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Ten Knowles Fellows Earn National Board Certification

Moorestown, N.J., January 29, 2026– The Knowles Teacher Initiative today announced that 10 Knowles Fellows achieved National Board Certification in the 2024–2025 cycle, marking a significant professional milestone for these accomplished educators. National Board Certification is widely recognized as the highest certification K–12 educators can earn.

National Board Certification is awarded by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards through a comprehensive, performance-based assessment process. Candidates demonstrate deep content knowledge and reflective teaching practice through a combination of computer-based assessments and classroom-embedded portfolio submissions that document instructional decision-making, student learning, and professional growth.

The following Knowles Fellows achieved National Board Certification:

- [Erin Capra](#)
- [Sarah DiMaria](#)
- [Michelle Lo](#)
- [Liz Smith](#)
- [Luis Vidalon-Suzuki](#)
- [Jenny Zheng](#)
- [Maggie Radack](#)
- [Jody DeAraujo](#)
- [Allison McMahon](#)
- [Ana Mellos](#)

Knowles President and CEO Jeff Rozelle stated, “National Board Certification represents a sustained commitment to excellence in teaching. These Fellows have invested extraordinary time and effort in strengthening their practice, and we are proud to celebrate their achievement.”

The Knowles Teaching Fellows Program supports early-career, high school mathematics and science teachers in their efforts to develop teaching expertise and lead from the classroom. After completing the Fellowship, Teaching Fellows become Senior Fellows who receive

career-long careers and the comprehensive suite of benefits available to Knowles Teaching and Senior Fellows includes the application fee for National Board Certification.

More than 141,000 U.S. educators have achieved National Board Certification, including 70 Knowles Fellows.

About the Knowles Teacher Initiative

The Knowles Teacher Initiative is a nonprofit organization that supports a national network of mathematics and science teachers who are collaborative, innovative leaders improving education for all students in the United States. We strive to create an educational system that is led by teachers who are equipped to solve difficult problems and respond to local challenges in order to serve all of our nation's students.