Time to Inspire Margie’s Educators
2022 Fellowship recipients of up to $12,000
April 2022

Clesha Allen
Booker Elementary School

“Harmony and Tranquility: Connecting with “The Force” – Travel to Japan to explore methods of meditation and mindfulness through traditional yoga, visiting sacred shrines and temples, and communing with nature to build strength, awareness and harmony in the mind, body, and spirit.

Debbie Bell
Booker Elementary School

“Re-pair-ations Road Trip: To Deal and Heal” – A road trip across the United States to visit historic sites related to the Civil Rights movement, including opportunities to reflect and heal through these experiences.

Krista Buffaloe
Southside Elementary School

“To the Amazon and Beyond - A Journey Through Peru” – An adventure through Peru and into the Amazon to discover the natural wonders of the rainforest, with a blend of excitement and relaxation.

Taissa Bushnell
Cranberry Elementary School

“Looking Back in Order to Look Forward” – A reflective hiking trip of self-discovery in New England’s national parks to explore historical ancestral sites.
Alexandra Catena
Riverview High

“Confessions of an Appassionata” – An exploration of her heritage by traveling across Italy to explore their language, culture, and cuisine.

Mark Cristiani
Riverview High School

“Westside Barbell” – A summer dedicated to training under one of the most prestigious weightlifting coaches in the country.

Scarlett Davis
Gocio Elementary School

“Pastel de nata, 40 under 30, and la Familia Hondurena” – A whirlwind adventure to Portugal, Norway, and Italy to explore multiple foreign cultures.

Rebecca Drum
Glenallen Elementary School

“Putting the Wind Back in My Sail” – A sailing trip exploring the Greek Isles and its historical offerings.

Wendy Dunn
Suncoast Polytechnical High School

“Surfing Waves vs. Surfing the Net: Unplug and Recharge in Hawaii to Sustain Self and Nurture Students” – Deepening connections to the ocean by learning to surf and kiteboard on the big waves of Hawaii.
Christina Eicher  
Southside Elementary School  

“Emerald Isle – Adventures in History, Ancestry, and Culture!” – Following a rainbow by traveling to the green shores of Ireland to escape to natural wonder, medieval history, adventure, and hopefully a pot of gold.

Tarin Foster  
Venice High School  

“A Hop, Skip & Jump Across the Pond: European Author Exploration” – An exploration with stays in Germany, France, and England that include a variety of sight-seeing and research experiences to further understand literature.

Gregory Flick Jr.  
Heron Creek Middle School  

“Journey through the Ancient World: Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, and Spain” – A magnificent journey through Europe to explore the history of ancient civilizations.

Alexandra Kellemen  
Alta Vista Elementary School  

“Vitamin SEA – Riding the Waves of Life” – A surfing expedition based in Costa Rica, while exploring the natural wonders the island has to offer.

Jamie Lowicz  
Oak Park School  

“Learning to Live Deliberately through Solitude, Simplicity, and Self Reflection” – Reliving the life of Henry David Thoreau by visiting the lakes of New England to hike, bike, and read.
Brent McClenathen  
McIntosh Middle School

“European Ingenuity – Learning from Engineering and Music Pioneers” – A venture to the historical sites of many Western firsts, including the birthplaces of aviation in France, modern robotics in Germany, and classical music in Austria.

Heather Nelson  
Northport High School

“American Ballet: Inspiring Training, Education & Performance” – An extended trip to New York City to take open ballet classes, attend world-class musicals, and re-inspire a passion for education and performance.

Frank Ourednik  
Riverview High School

“The Vagabond Project” – A road trip across America to explore backroads, small towns, and historic national parks—while stopping to fish along the way.

Jasmine Persaud  
Booker High School

“Soul Connections” (Group Project) – A journey to three African countries that will fulfil a yearning to connect with a continent tied to ancient bloodlines.

Robert Przekwas II  
Suncoast Polytechnical High School

“Out of Africa; Something New” – Fulfilling a photographer’s childhood dream to travel to Botswana for a safari to explore the wildlife and landscape.

Edna Sherrell  
Booker High School

“Soul Connections” (Group Project) – A journey to three African countries that will fulfil a yearning to connect with a continent tied to ancient bloodlines.
Alicia Stein
Bay Haven School of Basics Plus

Kathleen Stein
Booker High School
“Time to Think” – A quest to rekindle creativity through a summer writing retreat in the Florida Keys.

Anita Marie Wexler
Sarasota High School
“A Lifelong Dream” – Fulfilling a lifelong dream by visiting the Galapagos Islands and taking in the beauty of the wildlife and landscape of Ecuador and Peru.

Audrey Wilhelm
Fruitville Elementary School
“Unicorns, Dragons, and Lions, Oh My!” – A special education teacher’s journey from Florida to the British Isles to rediscover the joy of learning.

Freda Williams
Pineview Elementary School
“Muggle Looking to Explore and Reignite in the United Kingdom” – Inspired by a passion for Harry Potter, jumping on a broom to explore the sights of London (and even brew potions).