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Five New Jersey Science Teachers Named Bayer-NSTA Fellows in Prestigious NSTA New Science Teacher Academy

ARLINGTON, Va.—September 19, 2016—The [National Science Teachers Association](#) (NSTA), in partnership with the [Bayer USA Foundation](#), announced the selection of five New Jersey science teachers as Bayer-NSTA Fellows for this year's [NSTA New Science Teacher Academy](#). The Fellows (listed below) will participate in a host of science-related activities and professional development opportunities.

Bayer-NSTA Fellows

- Lisa Dreher, Freehold Township High School, Freehold, New Jersey
- Kristin Frangione, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, Paterson, New Jersey
- Jessica Hinds, Paterson Academy for the Gifted and Talented, Paterson, New Jersey
- Jen Lee, Woodbury Junior-Senior High School Woodbury, New Jersey
- Michelle Sanders, Frelinghuysen Middle School, Morristown, New Jersey

“We take tremendous pride in this year’s cohort of Fellows,” said Dr. David Evans, NSTA Executive Director. “They are motivated, they are passionate about science, and they are deeply committed to developing their skills as teachers so that they can, not only bolster student achievement, but also better inspire passion for science in their students.”

“For more than 20 years, Bayer has been investing in quality science education and teacher professional development through our company-wide *Making Science Make Sense*® initiative,” said Sarah Toulouse, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, Bayer Corporation, and Executive Director, Bayer USA Foundation. “We believe that by supporting teachers, we are helping to ensure today’s students are fully prepared to participate in the innovation economy, and it’s why we value the National Science Teachers Association and its New Science Teacher Academy.”

This year, [Lockheed Martin](#) and the [Bayer USA Foundation](#) are supporting the 35 new science teachers selected as Fellows in the program. Lockheed Martin is funding the participation of 30 science teachers as Lockheed Martin-NSTA Fellows, while the Bayer USA Foundation is sponsoring Bayer-NSTA Fellowships for five New Jersey-based science teachers.

The Bayer-NSTA Fellows were selected on the basis of criteria, including showing evidence of a solid science background and displaying a strong interest in growing as a professional science educator. During their fellowship, recipients will receive:

- A discipline-specific mentor;
- Access to a facilitated web-based curriculum devoted to content and classroom pedagogy;
- An opportunity to participate in a variety of web-based professional learning activities, including a specially designated online learning community;

- Financial support to attend the [NSTA 2016 National Conference on Science Education in Los Angeles](#); and
- A comprehensive NSTA membership package.

About the New Science Teachers Academy

Launched during the spring of 2007, the NSTA New Science Teacher Academy was designed to help promote quality science teaching, enhance teacher confidence and classroom excellence, and improve teacher content knowledge. Since its inception, the Academy has provided high-quality professional learning opportunities to 1,300 science teachers nationwide.

For a list of the 2016-2017 Fellows or to learn more about the NSTA New Science Teacher Academy, visit www.nsta.org/academy.

About the National Science Teachers Association

The Arlington, Virginia-based [National Science Teachers Association](#) is the largest professional organization in the world promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning, preschool through college. NSTA's membership includes approximately 55,000 science teachers, science supervisors, administrators, scientists, business representatives, and others involved in science education.

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