

## Six Knowles Fellows Achieve National Board Certification

**Moorestown, N.J., January 26, 2024** – The Knowles Teacher Initiative today announced that six of its Fellows achieved **National Board Certification** in the 2022-2023 cycle. National Board Certification is the highest certification K-12 educators can earn.

Leveraging **National Board Standards** and the **Five Core Propositions**, National Board Certification was designed by the **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards** to develop, retain and recognize accomplished teachers and to generate ongoing improvement in schools in the U.S. K-12 educators can earn National Board Certification by successfully completing a performance-based, peer-reviewed series of assessment components. Specifically, candidates must demonstrate content knowledge on a computer-based assessment and submit classroom-based portfolios containing evidence of differentiation in instruction, their teaching practice and learning environment, and their ability to act as an effective and reflective practitioner.

The following Knowles Fellows achieved National Board Certification:

Hannah Aguirre  
Emily Chittick  
Joe Cossette  
Kellie Procopos  
Sarah Spector  
Courtney Vermeesch

Additionally, four Knowles Fellows met maintenance of certification requirements:

Adam Clinch  
Kirstin Milks  
Matthew Randall  
Katrina Stern

Knowles President and CEO **Jeff Rozelle** stated, “It takes a lot of hard work, commitment and dedication to achieve National Board Certification. I want to personally congratulate all of the teachers who earned or maintained certification.”

The five-year **Knowles Teaching Fellows Program** supports early-career, high school mathematics and science teachers in their efforts to develop teaching expertise and lead from the classroom. After completing the fifth year of the Fellowship, Teaching Fellows become Senior Fellows who have the opportunity to remain involved in the Knowles community throughout their careers and be supported in ongoing leadership efforts. The comprehensive suite of benefits available to Knowles Fellows includes funding for expenses related to National Board Certification.

More than 133,000 U.S. educators have achieved National Board Certification, including 58 Knowles Fellows.

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