundation Teacher Fellowships will be available online at [www.grdodge.org](http://www.grdodge.org) beginning October 2007. Please contact Shannon Joerchel at 973-540-8442 x106 or [sjoerchel@grdodge.org](mailto:sjoerchel@grdodge.org) for more information about future Dodge Foundation Teacher Fellowship programs.

Please find below the list of teachers and funded projects.

About The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation

Established in 1974, the mission of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation is “to support and encourage those educational, cultural, social, and environmental values that contribute to making society more humane and our world more livable.” The Trustees have focused grantmaking in the areas of the Arts, Education, and the Environment, with initiatives that support Local Projects in Morris County and the Welfare of Animals. Programs in education directly impact children, teachers, parents, and schools in New Jersey, or support programs and projects that hold promise to impact New Jersey students in the future. For more information about the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, including how to apply for grants, visit [www.grdodge.org](http://www.grdodge.org) or call 973-540-8442.

**The following teams of educators were awarded  
2007 Dodge Foundation Teacher Fellowship grants:**

**Team: Mrs. Bonnie Durante and Mrs. Marilyn Larke  
Camden County Technical School, Pennsauken**

Will travel to Cape Town to help organize a leadership connection between the students at Camden County Technical School and students at a school in South Africa.

**Team: Ms. Mimma-Marie Cammarata, Ms. Michelle Llewellyn and Ms. Mary Anne Morgan  
Sterling H.S., Somerdale**

Will travel to Italy and France to define the connections between Italian mosaics, French Impressionism, and contemporary digital arts technology.

**Team: Ms. Heather Palmer and Mr. Douglas Wood  
Camden County Technical Schools - Pennsauken Campus, Pennsauken**

Will explore Galileo's writings in Florence, Italy, where he was persecuted for his writings.

**Team: Ms. Carrie Buscher and Mrs. Joyce Humpert-Nece  
Clara Barton E.S., Cherry Hill**

Will participate in a community-based environmental home-stay in Kenya through the Green Belt Movement (GBM), created by 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Wangari Maathai.

**Team: Mrs. Roberta Monzo, Signal Hill School, Voorhees  
and Ms. Melissa Monzo, Parkview Elementary School, Stratford**

Will travel the “Fairy Tale Road” to visit the sites that inspired many of the famous Grimm tales. Will also cruise the Rhine River to tour several castles and stop at Bergen-Belsen where Anne Frank perished.

**Team: Mrs. Nancy Lafontaine and Mr. Walter Lafontaine  
Cold Springs E.S., Gloucester City**

Will travel to the UK, to explore how technology is integrated into the classroom culture of British primary schools.

**The following individual educators were awarded  
2007 Dodge Foundation Teacher Fellowship grants:**

**Mr. Patricio Acevedo**  
**Creative Arts H.S., Camden**

Will explore, observe, and study the musical/percussion traditions of two community-based organizations in Brazil: a) Mangueira Samba School in Rio de Janeiro and b) Ille Aiye of Salvador, Bahia.

**Ms. Amanda Cherico**  
**LEAP Academy University Charter School, Camden**

Will travel to Ecuador to better understand the culture and to study the Galapagos Islands, Amazon Rainforest and Andes Mountains.

**Ms. Susan Diprinzio**  
**Bell Oaks Upper E.S., Bellmawr**

Will explore the past and present cultures of Mexico.

**Mr. Robert Fest**  
**Winslow Township H.S., Atco**

Will travel to Tanzania, East Africa, summit Mount Kilimanjaro, and go on a photo safari in the Ngorongoro Crater and Lake Manyara National Parks.

**Mr. Guy Groff**  
**M E Costello M.S., Gloucester City**

Will visit a small, rural school in Sweden to experience the Swedish educational system first-hand.

**Mr. Christopher Gwin**  
**Haddonfield Memorial H.S., Haddonfield**

Will explore the culture, geography, people, literature and history of Jordan and Egypt.

**Mr. Arthur Johnston**  
**Joyce Kilmer E.S., Cherry Hill**

Will take a two week specialized mosaic class in Venice, Italy.

**Ms. Katherine Kaplan**  
**Carusi M.S., Cherry Hill**

Will explore the journey on the path of the Silk Road.

**Mr. Matthew Kish**  
**Elizabeth Haddon E.S., Haddonfield**

Will travel to Namibia to study its geological heritage.

**Mr. Brian Lewis**  
**Haddon Township H.S., Westmont**

Will experience the vibrant diversity of several French-speaking African countries.

**Ms. Amanda Mayfield**  
**Strawbridge E.S., Westmont**

Will travel to Montfort, Belgium where her fourth graders have penpals.

**Mr. Eric Miller**  
**Audubon Jr. Sr. H.S., Audubon**

Will trace the history of forensic science and its significant figures throughout Europe.

**Ms. Polly Murray**

**J.F. Tatem E.S., Haddonfield**

Will travel to Kecskemet, Hungary to participate in a music education symposium at the Kodaly Institute for the 125th anniversary of Zoltan Kodaly's birth.

**Ms. Gretchen Seibert**

**Rosa International M.S., Cherry Hill**

Will travel to Uganda or South Africa to deliver a community service project and complete on-site research for a young adult novel.

**Mrs. Joelle Wagner-Lynch**

**Creative Arts H.S., Camden**

Will travel to Vancouver Island, British Columbia to observe whales and other marine life.

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