Brief Bio - Will Fowkes

I joined Codman Academy in 2013 as an Inclusion Associate before transitioning into the role of Lead Humanities Teacher in a substantially-separate classroom in 2015. I first met the students and staff of Codman Academy during their three-day retreat to Camp Merrowvista, where I worked with the American Youth Foundation for several years practicing hands-on, experiential outdoor education, and enkindling my spirit for youth development. Since joining the Codman community, I have moved toward accommodating and teaching those with the greatest learning struggles. In the past ten years, I have co-taught Humanities in all four grades of high school, and I now co-teach half the 11th and 10th-grade full-inclusion classes. I hold a bachelor's degree in history from Ithaca College, and have gained licensure for working with moderate disabilities.

Especially relevant to this fellowship, I helped found our school’s outdoor leadership

club, back in 2014, which has gone on dozens of extended overnight trips over school

vacations, and long weekends. I have also been certified by the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) to lead outdoor, overnight camping trips with students. This has allowed me to facilitate hiking trips, tenting overnights, canoeing trips, and day-long experiences with cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and nature walks.