**2011 Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) Program**

The Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA), a program of the [Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](http://exchanges.state.gov) of the U.S. Department of State, provides secondary-school teachers from Europe, Eurasia, South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Western Hemisphere with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States. TEA teachers will travel to the United States to participate in a six-week professional development program at an American university. This is followed by a reciprocal visit by U.S. teachers to work on joined teacher-training projects in TEA alumni schools overseas. TEA also provides follow-on grants to the TEA international alumni to purchase essential materials for their schools, offer follow-on training for other teachers, and conduct activities that will build on the exchange visits. The key program objectives include: 1) contribute to improving the quality of secondary education in participating countries, and 2) develop professional and personal relationships between U.S. and international teachers.

Montana State University’s Office of International Programs is partnering with the Bozeman Public Schools and MSU’s Department of Education to welcome 20 English teachers to Bozeman on February 4, 2011 for 6 weeks. This is a highly esteemed group of educators from around the world. They will be matched with MSU faculty advisors from the Department of Education, partnered with Bozeman Public School teachers (Bozeman High School, Chief Joseph Middle School, and Sacajawea Middle School) for a 40 hour internship, and engaged in civic and community service throughout their program.

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