



## Nebraska Teacher Awarded for Leadership in Science

With back to school in full swing, it's time to remember the importance of teachers. 35 future teachers from around the country – including Kristin Husbands from Lincoln, Nebraska - have been awarded Knowles Science Teaching Fellowships.



This is a prestigious fellowship valued at up to \$150,000. The fellowship's sole purpose is to nurture, support and encourage the best and the brightest to pursue math and science teaching careers.

Of the 20 fastest-growing occupations projected for this decade, 15 of them require substantial science or math preparation. Unfortunately, approximately half of all secondary teachers leave the field within five years. The challenge of the 21st century will be to ensure that all students develop an appreciation for and mastery of science subjects. The United States needs outstanding, well-qualified teachers to make this happen.

The Knowles Science Foundation is doing its part to bring about this success. Explicitly designed to meet the financial and professional needs of new science and mathematics teachers, the KSTF Teaching Fellowship helps reverse the trend by ensuring that the nation's best remain in the profession to become leaders in the field.

Kristin attended high school in the Neligh-Oakdale public schools system where she was class valedictorian. She hopes to teach in an urban, diverse high school where she can help enhance students' mathematical comprehension.

Working with youth has always been a part of Kristin Husband's life and future plans. A devoted Christian, she has traveled to Australia, India, Hong Kong and Guatemala studying the bible, working with children, and volunteering on mission trips. She has also served as a summer bible camp counselor and as a big sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

“My family has been a solid support system for me throughout my life during my unpredictable adventures,” said Husbands. “I want to be that for my students, encouraging them to explore uncharted waters.”