



Wanted and Needed: A Few Good Leaders!

Galileo 3.0 Fellowship Opportunity

Dear Members of the Galileo Family,

Galileo Academy Teacher Leadership programs have remained active during the current pandemic. Jenifer Michos has done an outstanding job as director, connecting Galileo leaders, past and present, to the continuing work of the Galileo Academy. She has also worked closely with a leadership team to plan and conduct a series of Zoom seminars on current issues facing teachers and getting prepared for those arriving in the near future. Galileo 3.0 Fellows Jarod McGuffey (Fraser) and Katy Gustafson (Farmington) have made great progress in building out Trusted Voices statewide and recruiting a network from the Michigan Legislature and a variety of professional organizations. Recently, they hosted a Zoom conversation with two legislators who, as former educators, are founding members of the new Michigan Education Caucus. Representatives Brad Paquette and Sheryl Kennedy have already provided valuable advice and insights to the Trusted Voices network on how to become involved in education policy development.

In the coming months the education community throughout the state will be faced by an array of challenges, including a process to return to school safely, planning for instruction and learning, supporting student's social-emotional growth, responding to the level of state funding and the difficulty of returning to "normal". We are pleased that many teacher leaders have begun to look beyond the crisis. Yet, at the same time, they wonder if returning to "normal" is what is best and what students in schools throughout the state really need. Rather, is there a "new normal" where we find better ways for educators to meet the needs of all students, effectively use and deploy technology, enhance the image of teachers and collaborate with those stakeholders who will influence the future of schooling in Michigan?

At the end of this school year, Katy Gustafson will have completed her two-year term as a Galileo 3.0 Fellow. Jarod McGuffey will continue to lead important 3.0 initiatives including Trusted Voices. As we move forward and create a "new normal", we are looking for three Galileo alumni (one each from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties) who will empower teacher leadership beyond the building and district level and impact change across the state of Michigan.

Why should you consider the Galileo 3.0 Fellowship?:

- You will have the opportunity to build on your priceless experience in the Galileo Academy and further develop your own leadership.
- You will help support the progress of expanding Trusted Voices into an influential statewide network of teacher leaders.
- You will become a Trusted Voice for the Education Caucus, which will play an important role as we move forward.
- Your work will be supported by Galileo Institute leadership team at Oakland University and become part of Oakland's Galileo Institute Advisory Board.

If this opportunity and these challenges interest you, please explore the Trusted Voices website at www.TrustedVoicesED.com and/or contact us for further information. Please send your current resume and a letter of interest by June 12th to Dr. Suzanne Klein (csklein@oakland.edu), Dr. Bob Maxfield (maxfiel2@oakland.edu), Dr. Elaine Middlekauff (emiddlekauff@oakland.edu) or Jarod McGuffey (jarodmcguffey@gmail.com).

Thanks for all that you are doing to support your students, your colleagues and your school community...and for being the change you want to see in the world.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Klein, Director of the Oakland University Galileo Institute for Teacher Leadership
Jarod McGuffey, Coordinator, Galileo 3.0 Trusted Voices
Bob Maxfield, Founder of the Galileo Academy for Teacher Leadership and the Oakland University Galileo Institute
Dr. Elaine Middlekauff, Galileo Institute Assistant