

D211 POST: TWO DISTRICT 211 TEACHERS NAMED AGS GEOGRAPHY TEACHER FELLOWS

Advanced Placement Human Geography Teachers Dr. LoriAnne Frieri, from William Fremd High School, and Mrs. Samantha Serrano, from James B. Conant High School, are two of only 50 teachers from across the United States chosen as 2018 American Geographical Society (AGS) Geography Teacher Fellows. This is the third year of the initiative which has been made possible by a generous gift from the Boundless Corporation, sponsorship from Mapbox for the Geography Teacher Fellow Marathon, and support from the AGS Corporate Angels Partners, whose contributions provide resources for teacher professional development throughout the year.



Mrs. Samantha Serrano teaches AP Human Geography at James B. Conant High School.



Dr. LoriAnne Frieri teaches AP Human Geography at William Fremd High School.

As part of the award Frieri and Serrano will have the opportunity to attend the AGS Fall Symposium November 15 & 16, at Columbia

University in New York City. The symposium provides Teacher Fellows with the opportunity to gain valuable cutting-edge content knowledge and awareness of the real-world geographic workplace skills demanded by today's geospatial companies.

"We are very pleased to be able to invite Samantha and LoriAnne, who are two of the top geography teachers in the country, to join us in New York City in November," said Dr. John Konarski, CEO of the American Geographical Society. "AGS Geography Teacher Fellows are an integral part of the AGS community, leading and educating future generations in geography and geospatial science. This year we have focused on expanding activities that reinforce teachers' geographical and geospatial knowledge, and will be continuing to provide guidance to teachers seeking to develop projects for their classrooms."

The American Geographical Society (AGS) is a 21st century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most importantly with teachers and students. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States. It is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education for over 166 years. The mission of AGS is to advance and promote geography in business, government, science, and education. Our goal is to enhance the nation's geographic literacy so as to engender sound public policy, national security, and human well-being worldwide. AGS seeks to engage the American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.