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2021–22 ABE Master Teacher Fellows



Aynur Bulut, representing ABE Turkey, has been working as a biology teacher for 13 years. ABE has been beneficial to both herself and her students, preparing them global world and to be successful participants in the 21st century.



Jo Anne Donaldson, representing ABE Australia, has been a science educator for 10 years and is currently working at John Therry Catholic College in Campbelltown, New South Wales, Australia. She has a passion for education that engages students and encourages them to reach their fullest potential.



Laurie Jackson-Grusby, representing ABE Massachusetts, is in her fifth year of teaching biotechnology at Brockton High School (BHS) since changing careers from academic biomedical research. She serves as the academic lead for the MLSC-sponsored Apprenticeship Program and the DESE-sponsored Innovation Pathway in Healthcare at BHS.



Tina Linaris, representing ABE Australia, is a passionate educator of students in the Australian public school system who believes in consistently developing capacity so she can provide students with real-world experiences. She is a dedicated science teacher who is keen to share her knowledge and passion of microbiology with her peers and students.



Rosalyn Parson, representing ABE Washington DC Metro Area, serves as an 11th-year STEM and Exceptional Learners educator. In addition to teaching high school science and special education courses, she also develops and facilitates professional development sessions for other STEM teachers of all grade levels.



Sherry Richardson, representing ABE Washington DC Metro Area, is a STEM master educator with a background in biotechnology and academic research. Her STEM experiences inspire her to explore every opportunity to provide her students access to biotechnology education.

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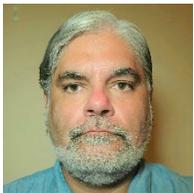
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Salvatore Stira, representing ABE Italy, has been teaching biology, geology, and chemistry in a scientific high school in Palermo (Sicily district, Italy) since 2001. He is also the local head of the Natural Sciences Olympics.



Alisha Thompson, representing ABE Australia, is a senior biology teacher. A biochemist at heart, she loves everything about teaching biology, particularly the “icky” stuff. Teaching STEM has been her latest challenge, allowing her to bring diverse research opportunities into the classroom beyond the curriculum.



Gian Toyos, representing ABE Puerto Rico, has a bachelor’s degree in Biology and a master’s degree in Natural Resources Management. After working for 15 years as a wildlife biologist with marine mammals, Gian has spent the last 20 years teaching high school–level courses in the field of life sciences.



Paola Travascio, representing ABE Italy, is a general chemistry teacher at the Pitagora High School in Pozzuoli (Naples, Italy). She holds a doctorate in Biochemistry (SFU, Canada). After some post-doc positions in different Italian institutions, she turned toward teaching science, and in particular chemistry. Her passion for science and its application in supporting human health led her to the ABE program.



Anna-Maree Wells, representing ABE Australia, has worked as a science and agriculture teacher at Mount View High School, a comprehensive public school located in the Hunter Valley region of New South Wales, since 2012. Additionally, she contributes to whole-school initiatives as the academic enrichment coordinator and is an active member of the Aboriginal Education Team.



Wendy Wooten, representing ABE Greater Los Angeles area, is a science (biology, chemistry, and physics) and CTE (biotechnology and engineering) teacher with over 40 years of teaching experience. She is passionate about providing current, authentic experiences for students to help them become the future leaders in STEM.