

# PRESIDENTS' GOOD STEWARD AWARD



## ***Dan Larochelle*** ***Manchester Community College***

If you ask Professor Dan Larochelle who should get involved with robotics, he will tell you “everyone”. His experiences tell him that robotics teaches life lessons ----problem solving, teamwork, leadership, the value of not “giving up”. He is committed to providing access and early enthusiasm for robotics (and other STEM related fields) for all students----including those who historically do not select into these fields (girls, ESOL students, students with learning differences). His efforts support schools and youth groups who have limited resources by leveraging business and industry partners, creating grant opportunities and providing professional development to reduce barriers to access. He connects people, he shares resources, he sees the big picture, he knows that the future of our youth is too precious not to invest in.

Dan is instrumental in inspiring and coordinating VEX Robotics teams at all levels within our state. He strives to build a framework which connects stakeholders at various academic levels, within the classroom and in the community. It includes higher education opportunities and collaboration with industry partners ----to ultimately contribute toward a more vibrant and diverse workforce in our state, while providing opportunities for our youth.



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