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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan University alumna Kathryn (Katy) Seibring '14 of Towanda is among the first 50 Woodrow Wilson New Jersey Teaching Fellows, announced this week by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

The highly competitive program recruits both recent graduates and career changers with strong backgrounds in science, technology, engineering and math — the STEM fields — and prepares them specifically to teach in high-need secondary schools.

Seibring and the other Fellows each receive \$30,000 to complete a specially designed master's program based on a yearlong classroom experience. Seibring will attend The College of New Jersey in Ewing Township. In return, Fellows commit to teach for three years in urban and rural New Jersey schools most in need of STEM teachers.



Kathryn (Katy) Seibring

In addition to Seibring, other individuals selected in the first class of Fellows include a Ph.D. cancer researcher who has taught at Princeton University, a former senior scientist from the pharmaceutical industry and a geologist and veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

A 2014 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan with a degree in mathematics, Seibring is the daughter of Scott and Stacy Seibring, both of whom are Illinois Wesleyan graduates. Katy Seibring served as captain and earned three career letters as a member of the varsity women's basketball team. This year she was inducted into the "Order of the Titans" honorary for student-athlete members of the senior graduating class. These students are selected on the basis of academic accomplishments, athletic contributions, and general citizenship.

Seibring's other activities include volunteering as an after-school tutor and mentor for elementary students, tutoring a Spanish-speaking high school student and serving as a girls' basketball coach at the elementary level.

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation of Princeton, New Jersey identifies and develops leaders to meet the nation's most critical challenges. In 1945, the Foundation was created to meet the challenge of preparing a new generation of college professors. Today Woodrow Wilson offers a suite of fellowships to address national needs, including the education of teachers and school leaders.

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