Testimonies

Noyce Scholars

Amber Lim
Chemistry

“This is an incredible honor to have received the Noyce Teacher Scholarship for Physics and Chemistry. My family has always struggled financially and I am the first in my family to attend college. This scholarship will be a huge help. Thank you for this opportunity to continue my education.”

Jasmine Lee
Biology/Chemistry

“This was the first time during my teaching training that I was put in the seat of one of my pupils, experiencing the struggles that they may face during inquiry-based education. This grant helped me to empathize with my students and to encourage them during the process of learning in a meaningful and personal way.”

The WRNC helped me connect with other teachers from around the country. My list of resources grew as well as my available opportunities.

-Kameron McCall

I was really impressed with the high energy that was found in a lot of the sessions. High energy in the classroom is what we need to get students fired up for learning. These sessions definitely got me fired up for teaching. Very rejuvenating, and I can’t wait to put it into practice.

-Caitlin Luper

I am really grateful for my experience at this year’s WRNC. It was my first time going to a national conference. I got to hear from quite the amazing array of speakers and enjoyed connecting with others from other states. Thank you for organizing this event!

-Tri Dang

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Noyce Graduates

Alumni Tri Duong Math/Physics
Physics Teacher: Cy-Fair ISD
Spring 2017 Graduate

“PhysTEC has definitely turned my college career around. I decided to major in secondary physics and minor in physics. Through these programs, I had many opportunities to present and learn valuable information in the Western Regional Noyce Conference 2017 and to connect with other students. I now have the opportunity to do research at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory to Stanford University through the STAP program at Cal-Poly and be involved in different activities, through the Noyce program, that I would not be able to do otherwise. Thank you for sharing this with my future minority physics students to open new opportunities and providing a STAP grant can be.”

Alumni Joshua Kehr

Physics Teacher: Spring Branch ISD
Spring 2017 Graduate

“Physics is the study of what makes the physical universe tick. I hope to share my love of the subject of physics with my students in a way that is both interesting and memorable which will benefit my future students. As a physics student this experience has been one of the greatest gifts of a STAP degree. The world literally becomes an opportunity for you.”

Alumni Jessica Itzep

Biochemistry/Biophysics
Spring 2017 Graduate

“My love and journey towards a science degree was spurred by my middle school science teacher without whom I never could have envisioned such a path. I have discovered or followed my passion for biology. I am very grateful to have received the Noyce Scholarship and now come to all of the wonderful professional experiences and opportunities which I could not have experienced without being a Noyce Scholar. With their support and encouragement, I know that I can transform the lives of my students and the way I wish to transmit my passion for science and education to my students is only limited by my imagination as they continue to learn about a world full of opportunities.”

Alumni Geoffrey Hart

“Math is the tool of all science, and physics is the most direct science that puts the other sciences to work. I have loved teaching for my 8 years at Brookhaven National Laboratory. I wish I could have had my own teacher like you.”

PI — Dr. Donna Stokes, Physics
Co-PI — Dr. Paige Evans, Mathematics and teachHOUSTON

PI — Simon Bott, Mathematics Undergraduate

Evaluator — Cheryl Craig, Texas A&M University

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