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Teachers from across the nation receive cutting-edge training at 2014 Reynolds High School Journalism Institute

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The American Society of News Editors (ASNE) revamped its effort to motivate youth in the dynamic world of journalism by training 140 secondary school teachers at the 2014 Reynolds High School Journalism Institute. The Institute provides wide-ranging journalism education to fill voids in existing professional development opportunities and offers teachers hands-on experience in better understanding technological advancements within the field.

Through the Reynolds High School Journalism Institute, teachers learn how to help students:

- Differentiate between fact, opinion and infotainment; develop news literacy skills; and appreciate the importance of credible news sources.
- Learn stronger reporting, writing, editing, multimedia, graphics and entrepreneurial skills needed to start or improve student news media.
- Comprehend the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment and their rights and ethical responsibilities as student journalists.

Since the program's inception in 2001, more than 2,190 high school teachers have completed the two-week program. The 2013 Institute brought together teachers from 41 states for training at the following four locations:

- Arizona State University, Phoenix.
- University of Texas at Austin.
- Kent State University, Ohio.
- University of Missouri, Columbia.

Funding for the Institute comes from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. The charitable grant supplies all travel, housing and instructional expenses for the teachers, as well as optional graduate or continuing education credit. The teachers also receive paid membership to the Journalism Education Association and their state or regional scholastic press association. Additionally, each teacher receives a classroom news media library valued in excess of \$250.

The ASNE Youth Journalism Initiative, launched in 2000, provides journalism-related training and resources for teachers and students across the curriculum. These resources are available to all educators at SchoolJournalism.org.

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The American Society of News Editors centers on leadership development and journalism-related subjects. Founded in 1922 as a nonprofit professional organization, ASNE promotes fair, principled journalism; defends and protects First Amendment rights; and fights for freedom of information and open government. Leadership, innovation, diversity and inclusion in coverage and the journalism work force, youth journalism and the sharing of ideas are also key ASNE initiatives.

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation is a philanthropic organization founded in 1954 by the late media entrepreneur for whom it is named. Headquartered in Las Vegas, it has committed more than \$150 million to journalism initiatives nationally.

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