Presidents' Good Steward Award



Dr. Todd Guerdat

Life Sciences Professor

Manchester Community College

The Doctor, Life Sciences Professor Todd Guerdat, may be new to MCC but you couldn't tell that from his students' involvement. Nor could you imagine that when you see Todd with community partners. He looks for every opportunity to engage and to enable his students to engage with learning activities from watershed conservation and protection to building the MCC community garden and garden soils, from his lab composting initiative to support and education around potable water in Ecuador.

At a recent community garden meeting the coordinator texted Todd, "What times do your labs meet?" Typical of the Doctor, Todd replied "Which day, where are we going, what are we doing?" His students build raised beds, plant orchard trees, institute composting and test their product, visit to UNH-Durham to research manure recycling, or introduce simple drinking water testing to remote Ecuadoran communities. It is ever thus with the Doctor.

With a deep background in bio-engineering and diverse work experiences, Todd is as comfortable on a huge tractor as he is providing project summaries to a television news reporter. If there is a technique or process question, he jumps into the research and informs himself. In everything, Todd's focus is keenly on the students, the learning, and the overall community benefits.

Ever rigorous and demanding of himself, the Doctor is an outstanding Steward of engagement. We celebrate Todd as an invaluable model and mentor to his students, colleagues, and community partners.