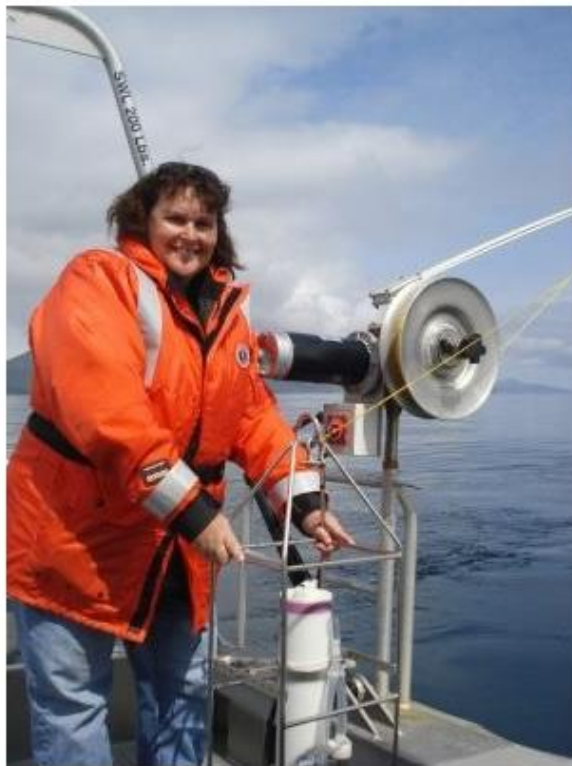


Hamilton educator selected for prestigious Albert Einstein fellowship



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Hamilton Middle School science CCIS Mary Patterson, pictured while participating in the NOAA Teacher at Sea program in 2009, will represent CFISD in the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program, serving an 11-month fellowship in Washington, D.C. at the National Science Foundation.

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Hamilton Middle School science campus content instructional strategist (CCIS) Mary Patterson was one of 14 educators selected nationally for the 2014-2015 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship (AEF) Program.

Beginning in September, Patterson will serve an 11-month fellowship in Washington, D.C. at the National Science Foundation (NSF). As an Einstein Fellow, Patterson will provide the NSF with practical classroom insight to inform the development and implementation of education programs and policies, especially those related to STEM education.

Patterson will serve in the Computer and Information Science and Engineering Directorate for Cyberinfrastructure and Cyberlearning under the guidance of Janet Kolodner.

"I am thrilled that Mary has been selected to be an Einstein Fellow," said Deb Hill, CFISD director of secondary science. "Mary spends every summer participating in innovative professional development opportunities offered across the country. She has been able to translate personal professional development into relevant and engaging learning opportunities for students at Hamilton Middle School. As an Einstein Fellow, she will be able to participate in and influence science instruction at a national level. Mary will do a great job representing CFISD!"

Founded in 1990, the AEF Program is a paid fellowship for K-12 STEM educators with demonstrated excellence in teaching and leadership. Fellowships aim to increase understanding, communication and cooperation among the legislative and executive branches of the government and the STEM education community. The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Act, authorized by Congress in 1994, gave the DOE federal responsibility for the program. The Triangle Coalition for STEM Education administers the program for the DOE Office of Science in partnership with the other participating federal agencies.

The 2014-2015 Einstein Fellows were selected through a rigorous application and interview process from a nationwide pool of competitive applicants. The new cohort includes elementary, middle, and high school teachers from public and private schools in 13 different states.