**Fall 2015 Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) Program**

The Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA), a program of the [Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](http://exchanges.state.gov) of the U.S. Department of State, provides secondary-school teachers from Europe, Eurasia, South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Western Hemisphere with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States. TEA fellows will travel to the United States to participate in a six-week professional development program at a one of four American universities selected ot host the program. The key program objectives include: 1) Build lasting relationships that promote mutual understanding and collaboration between the United States and international teachers and students through educational and cultural exchanges, 2) provide professional development to enhance teachers’ expertise in their teaching disciplines, and equip them with new and best practices in teaching methodology, curriculum development, and instructional technology and 3) contribute to improving secondary education in participating countries by preparing program participants to serve as teacher leaders, equipped to apply and share experience and skills with their colleagues and students upon returning home.

Montana State University’s Office of International Programs is partnering with the Bozeman Public Schools and MSU’s Department of Education to welcome 19 English, Math, Science, and Social Study teachers to Bozeman on September 18, 2015 for 6 weeks. This is a highly esteemed group of secondary educators from around the world. They will be partnered with Bozeman Public School teachers (Bozeman High School, Chief Joseph Middle School, and Sacajawea Middle School) for a 40 hour field experience, as well as engage in civic and community service projects throughout their program.

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