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Summer Odysseys Energize San Francisco Teachers for New School Year *Fund for Teachers Grants Bridge Teacher Learning With Dynamic Classrooms*

HOUSTON (August 31, 2010) – Students returning to several San Francisco USD classrooms may confuse their teacher with an explorer, researcher or scholar. They're actually one and the same, thanks to Fund for Teachers grants that sent 16 San Francisco teachers on summer learning odysseys this summer.

Tapping their inner-student, these teachers individually designed and experienced fellowships to engage and inspire both themselves and, subsequently, their students. As a result, their teaching and curriculum will now reflect insights, experiences and primary sources collected from around the world.

For example:

- Students with learning differences at **Stuart Hall High School** will learn math in new ways based on **Rachel Herbert's** observation of Singapore teachers' implementation of the Singapore Model Method of teaching;
- **Francisco Middle School** students will experience a new 21st Century Learning curriculum stemming from **Connie Hendrix**, and **Katrina James Barone's** participation in the International Society for Technology in Education conference in Denver; and
- Kindergartners at **Cesar Chavez Elementary School** will learn counting and improve gross motor skills based on the rhythms of the Bomba, a traditional Afro-Puerto Rican music **Jade Rivera** studied in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

After navigating the globe on \$14.2 million in Fund for Teachers fellowships over ten years, these and 4,000 more "Fellows" daily inspire school communities with experiences and insights only attainable by "being there." Each fellowship is as unique as the teacher who designed it; and regardless of the destination or discipline, our Fellows have returned to more than 2,500 schools inspired by their pursuit of ideas, terrains, and cultures on all seven continents.

Teachers interested in pursuing 2011 summer grants may apply online beginning October 1 at fundforteachers.org/apply. Deadline for applications is January 28, 2011.

Since 2006, Fund for Teachers has awarded \$205,966 in grants to 57 SFUSD teachers. To learn about their adventures, visit www.fundforteachers.org/fellowsearch, or visit facebook.com/fundforteachers to follow all 2010 Fellows' summer odysseys.

Fund for Teachers is a national, donor-supported organization celebrating its tenth year of awarding teachers the chance to pursue learning opportunities that have the greatest impact on themselves, their students and their communities. For more information, visit fundforteachers.org.

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