Finny Philip-Left (UTeach Dallas Graduate Spring 2013) Mr. Henry Hall Principal Berkner High School Josh Sisk –Right (UTeach Dallas Graduate Spring 2015)



## UTeach Dallas Graduates Win Awards!

Finny Philip of Berkner High School in Richardson, TX was one of the Second-Place winners' of the Texas Medical Association 2016 "Ernest and Sarah Butler Awards for Excellence in Science Teaching" The TMA awards are given each year to exceptional science teachers at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. These educators help create tomorrow's physicians by inspiring students in the field of science. The winners' schools will each receive a \$1,000 resource grant to enhance science classroom learning!

The Berkner High School Robotics Team lead by Josh Sisk won First and Second Place at the Texas TSA State Level VEX Robotics Competition. The Robotics Team also won a Division Championship at the VEX Robotics World Championship! UTeach Dallas Alumni Newsletter May 2016



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## Spring 2016 UTeach Dallas Graduates

From Left to Right : Ema Cigarroa, Maria Azhar, Bethany Geer, Isabel Ong, Nikunj Patel, Rebecca Acosta, Ali Sawani







#### Spring 2016 UTeach Dallas Induction PDs

This spring we had great Induction PDs for our UTeach Dallas graduates!

The opportunity to get hands-on professional development while networking with other UTeach Dallas Graduates and UTD TRC Teachers is priceless!

### 2 <u>UTeach Dallas Graduates</u> and current <u>UTD TRC Members</u> are selected as a TEEP Teacher-Researchers!

Robin Foster and Tanja Smith have been selected to be Teacher-Researchers for the Texas Energy Education Project (TEEP). The Center for STEM Education is involved in a new middle school curriculum development project focusing on Energy Resources in Texas. This project has, to date, been supported by funding from the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO).



## UTeach Dallas Alumni Are Leaders!!!!

Amiee Himler will be the New Math Department Chair at Lake Highlands HS-RISD!

Jessica Ortiz will be the Algebra I Lead at Richardson HS- RISD!



## Summer Educator PD Opportunities: Summer is a great time to earn PD credits!!!

# UT Dallas TRC: Science- Dr. Urquhart, Math- Bill Gammons, & Computer Science-Amin Lalani

http://www.utdallas.edu/nsm/scimathed/resources/pro-devt.html

TI Training: https://education.ti.com/en/us/professional-development/summer-workshops

Perot Museum: https://www.perotmuseum.org/events-and-programs/school-programs/professional-development/professional-development.html

Laying the Foundations Training- http://training.nms.org/Portal/Registration/RegistrationMap.aspx

<u>UTD SME</u>: SCIENCE 2 courses this summer that are available to you for graduate credit (with substantial tuition support!) or for auditing. All levels of background – from novice to expert – in the topic areas are welcome. All grade levels welcome. <u>Emerging Topics in Biology</u>: Dr. Taylor

This course, driven in part by participant interest, meets **T**, **Th: 1-4 pm from June 6th to July 26th**. Topics are likely to include epigenetics, gene editing, diseases, the human body, and ecology. (Biology credit available for degree holders in biology or closely related fields.) <u>Conceptual Physics III:</u> Dr. Urguhart

This course meets **M**, **W**: **1-4** pm from June 6th to July 26th. Sometimes referred to by participants as summer camp for teachers, the course includes abundant hands-on activities and focuses on the electric and magnetic forces, and at the very end, nuclear forces, with plenty of relevance to the classroom and the everyday world. Topics include physical and chemical processes, molecular structures, light, electricity, magnetism, and nuclear fusion, fission, and decay. (Physics credit available for degree holders in physics or closely related fields.)

#### UTD SME: MATH course this summer: Prof. Bill Gammons

<u>Foundations in Algebra</u> (T, W, Th: 1-3:45 p.m. from July 5 to August 8. The course is designed to enhance conceptual understanding of mathematics content with a focus on algebraic reasoning as it applies to the middle school and Algebra I classrooms.

# If over the summer something changes: a new email address, new position, new physical address or name change, please let us know.

(email or https://www.facebook.com/groups/uteachdallasalumni/)

If you would like to share some news in the next UTeach Dallas Alumni Newsletter (August 2016), please, just send me an email with your info and picture(s) by July 31st.

We want to stay connected and share up-to-date information with all our UTeach Dallas Alumni!

Fall 2015 UTeach Dallas Graduates



Have a

Great

Summer!

