



Adam Weiss

Columbus North International High School teacher Adam Weiss named an Ohio University Communication Fellow

By Sarah Logue

ATHENS, Ohio (March 14, 2019)— Columbus North International High School English teacher Adam Weiss was one of 10 teachers selected for the second annual Communication Fellows program in Ohio University's Scripps College of Communication. Focusing on curriculum development in communication across PK-12 levels of instruction, the program provides funding and mentorship support. Participants develop and implement a communication-related classroom project over the one-year course of their fellowship.

"If the Communication Fellows program has taught us anything, it's that there is so much creativity and innovation happening at the K-12 level," said Dean Scott Titsworth. We're committed to using the college's expertise and technology to support those teachers who are improving communication education."

Weiss graduated from Hamilton College in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. After college, Weiss traveled to China as a Peace Corps volunteer, then worked in the nonprofit industry in central Ohio until 2006, when he began teaching English in the Columbus City School district. He has taught at Columbus North International High School since it opened in 2010 and serves as the chair of the English department and the school's graduation coach.

"The Communication Fellows program will improve our school's ability to effectively communicate with our families, who come from 35 different countries speaking 23 different home languages," Weiss said. "(As a Communication Fellow), I'm looking forward to

meeting fellow educators and communication professionals while improving my understanding of effective and creative communication strategies.”

Communication Fellows attend a half-week summer residential experience at Ohio University’s main campus in Athens and receive free tuition for a graduate-level online course, a \$1500 stipend and \$1000 classroom stipend. Fellows also work with college faculty mentors and college leadership to achieve their project proposals.

Weiss’s proposed project focuses on leveraging communication technology to enable students and families to be more engaged in the education process, especially those whose first language is not English.

“My project would take advantage of communications technology to provide students and families with the information essential to their success on a media platform and in a language with which they are comfortable,” Weiss wrote in his project proposal.

Each year, up to 10 fellows are named with five from rural Appalachian districts and five from urban districts in the state of Ohio. This program was established as part of the Scripps College of Communication’s 50th anniversary in 2018.

For more information about the Communication Fellows Program, [visit the program’s webpage](#). The Scripps College of Communication at Ohio University consists of five schools, each offering a variety of majors and programs for students who want to pursue communication-related careers. For more information, [visit our website](#).

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