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INDIANA ACADEMIC WORLDQUEST

AWQ

2019 AWQ TEAM LEADERS



Role

Chair, Department of Political Science and History; Associate Professor, International Relations; University of Indianapolis.

Education

PhD, University of Georgia. Masters of Philosophy, International Studies, JNU, Delhi, India (Jawaharlal Nehru University).

Quote

"UIndy is happy to partner with ICWA in hosting the Academic WorldQuest for the fifth time since 2015. In a globalized world, it is essential that future leaders are interested and informed about world affairs."

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5X AWQ
COVERER

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Milind Thakar, PhD
Univ of Indianapolis



Role

Professor, Political Science, University of Indianapolis.

Education

PhD, Political Science, Yale University. MA, German and European Studies, Georgetown University; BA, International Studies, American University.

Quote

"Knowledge of global affairs is essential for those who strive to be good citizens in free societies and good citizens of the world."

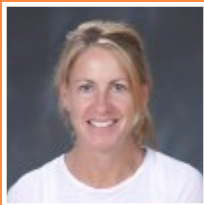
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4X AWQ
QUIZ MASTER

Quiz-Master
Douglas Woodwell,
PhD
Univ of Indianapolis

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Team Leader
Brenda M. Seager
Bishop Chatard High School

Role

Teacher, Social Studies, AP World History, Economics, Geography, and History of the World; Model United Nations, Moderator.

Education

BA, Butler University, MA, Indiana University

Quote

"Global education is important to build tolerance and empathy for the next generation of leaders."

www.bishopchatard.org

1X AWQ
TEAM LEADER



Team Leader
John Carter
Carmel High School

Role

Teacher & Instructional Coach; Social Studies;
Rho Kappa Honor Society Advisor

Education

BA Political Science, BA History, AA Arabic Language, MDiv, MA Theological Studies,
MA Teaching Secondary Social Studies

Quote

"The study of foreign affairs and international relations is more vital than ever in education. Due to daily advancements in technology, governments and economies are becoming increasingly interdependent on global partnerships. Today's students will be tomorrow's leaders in a global economy where events abroad will have as significant of an impact as events in our own backyard."

www.ccs.k12.in.us/chs

3X AWQ
TEAM LEADER



Team Leader
Mia Sankari
Eman School, Fishers

Role

Assistant Principal, Middle School and High School; and
Principal-Elementary School; Counseling students for college and
planning schedules to ensure academic success.

Education

Masters in Educational (MEd) in Supervision and Administration, Ball State University,
Bachelors Degree, University of Akron in Food Science (BA). (BSN/Bachelor's Degree,
Nursing, Wayne State University.

Quote

"World Affairs are important for many reasons and as Nelson Mandela once said, 'Education is the most powerful weapon that which you can use to change the world.' By becoming educated and learning about these world affairs hopefully we will be better educated to change what needs to be changed and not repeat some of the terrible offenses that have hindered the world in the past."

www.emanschool.org

2X AWQ
TEAM LEADER

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Team Leader
Huma Soomro
Legacy Learning Center

Role

Teacher & Scientist; Elementary & Middle School Science Teacher

Education

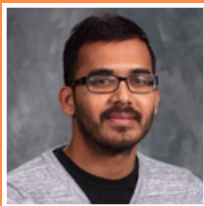
BS, Cytotechnology, Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis;
Medical School studies (2 years), Chandka Medical College, Sindh, Pakistan.

Quote

"I believe that it is important for everyone to learn about international affairs and issues because it will give us a better understanding of different cultures around the world and their issues and then we will have a better understanding of how to resolve these issues."

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1x AWQ
TEAM LEADER



Team Leader
Rezoan Hasan
Legacy Learning Center

Role

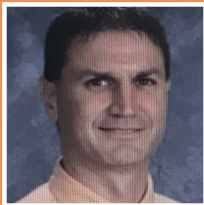
Teacher of Science, English, History; ISTEP+ Test Prep Tutor

Education

BS Science & Biology, School of Science, IUPUI

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1x AWQ
TEAM LEADER



Team Leader
Nicholas R. Salemi
Warren Central High School

Role

Teacher, Social Studies; Interdisciplinary US History, International Relations and Dual Credit Government

Education

Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis, Major: Education,
Minor: Political Science. Study Abroad: Vienna, Austria.

Quote

"The importance of studying international relations and being aware of world events only increases every year. The world is interconnected and the events in one nation have a direct, or indirect, affect on its neighbors, region and the world. Whether you choose to be aware, or not, of the affairs of other nations affects all of us on a daily basis."

www.warren.k12.in.us

12x AWQ
TEAM LEADER

Academic WorldQuest is a nationwide *World Affairs Councils of America* youth education program. In Indiana, it is administered by the *Indiana Council on World Affairs* in cooperation with the International Relations Department of the University of Indianapolis.

AWQ 2019 marks the 17th year for the program. Over 4,000 high school students across the US compete in contests organized by more than 50 local World Affairs Councils.

About Academic WorldQuest



About the Indiana Council on World Affairs



The purpose of *Indiana Council on World Affairs* (ICWA) is to foster public understanding of world conditions and US foreign policy through forums, lectures, conferences and publications.

ICWA is a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization founded in 1955. Activities are administered by a volunteer group in cooperation with local institutions. We welcome anyone with an interest in learning about topics that affect our world.

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