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## **NUTRIENTS FOR LIFE FOUNDATION ALL-STAR TEACHERS ATTEND TEACHER RETREAT**

### **Teachers Tour Nitrogen Plant and Share Real-World Science with Their Students**

Washington, D.C. (August 8, 2017) – The Nutrients for Life Foundation (NFLF) gathered 15 standout middle and high school teachers from across the country at its teacher retreat in Amarillo, Texas. The meeting, held July 26-28, included a tour of the Agrium Borger Nitrogen Plant.

“We have over 40,000 teachers using our resources to teach their students about crop nutrients and soil science,” said NFLF Executive Director Harriet Wegmeyer. “We selected a diverse, intelligent and talented group of teachers to attend the retreat. While there, teachers not only saw first-hand the science behind nitrogen production, but they provided our team with excellent feedback and ideas for the future.”

The teachers had an important mission to guide the development of future education resources for NFLF and to keep NFLF relevant in the classroom. The group developed a ‘top-ten’ list for NFLF which includes additional interactive digital resources, and an ambassador network among other things.

“I first found Nutrients for Life while visiting the Smithsonian’s “Dig It! The Secret of Soils” exhibit,” said Micah Weber, Rock Valley Community School. “All these years later, I continue to use NFLF resources because they are high quality, aligned to our school science standards and teach soil science and fertilizers in a very user friendly and teachable manner.”

“We want to develop resources and materials that are precisely what teachers will find useful in effectively teaching soil science that is aligned with education standards. To do this, we wanted to hear straight from the teachers,” shared Wegmeyer.

One teacher attendee remarked, “The nitrogen plant tour was an eye-opening experience. This experience and knowledge will be helpful tools that I can really use in the classroom.”

Teacher attendees included: Stephanie Baldwin (Little Miami Intermediate School, Ohio); Nancy Bridge (Olympia High School, Florida); Donald Briggs (Colonial Forge High School, Virginia); Judith Lucas-Odom (Chester High School, Pennsylvania); Jamie Metzger (Chillicothe High School, Ohio); Nathan Moore (Colton School District, Washington); Katie Nainiger (Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District, Ohio);

Lorien Oberlander (Boise School District, Idaho); Denise Scribner (Eisenhower High School, Kansas); Beth Theiss (Hannah Beardsley Middle School, Illinois); Keshia Williams (Lee High School, Alabama); Lori Whitlow (Christiansburg Middle School, Virginia); and Micah Weber (Iowa).

For more information about the Nutrients for Life Foundation visit [www.nutrientsforlife.org](http://www.nutrientsforlife.org).

### **About Nutrients for Life**

The Nutrients for Life Foundation spearheads the mission to educate students and the public about critical soil nutrients in our growing world. Since formation in 2004, the Foundation has reached over 30 million people with resources such as “Nourishing the Planet in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” the Smithsonian approved STEM curriculum. Nutrients for Life’s partnership with Discovery Education has added a new dimension of innovative, interactive digital resources for the modern classroom. The Nutrients for Life Foundation is a tax-exempt status organization described in Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. For more information, visit [nutrientsforlife.org](http://nutrientsforlife.org).