# Advanced Biology PLUS





## DESCRIPTION

- Outreach program designed to improve teacher quality and student outcomes in Advanced Placement (AP®) Biology
- Supported by Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Grant since 2017
- UNIT materials
  - MINIMUM (required) vs. MAXIMUM (available)
  - STANDARD (optimal) vs. CONDENSED (alternative)
- HANDBOOK: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/AdvancedBioPlusHandbook">https://tinyurl.com/AdvancedBioPlusHandbook</a>
- Co-directed by Dr. Holden and Dr. Krakowiak

### Co-Directors



# Advanced Biology PLUS and

Arkansas Summer Research Institute (ASRI)



#### **Dr. Whitney Holden**

- B.S. in Biochemistry
- Ph.D. in Microbiology & Immunology
- Certificate in College Teaching from Vanderbilt Univ. Center for Teaching
- Life Science Specialist at ASMSA
- Co-Director of Adv. Bio PLUS + ASRI
- YouTube Channel: Biology Professor

#### Dr. Patrycja Krakowiak

- B.S. in Chemistry with emphasis in Molecular Biology
- Ph.D. in Human Genetics
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- Assistant Professor at UAMS
- Life Science Specialist at ASMSA
- Nationally Board Certified+PAEMST finalist



## DETAILS



#### WHAT

Yearlong pacing, materials, tools, assessments, labs, equipment



#### WHERE

ASMSA (Arkansas School for Math, Sciences and Arts)



#### WHEN (virtual for now)

Summer Boot Camp + Semester Workshops (2)



#### WHO

Any Arkansas AP Biology teacher with at least 1 student



#### COST

\$100 registration fee per teacher (NO student tuition)



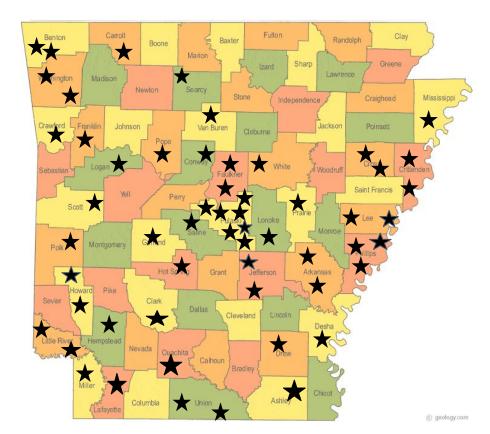
### PARTICIPANTS

### Program

o 5 years

### Participants

- o 57 schools
- 68 teachers
- >1000 students





### Benefits to Teachers

- Materials and training
  - Pear Decks, Quizlet + Blooket
  - Labster + Lab Training
  - Canvas + Videos
  - Content + Assessments
  - Weekly Pacing Calendar



- Biotechnology Expansion Packs: electrophoresis, probes, models
- Networking with biology teachers and experts
- Up to 36 PD hours: training in content, labs, technology platforms



### Benefits to Teachers

#### MINIMUMS (requirements)

- Interactive Notes (students answer application questions as you teach)
- Questions of the Week (AP© style practice questions)
- Scientific Skills (at least 1 per Unit feature Science Practices)
- Golden Sheets (reviews of entire Units on 1 2 cardstock pages)
- Laboratory (1 per Unit, hands-on/inquiry guided and/or digital)
- Assessments (pre/post and 1 per Unit, include previous AP© questions) w/ reviews

#### MAXIMUMS (optional)

- Google slides (once per unit a Pear deck) with videos of all of them on Canvas
- o POGILs, Labsters (digital labs), Science News (FREE), Projects
- Quizzes (Quizlets/Blookets practice), Homework (interactive vocab),



## Benefits to Students

- Access to experts at ASMSA
- Opportunity to earn college credit (AP® exam)
- Improve written/verbal communication skills
- Experience in digital learning

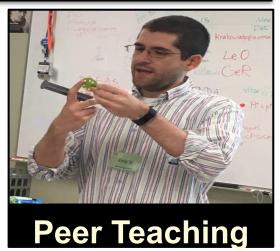


- use a learning management system
- introductory experience with an online class



### Content Delivery: Teachers











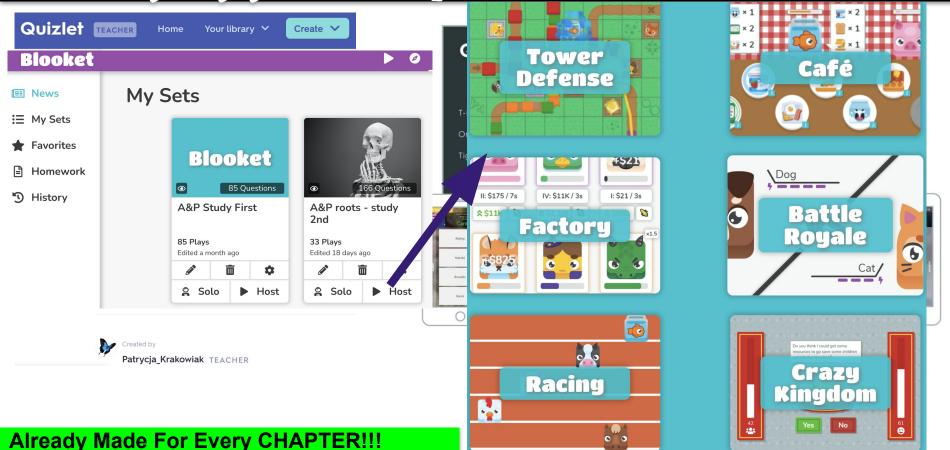
### Pedagogy Example: Pear Decks

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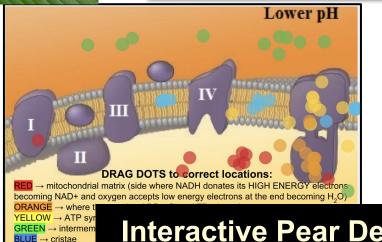


Premium Subscription INCLUDED and Already Made For Every UNIT!!!

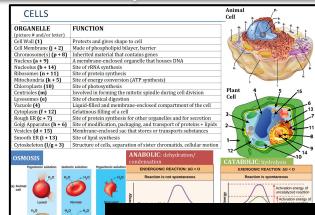
### Pedagogy Example: Quizlets + Blookets



### Content Delivery: Students



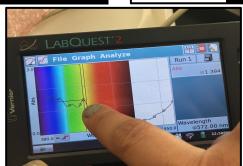
**Interactive Pear Decks** 



#### **Review Golden Sheets**



Labs @ ASMSA



**Biotechnology** 



Labs @ Schools





### Biotechnology Lab Field Trips

#### Learn biotechnology skills

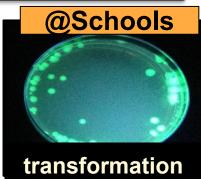
- insert gene from a jellyfish into E. coli to make them glow
- use DNA fingerprinting with electrophoresis to identify culprit of a crime

#### Test hypotheses

- guided inquiry allows students to choose variables to test
- statistical analyses











## Program Expansion

- Pilot Year: 14 schools
- Year 2: 24 schools
- Year 3: 27 schools
- Year 4: 36 schools + 3 grads
- **Year 5:** 40 schools + 10 grads









Year #4

Year #5



### RESULTS

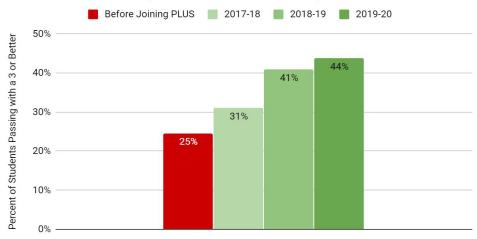
#### Impact of Advanced Biology PLUS on AP Biology Scores

Average Scores of Participating Schools Before Joining PLUS and for Each Cohort



#### Impact of Advanced Biology PLUS on AP Biology Passing Rate

Percent of Students Passing with a 3 or Better Before Joining PLUS and for Each Cohort



#### For registration and more information, visit:

https://tinyurl.com/2022APBioPLUSRegistration