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University of Colorado Boulder Alumni Awarded 2014 Knowles Science Teaching Foundation Teachings Fellowships

Comprehensive program offers financial support and professional development for early-career STEM teachers

Moorestown, N.J., Aug. 8, 2014 – The Knowles Science Teaching Foundation (KSTF) recently announced its 2014 cohort of Teaching Fellows, two of whom are graduates of the University of Colorado Boulder—<u>Eric Rasmussen</u> (EBio'11, MEdu'14) and <u>Rosemary Wulf</u> (Phys, MPhys'14). Selected from a pool of more than 180 applicants, Eric and Rosemary are two of 32 exceptionally talented, early-career science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) teachers to be awarded a 2014 KSTF Teaching Fellowship.

KSTF seeks to improve STEM education by building a stable, sustainable cadre of networked <u>leading teachers</u>, who are trained and supported as leaders from the beginning of their careers. The <u>KSTF Teaching Fellows Program</u>—the Foundation's signature program—offers stipends, funds for professional development, grants for teaching materials, and opportunities for leadership development and mentoring for early-career STEM teachers through a comprehensive five-year Fellowship. With an emphasis on inquiry and collaboration, the Teaching Fellows Program empowers participants to advance their teaching practice and student learning, while leading from the classroom.

Eric is committed to teaching science to high school students in the United States. Reared in Arvada, Colo., by Jay and Lisa Rasmussen, Eric graduated from Ralston Valley High School in 2007. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in ecology and evolutionary biology and a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from CU-Boulder. This fall, Eric will begin his first year of teaching at Silver Creek High School, located in Longmont, Colo.

Rosemary is also committed to teaching secondary science in the U.S. Reared in Fort Collins, Colo., by Lloyd Wulf and Barbara Ostwald, Rosemary graduated from Rocky Mountain High School in 2006. She holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Science in physics from CU-Boulder. This fall, Rosemary will begin her first year of teaching at Thornton High School, located in Thornton, Colo.

Applications for 2015 KSTF Teaching Fellowships are now being accepted. Details about the application process can be found at www.kstf.org/apply.

About KSTF

The Knowles Science Teaching Foundation (KSTF) was established by Janet H. and C. Harry Knowles in 1999 to increase the number of high quality high school science and mathematics teachers and ultimately, improve math

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and science education in the United States. The KSTF Teaching Fellows Program, the Foundation's signature program, awards exceptional young men and women with five-year early-career Fellowships, empowering them to become primary agents of educational improvement. For more information, visit www.kstf.org.

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