



Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program

Awarded Robert Bundy as Scholarship Recipient



The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program has announced that Robert Bundy, Dental Technologies Instructor, Clay High School, Oregon, Ohio, has been notified that he is the recipient of the JFMF Scholarship. This program allows distinguished primary and secondary school educators in the U.S. to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations.

This summer, Bob will join 200 educators from all over the United States and they will begin their visit in Tokyo with a practical orientation on Japanese life and culture. Meetings with Japanese government officials and educators are also scheduled. Besides learning about the educational system of Japan, part of Bob's trip will be dedicated to investigating cultural diversity in healthcare.

They will then travel in groups of 20 to selected host cities where they will have direct contact with Japanese teachers and students during visits to primary and secondary schools as well as

a teacher's college. They also will visit cultural sites and local industries in addition to a brief homestay with a Japanese family.

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund, based in Tokyo, oversees all aspects of the Teacher Program. The program is sponsored by the Government of Japan and was launched in 1997 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government Fulbright Program, which has enabled more than 6,000 Japanese citizens to study in the U.S. on Fulbright fellowships for graduate education and research. The Institute of International Education acts as the agency for the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund to coordinate the recruitment and pre-departure activities of the Teacher Program in the United States. Teachers of all disciplines, including art, physical education, English, ESL, history, geography, math, science, and special education, from every region of the United States, will participate.

Upon Bob's return, he along with the other program participants, will share what they have learned about Japan with their students and communities through a variety of outreach projects.

Bob Bundy has been a HOSA advisor for two years, and was part of the group of state health science leaders who brought HOSA to Ohio in 2006. In addition to his active role in Ohio HOSA, Bob serves as Board Treasurer, attended the HOSA Washington Leadership Academy in September 2007 with several of his students and serves as a member of the National HOSA Competitive Events staff as a Lieutenant with the Health Professions events.