

Lawrence O'Toole Teacher Leadership Awards Announced

Congratulations to Investigating STEM Literacies in Makerspaces teacher, Ashley Freeman! Ashley was named one of 12 New England teachers to win the Lawrence O'Toole Teacher Leadership Award, due to her focus on innovative student-centered learning. The awards honor public high school teachers across the region who are working to scale student-centered learning in their schools, districts and communities.

More About Ashley Freeman Malden High School, Malden, MA

A physics and engineering teacher at Malden High School, Ashley encourages her students to participate in the school's makerspace and developed a course called Creative Design and Engineering, which exposes students to inquiry practices, design thinking and student-centered approaches for scoping problems and designing solutions. Ashley will use the grant to develop a district-wide professional development series on student-centered learning through the use of makerspaces; host a "Malden Maker Faire for Social Justice" where students showcase student solutions to community problems; and develop curricular materials to support new courses on making.

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