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Dedicated Texas Science Teacher Announced as Curious Science Writers 2024 Educator Fellow

Washington, D.C. – [Curious Science Writers](#) (CSW) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Karla Chavez-Smith as the new Curious Science Writers Educator Fellow. With her extensive background in science education and her passion for fostering scientific inquiry among high school students, Karla will play a pivotal role in enhancing the effectiveness of CSW’s program.

“I am delighted to welcome Ms. Chavez-Smith. Together, we will equip students with lifelong skills in translating science for others,” says CSW Program Director Paula Clifford.

Curious Science Writers: Empowering the Next Generation

Supported by [Americans for Medical Progress](#) (AMP), CSW is the only nationwide, high school-level, extracurricular science writing program dedicated to training curious and creative students to communicate complex science to the public through the power of storytelling and art. By exposing students to careers in science communication, CSW trains the next generation of science writers and introduces students who may not see themselves as scientists (e.g., writers and artists) to careers in biomedical science.

AMP is a nonprofit health research advocacy group supporting the advancement of human and animal health with outreach programs like CSW and [Biomedical Research Awareness Day](#) (BRAD). AMP’s mission is to keep medical advances moving ahead by providing resources and information about the ways responsible and highly regulated research in animals saves lives.

Meet Karla Chavez-Smith

As 2024’s CSW Educator Fellow, Karla Chavez-Smith, brings over 20 years of experience as a science teacher and department chair at Maxine L. Silva Health Magnet High School in El Paso, Texas. A proud graduate of the Universidad Autonoma de Cd. Juarez in Mexico, where she earned a Doctor of Medicine degree, Karla transitioned into education to dedicate more time to her family. With certifications in Composite Science for grades 4-8 and 8-12, Karla has demonstrated her commitment to creating optimal conditions for students to thrive and develop their understanding of scientific inquiry.

“As a fellow, I hope to advance science education and foster effective science communication by helping students translate their scientific knowledge into clear and engaging prose,” said Karla Chavez-Smith.

A Bright Future for Curious Science Writers

The addition of Karla Chavez-Smith as the CSW Fellow marks a significant step forward for Curious Science Writers. Her expertise will inform updates to the program format, lessons, materials, and activities, ensuring that high school students are optimally engaged and educated. Karla’s leadership will

help CSW continue its mission to empower the next generation of science writers, scientists, and informed citizens.

For more information about Curious Science Writers and the appointment of Karla Chavez-Smith, please contact: Paula Clifford, CSW Program Director, 202.624.8812, paula@amprogress.org

Note to editors: A high resolution photo of the 2024 CSW Educator Fellow can be [accessed at this link](#).