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BIOGRAPHIES

NOTE

These pieces were created by Dennis Zehner during his tenure with the Da Vinci Science Center in Allentown, PA. He is now the President, Chief Marketer, and CEO of EmpowerStar Marketing.

GRAND MASTER AWARD FOR TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



John Monahan

Allentown School District
Allentown, Pa.

“Science is not just what I teach; it is part of my identity, my recreation, my pattern of thought.”

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John Monahan, a Technology Facilitator for the Allentown School District, is honored by the Da Vinci Science Center’s Teacher Professional Development team for impacting the way Allentown teachers bring math and science to life every day.

In both his work with the school district and with the Greater Allentown Math Science Partnership (GAMSP) – the Da Vinci Science Center’s largest teacher professional development program – Monahan guides and inspires of grades K-12 to incorporate technology into their inquiry-based math and science instruction. He has worked with teachers to make interactive wikis, digital photo vocabulary books, podcasts, and movies.

Monahan has first-hand knowledge of the urban school district’s unique complexities. He not only has graduated from them himself and served as a classroom teacher and faculty math coach for 12 years, his two sisters and wife teach in Allentown schools. Understanding the hard work and challenges these teachers face on a daily basis, Monahan provides them with skills and strategies that are useful to them immediately.

The district’s Director of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education, Kelly Rosario, calls Monahan “a true leader whose calm demeanor and positive attitude has inspired teachers and learners to dream, learn, do, and become more.”

See John’s Science Hall of Fame award video at www.davincisciencecenter.org/johnmonahan.