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C-1 EDUCATOR AWARDED SUMMER TEACHER TOUR TO TURKEY

Lisa Kucera, a teacher in the district's Center of Differentiated Education, or CODE, program has been awarded an 11 day educator's tour of Turkey in July. Kucera is one of just six secondary-level educators from the Kansas City metropolitan area rewarded with this 'trip of a lifetime.'

"Everything I have been studying and teaching about for years in world history will be right before my eyes," she said. "No textbooks, no pictures, but real places such as ancient Troy, Istanbul, and Catal Huyuk, as I trace the footsteps of Alexander the Great and Paul of Tarsus."

The summer 2009 trip is jointly sponsored by the International Relations Council of Kansas City and The Turkish Cultural Foundation. Kucera's itinerary will include visits with Turkish diplomats and civic leaders, investigations of archaeological sites including the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World located in Asia Minor and observations at four Turkish middle and high schools. In addition, she will experiment with Turkish art forms in textiles and paper-marbling.

According to the sponsors, the goals for the trip are "to offer area educators a broad exposure to the people and culture of Turkey and to promote interaction on different levels of society and personal exchanges between the peoples of Turkey and the United States."

Upon her return, Kucera will share her experiences with her colleagues and students at CODE, the district's program for gifted students. She will also speak to various civic and educational groups. "I am still amazed at the opportunity to have such an experience," she said.

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