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Welcome to a New Year of City Year Milwaukee's Teaching Fellowship!

Our Fellows have spent the early part of the year building strong relationships, practicing classroom routines, and preparing to enter their schools with clarity, care, and a deep commitment to students. Their growth is fueled by the powerful partnerships they form their partners schools and teachers and we're grateful for the reflection, collaboration, and support they've already provided.

Fellows are now stepping into lead instruction, an exciting milestone that calls for courage, curiosity, and continued reflection. Recent classroom visits have shown just how quickly they're developing their instructional voice—and how essential your mentorship is in that process.

In the weeks ahead, Fellows will continue planning full lessons, gathering feedback, and observing peers and mentor teachers to strengthen their practice.

Fellows continue to build confidence, refine their craft, and grow into the educators our students deserve.



In this newsletter you can expect:

Fellow Milestones

Fellow Learning & Development

Fellow Spotlight

Connor Morris,
Instructional Impact Director



FELLOW MILESTONES

November marks Fellows' first major instructional transition within the gradual release framework. After months of co-teaching and observation, they are now stepping into lead instruction in one or more class periods.

Over the next month, Fellows will work toward the following milestones:

- Begin lead teaching in at least one subject or class period by the end of November
- Continue co-teaching and observing to refine pacing, transitions, and classroom management

Reminder: These milestones come from the Gradual Release Frameworks aimed at helping Fellows build readiness for lead teaching later this year.





FELLOW LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

As Fellows step into lead teaching, November is a month of practice, reflection, and feedback. Joy & Belonging sessions, ASU coursework, and coaching are helping Fellows connect structure, trust, and growth mindset to their daily classroom experiences.

What Fellows Are Focusing on This Month:

- Designing and refining full lesson plans that align standards, objectives, assessments, and differentiation strategies
 - Integrating instructional strategies introduced in Joy & Belonging sessions and ASU coursework while practicing lead teaching
 - Observing other experienced teachers (beyond their mentors) to analyze classroom management, transitions, and culture as models for their own Classroom
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FELLOW SPOTLIGHT

"I have a lesson lined up for early December designed to encourage students to get a better understanding of the Greek Islands geography, as a start to our unit on Ancient Greece.

To do this I give my students an unlabeled map of Ancient Greece with several blank spots for text boxes to be glued in. Students will be given a stack of cards with titles of the oceans, regions, and major city states of Ancient Greece on them. They will also have a page with a very brief corresponding text describing the Subscribe Past Issues Translate place and where it is on the map.

Students will have to use their prior knowledge of cardinal directions and relative positioning in order to figure out where each location belongs on the map. For my students who I know will finish this early, I will have an extra opportunity to write a short passage describing which of the city states they would want to live in and why, based on the information provided in the text."

- Simon Topf
South Division High School

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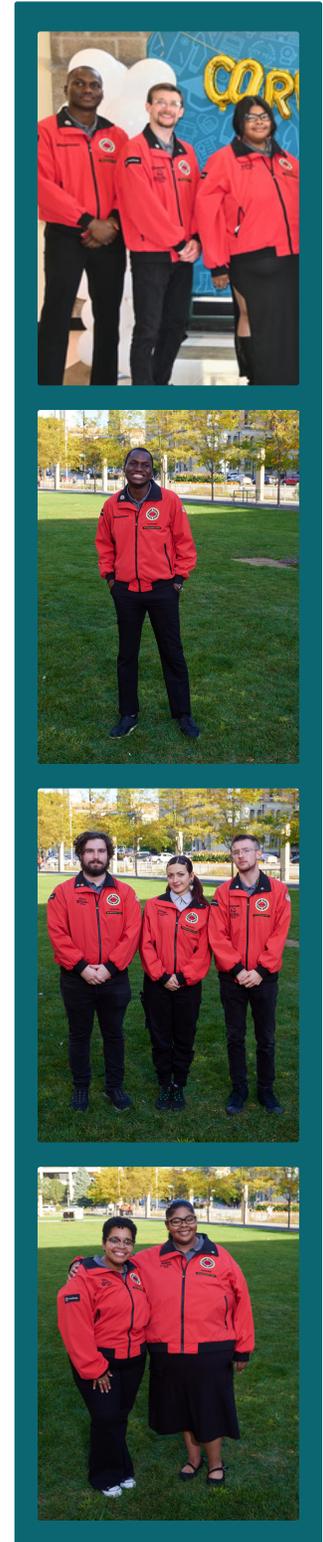
As we continue the third year of City Year Milwaukee's Teaching Fellowship, we're excited to watch our current Fellows deepen their practice and step into the responsibilities of classroom leadership.

The Fellowship is designed to provide emerging educators with hands-on experience, coaching, and structured professional development that prepares them for long-term careers in education.

We look forward to sharing more updates on their growth, milestones, and classroom experiences as the year continues.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Teaching Fellowship and the promising educators shaping their path forward.

More to come soon!



HOW TO APPLY

Interested in serving with City Year Milwaukee? Applications for our next corps are open now at www.cityyear.org.

If you know a young person who may be a great fit, please connect them with our Community Partnerships Manager, Ysel, for more information and support.



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