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WHITE-RILEY-PETERSON POLICY FELLOWS**

Fellows studied and developed afterschool and expanded learning policy through the program

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GREENVILLE, S.C.—The Riley Institute at Furman University has graduated its first crop of White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellows. The group of thirteen leaders in the field of afterschool and expanded learning was selected last year as part of a partnership between The Riley Institute at Furman University and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

Since October last year, fellows studied afterschool and expanded learning policy, and developed and implemented state-level policy projects in partnership with their State Afterschool Networks and the National Afterschool Alliance. The 2012-2013 graduating class of White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellows includes:

Paula Adams, Program Manager, Fun 5 Program, Kahoomiki (Honolulu, Hawaii)

Ken Anthony, Director of Professional Development, Connecticut Afterschool Network (Branford, Conn.)

Monica Armendariz, Director of Education/President BeHive USA/ Central Texas Afterschool (Austin, Texas)

Eric Billiet, Expanded Learning Education Specialist, Safe and Healthy Learners Team, Minnesota Department of Education (Roseville, Minn.)

Erin Bofenkamp, Director, South Dakota Afterschool Partnership (Sioux Falls, S.D.)

Blaire Denson, Director, Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time (Richmond, Va.)

Rebecca Kelley, Executive Director of Community Services, YMCA of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Katie Kross, Network Lead, Georgia Afterschool Investment Council (Atlanta, Ga.)

Cherry Penn, Afterschool/21st CCLC Programs Supervisor, Baldwin County Public Schools (Loxley, Ala.)

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Michelle Rich, Senior Program Manager, SPPG State Public Policy Group (Des Moines, Iowa)

Nyeema Watson, Administrative Director, Center for Children and Childhood Studies at Rutgers University, Camden Campus (Camden, N.J.)

Julie Wild-Curry, Program Director, 21st Century Community Learning Center, Community Afterschool Programs (Fairbanks, Alaska)

Nicole Wilkins, Senior Communications and Policy Associate, Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership (Boston, Mass.)

The White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellowship is named for William S. White, president and CEO of the Mott Foundation; Richard W. Riley, former South Carolina Governor and U.S. Secretary of Education under President Clinton; and Dr. Terry Peterson, National Board Chair with the Afterschool Alliance and senior fellow at the College of Charleston.

For more information, visit <http://riley.furman.edu/education> or contact Cathy Stevens at the Riley Institute, 864-294-3265 or cathy.stevens@furman.edu. More details about the 2012-2013 policy projects may be found [here](#).

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