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Brighton High's Ted Halbert Named to Prestigious NEA Global Fellowship

BRIGHTON, COLO. (May 31, 2018) – Brighton High English Literature and Theater teacher Ted (Edward) Halbert has been selected by the National Education Association (NEA) Foundation to participate in the 2019 Global Learning Fellowship (GLF). The NEA Foundation Global Learning Fellowship increases access to global training and experiences by providing global education professional development opportunities for K-12 public school educators.

Mr. Halbert will be a part of the second class of Fellows in the program's history selected through an open, peer-reviewed, competitive application process. Halbert's application demonstrated a commitment to boosting his professional practice in service of nurturing globally informed and engaged students. As an NEA Foundation Global Learning Fellow, Halbert will join a professional network — established in 2011 — of peer educators who are advancing global skills and pedagogy in classrooms, schools, districts and communities.

Over the next year, Halbert will have various opportunities to connect with members of his GLF cohort, program alumni and outside experts, as he broadens his global competency skills through a mix of web-based and in-person professional development programming. The 10-day, international field study taking place July 2019 will serve as the program's capstone activity, allowing Halbert to delve deeper into understanding the cultural and educational landscape of South Africa. By the end of it all, Halbert will have expanded his global perspective and be better equipped to create sustainable change in the classroom and beyond.

Halbert received his Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Michigan State University and his Masters in Education from Lesley University. Prior to entering the teaching profession, Halbert was the general manager for Up with People an international, multi-cultural leadership program and director of outreach and new business for Girls Incorporated a local non-profit that inspires young women to be strong, smart and bold. Halbert left Girls Incorporated on September 12, 2001. Profoundly impacted by the tragic events of 9/11, Halbert decided to follow what he realized was his real passion - teaching.

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Halbert's educational philosophy is to mentor, lead and guide young people through a creative, intentional process that instills lifelong skills and inspires self-awareness, personal confidence, and responsibility.

"I was 33 when I began my teaching career and have loved it passionately ever since. My students give me deep purpose and I believe strongly in the transformational nature of the relationships we create together and the learning and growth processes that we share," said Halbert. "The NEA Global Fellowship Program will push me out of my comfort zone into that space of deep professional and personal growth. I want to go and explore new ideas and concepts of growth and learning and ways of inspiring students and teachers to engage in the process of learning. I want to explore not what to learn, but how to learn. I am honored and thrilled to be chosen for this incredible honor to push myself out of my comfort zone and to really learn and grow and to bring that growth and knowledge back into my classroom and my school."

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