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**Local Teacher Heading to South Africa to Bring the World to North Carolina Classrooms**

**Research Triangle Park, N.C.** -- Caroline Bethea-Brown, a veteran social studies teacher at Central Haywood High School, has been selected to participate in the 2016 Global Teachers program to South Africa. The 10-day learning journey with Go Global NC (formerly the Center for International Understanding) runs June 18-28 and includes time in the nation's three largest cities: Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban.

A total of 26 North Carolina teachers from across the state have been chosen through a competitive application process to participate in the global leadership program designed to help them bring the world to their classrooms.

"I expect to gain knowledge and insight that will allow me to break down the preconceived stereotypes that my students hold about this region of the world," Bethea-Brown said. "I want my students to see themselves as part of a much larger global community and to recognize that all cultures and peoples have something wonderful to offer."

Global Teachers delegates will visit schools; experience South Africa's cultural diversity; learn about apartheid, slavery, and human rights; and have the opportunity to visit Robben Island, site of Nelson Mandela's 18-year imprisonment.

**About:** Go Global NC connects North Carolina to the world and the world to North Carolina. Its global education and training programs empower North Carolina leaders with the skills, understanding, connections, and knowledge to succeed in a global community. Go Global NC (formerly the Center for International Understanding) is part of the world-class, 17-campus University of North Carolina system. Learn more: [www.goglobalnc.org](http://www.goglobalnc.org)

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