



Teaching Fellow Hometown Math Teacher

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This school year, first-time high school teacher Adam Clinch will be teaching math at capital high school... The same high school he graduated from.

Clinch has also been awarded the title of teaching fellow from the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation, a private [organization](#) aimed at developing new teachers across the nation.

"Teachers who apply to be fellows go through a rigorous screening process, and only 18% of the people who apply are selected."

Clinch is the first teacher from Montana to receive this honor, and to him this award means he sees his job as a true profession.

"The biggest thing is just your dedication to the field of education and developing yourself as a teacher early in your career."

He says this award gives him the opportunity to grow as a teacher through a nationwide [network](#) which will benefit his students.

"I have just a ton more [support](#) and ideas that I can bring into my classroom. And they [the students] have the cutting edge things that are going on throughout the country not just in Montana or Pacific Northwest, but everywhere."

The award is given to stem teachers, which helps develop skills in the science, [technology](#), engineering, and math fields.

"So many of those career paths are STEM focused and I think the benefit of looking at STEM is that's kind of where our world is headed. One really big reason why I wanted to come back to Capital is because it gave me so much and I feel that I have a lot to give back."

Clinch's desire to share his knowledge with young minds in his hometown makes him a class act.

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