Presidents' Good Steward Award



Lauren Provost

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Dr. Lauren Provost is passionate about issues of equity and the STEM pipeline. She is an outstanding classroom teacher and works with students of all ages to build content knowledge. She supports classroom teachers and pre-service teachers and assists them in building technology literacy.

Her passion is evident in her work on the UNH Manchester STEM Discovery Lab's newly created STEM Ambassadors initiative for Manchester High Schools. This unique program involves both student and teacher externships with STEM industries, Generation YES and both science and mathematics remediation during the school day. Student families are also involved in the program. Dr. Provost has expanded this initiative and created a similar program at the early elementary level for Manchester School District. She fosters a climate of equity in the design of the STEM curriculum that incorporates different topics such as space-based research that is aligned with Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and the Next Generation Science Standards.

Dr. Provost takes her commitment beyond the classroom as an advocate and policy developer on state committees and councils. She serves on the Massachusetts Department of Education's STEM Advisory Council, charged with developing the definition of STEM as well as developing effective strategies for addressing K-12 STEM education and policy. She is also the Southern Regional Coordinator for the New Hampshire Teacher of Mathematics Association. As a member of the New Hampshire Institutes of Higher Education, she serves as the liaison to the New Hampshire Society for Technology in Education, facilitating collaboration of technology initiatives at the state level. She also serves as the Higher Education Representative for the New Hampshire Science Teachers Association and is a member of the Public Policy Committee for the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity.