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The WNET Group Announces Local Educators Selected for PBS Digital Innovator Program

Program welcomes 14 local teachers, recognized as leaders in their communities, to work closely with WNET Kids’ Media and Education

Today The WNET Group announced a group of 14 educators from the tri-state region that have been selected for the WNET PBS Digital Innovators Program. The members of the program are local educators whose fresh ideas open new worlds for their students; whose bold approach to teaching creates joyful learning environments; and whose commitment to social justice pushes the field of education to become more equitable.

The WNET PBS Digital Innovators Program brings together a community of PreK – 12 educators for ongoing professional development and growth. The two-year program, a local chapter of the national PBS Digital Innovator initiative, provides opportunities for participants to share strategies, learn from peers, and leverage public media platforms to elevate their own ideas and voices. WNET PBS Digital Innovators integrate media and digital technology into their learning environments, inspiring students to use media and emerging technologies in responsible, empowering and effective ways.

WNET PBS Digital Innovators will meet with public media producers, filmmakers, journalists and educational content creators; collaborate with The WNET Group’s Kids’ Media & Education team to plan events, develop content for educators and consult on projects; serve as WNET and PBS ambassadors, sharing their work and knowledge with other educators; and connect with fellow Digital Innovators to engage in conversations about educational media and equity.
The WNET PBS Digital Innovators are:

- Clemencia Acevedo, Middle School Special Education, Manhattan, NY
- Islah Tauheed, 5th Grade, Bronx, NY
- Darnell Williams, Middle School Social Studies and ELA, Stafford, NJ
- Jamie Caccioola-Price, High School Drama/Musical Theatre, Queens, NY
- Jean Kim, Middle School ELA, Queens, NY
- Kimberly Dickstein Hughes, High School ELA, Haddonfield, NJ
- Jennifer Abramowski, High School Social Studies Special Education, Baldwin, NY
- Lynn Shon, Middle School Science, Brooklyn, NY
- Sarah Richard, High School ELA, Manhattan, NY
- Noelle Mapes, 3rd Grade, Manhattan, NY
- Scott Jackson, High School U.S. History and ESL, Brooklyn, NY
- Selena Carrion, 5th Grade ELA, Bronx, NY
- Sequoyah Wharton, High School Media, Broadcast and Art, Brentwood, NY
- Michelle Nguyen, Middle School Social Studies, Bronx, NY

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WNET is America’s flagship PBS station: parent company of New York’s [THIRTEEN](#), [WLIW21](#), [WLIW-FM](#) and operator of [NJTV](#), the statewide public media network in New Jersey and its news division, [NJ SPOTLIGHT NEWS](#). Through its new [ALL ARTS](#) multi-platform initiative, its broadcast channels, three cable services (THIRTEEN PBSKids, Create and World) and online streaming sites, WNET brings quality arts, education and public affairs programming to more than five million viewers each month. WNET produces and presents a wide range of acclaimed PBS series, including [Nature](#), [Great Performances](#), [American Masters](#), [PBS NewsHour Weekend](#), and the nightly interview program [Amanpour and Company](#). In addition, WNET produces numerous documentaries, children’s programs, and local news and cultural offerings, as well as multiplatform initiatives addressing poverty and climate. Through THIRTEEN Passport and WLIW Passport, station members can stream new and archival THIRTEEN, WLIW and PBS programming anytime, anywhere.