Presidents' Good Steward Award



Marybeth Krzyston

Systems Administrator/Programmer

Saint Anselm College

Marybeth Krzyston has been a strong advocate of STEM programming at Saint Anselm College for a number of years. As a Systems Administrator & Programmer for the college's Information Technology Department she understands the future available to students in computer sciences and the need for greater diversity in the field. Several years ago, when she learned of the work the Meelia Center was doing with refugee, immigrant and underrepresented high school youth in its Access academy, she floated the idea of launching a computer construction program. Working closely with the faculty in the Computer Science Department Marybeth helped to develop and implement a two semester program in Computer Construction and Computer Literacy.

Over a dozen students from the four Manchester high schools now travel to campus each week where they first build personal computers from parts gleaned from discarded units, and then they learn to update, service and program their computers. Marybeth has taken the leadership role in developing the curriculum for the Computer Literacy Program, and she has been particularly effective in empowering the college students in taking on leadership roles in the lessons.

Marybeth's enthusiasm for technology education and careers is contagious. A number of the high school students have indicated a new found passion for further study and work in field of technology, and a few of the college students are also considering minors in Computer Science. This I.T. professional has been a tremendous asset to the Access Academy and an inspiration to a diverse group of high school students.