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Jacksonville Teacher Residency will get under way this summer

Program will place high-achieving STEM graduates in Transformation Region schools

The Jacksonville Teacher Residency Program (JTR) held its Selection Day event on Saturday April 26 on the campus of the University of North Florida.

Selection Day is a full day of activities such as interviews, small group discussion, sample lessons and group projects designed to assist the program staff in selecting the highest quality candidates for residency. Final candidates will be chosen in May.

The Jacksonville Teacher Residency is a collaboration between University of North Florida and Duval County Public Schools, and will place high-achieving college graduates in classrooms across the 36 schools that represent the Duval Transformation Region, where most Quality Education for All Fund resources will be directed.

For more information on the Jacksonville Teacher Residency, go to www.duvalschools.org/jtr.





Quality Education for All Fund investments announced at press conference

At an April 10 gathering at Rutledge Pearson Elementary School, an initial outline of programmatic details were shared with media members

On Thursday, April 10, members of the media gathered for a press conference on the Quality Education for All Fund. An outline of the programmatic investments was shared, and speakers passionately made the case for why these investments will be targeted at 36 of the county's highest-need schools. Speakers included **Wayne Weaver**, Chairman of

the QEA Fund Advisory Board; DCPS Superintendent **Nikolai Vitti**; **Nina Waters**, President of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, School Board Chair **Becki Couch**, School Board Member **Paula Wright**, Rutledge Pearson Elementary School teacher **Frank Graham**, and others.

Speakers and attendees were emotional as they described the commitment to students who most need our city's help in achieving their full potential.

See below for stories about the QEA Fund, or watch a snapshot of the press conference online at <http://ow.ly/x4f93>.

QEA Fund in the news

First Coast News

<http://www.firstcoastnews.com/story/news/education/2014/04/10/new-teacher-incentive-pay-plan-for-urban-schools-duval-county/7563261/>

WJCT 89.9 FM

<http://news.wjct.org/post/agreement-between-duval-schools-teachers-union-clears-path-incentive-pay-program>

<http://news.wjct.org/post/quest-quality-part-i-laying-groundwork>

<http://news.wjct.org/post/quest-quality-part-ii-mending-broken-trust>

<http://news.wjct.org/post/quest-quality-part-iii-sustaining-progress>

News 4 Jax WJXT

<http://www.news4jax.com/news/best-teachers-given-incentives-to-work-in-lowest-performing-schools/25419646>

The Florida Times-Union

<http://members.jacksonville.com/news/metro/2014-04-10/story/60000-lure-and-keep-top-teachers-poor-performing-schools>

TEACHFORAMERICA

QEA investment will fund 200 teachers

Thanks to support from the Quality Education for All Fund, Teach for America in Jacksonville will be directing most of its new corps members into Transformation Region Schools. Teach for America anticipates a 50% retention rate next year for its corps members who are completing their 2-year commitment.



Event recruits high-achieving teachers to Transformation Region schools

On April 25, hundreds of Duval County Public Schools teachers attended an invitation-only recruitment event, where they learned about the new Transformation Region Incentives Program.

On Friday, April 25, Quality Education for All Fund Advisory Board Chairman **Wayne Weaver**, Superintendent **Nikolai Vitti**, School Board members and other district staff were joined by more than 200 teachers in Duval County Public Schools who qualify for performance incentives in the Transformation Region. Weaver spoke to

the group about the integral role teachers play in helping students succeed.

Teachers from throughout the county attended the event at the Museum of Science and History to learn more about the initiative, which will provide up to a \$17,000 bonus to high-performing teachers who transfer to a

Transformation Region school, and will also provide up bonuses of up to \$20,000 per year to retain high-performing teachers already working in the Transformation Region.

Teachers who apply to transfer will go through an interview and classroom observation process.

New cohort selected for School Leadership Fellowship

The newest cohort of Jacksonville School Leadership Fellows will be attending Columbia University Summer Principal's Academy for orientation weekend in May. The three newest Fellows will have an opportunity to meet their future classmates and instructors when they spend the weekend in New York City. This second cohort of Fellows will begin their program at Columbia this summer, while the first cohort will complete their fellowship.

Jovanna Hackman is currently working at Northwestern Middle School as a sixth grade SOS Transition Course teacher. Previously, she was the Lead Teacher in third grade English language arts at Carter G. Woodson Elementary School while a Teach for America Corps Member.

Chelsea S. Matthews is currently the Lead English/Reading teacher and AVID instructor at Northwestern Middle School. She was a Teach for America Corps Member, and was a Teacher of the Year nominee in 2013. She also serves as a City Year mentor and TEAM-UP supervisor with Communities in Schools.

Brian Ellis is currently an Algebra I Team Lead teacher at First Coast High School, where he has also taught Algebra II and Geometry teacher as a Teach for America Corps Member. He led diversity professional development sessions for the Jacksonville corps focused on the importance of high expectations and developing strong relationships with students.

Fundraising update — \$37 million has been raised to date!

On April 16, THE PLAYERS and the PGA Tour sponsored a donor event at TPC Sawgrass for the Quality Education for All Fund. Attendees were able to meet and mingle with the QEA Fund donors, members of the QEA Advisory Group, Superintendent Vitti, Duval County Public Schools administrators, teachers and staff and other stakeholders.

Vincent Hall, principal at Raines High School, was also at the event and spoke passionately about the need for such an initiative to support teachers and leaders in Duval's highest-needs schools.

Following the April 16 event, The Players /PGA Tour agreed to issue a \$1 million match for new gifts raised from donors who attended! To date, the fund has raised **\$37,355,500**.

We are grateful to all of our donors for their generous contribution to the Quality Education for All Fund, and for their continued support of public education in Duval County. We will continue to provide updates and information to our QEA donors via newsletter and personal contact, as well as continued face-to-face engagement, such as the donor breakfast that was held in February.

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