

American Fidelity Names 2024 Teacher Fellowship Recipients

Fifteen Oklahoma STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) teachers earn opportunity to gain real world experience

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, UNITED STATES, May 16, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- American Fidelity (AF) selected 15 Oklahoma STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) teachers to participate in the summer [AF Teacher Fellowship](#). During the fellowship, the teachers work with the AF IT team to gain skills to take back to their students to help them pursue STEM careers in the future while earning a corporate salary for the summer and a \$2,000 stipend for their classroom.



American Fidelity Teacher Fellowship Participants

“We started this program seven years ago and weren’t quite sure what to expect,” said Diana Bittle, assistant chief operating officer at American Fidelity.

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The teachers receive hands-on experience with various IT department Colleagues to understand their duties and workforce needs. Combined with developing their professional networks, the STEM Fellows create a personalized learning pathway to connect learning

resources to classroom application.

The 2024 AF Teacher Fellows are:

- Abera Alexander, Chickasha Public Schools
- Vanessa Baca, Mustang Public Schools
- Cecilia Baldwin, Edmond Public Schools
- Janet Cornsilk, Choctaw Public Schools
- Macy Dodson, Mannford Public Schools
- Travis Ewton, Putnam City Public Schools
- Kyla Flinn, Snyder Public Schools
- Stephanie Grabau, Choctaw Public Schools
- Leigh Harrison, Bennington Public Schools
- Abraham Kamara, Tulsa Public Schools
- Raegan Martin-Teakell, Cameron University and Lawton Public Schools
- Mandy McCleod, Broken Arrow Public Schools
- Bailey Niles, El Reno Public Schools
- Bree'Andra Putnam, Wetumka Public Schools
- Clarence Strong, Western Heights Public Schools

"I've learned a lot about IT jobs, a lot of skills that are needed to be implemented in the classroom in order for the students to have success whenever they get out into the workforce," Clinton Public Schools teacher and 2023 fellow Jessica Cox said. "There are so many different jobs that I just want to push my students so that they can have the skills that they need for any of those jobs and be successful."

[Learn more about the AF Teacher Fellowship.](#)

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