

DHS Tech Teacher Greg Darin Gets Second Major Teaching Award This School Year

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Darien High School teacher Greg Darin has been honored for the second time in this school year with an award for excellent teaching. His latest, a "Teacher Excellence Award" was given to him by the International Technology & Engineering Education Association at its recent conference in Atlanta.

Darin, a technology and engineering teacher at the high school, had been named Technology and Engineering Teacher of the Year last November by the Connecticut Technology & Engineering Association.

The award, given to Darien in April at the Atlanta conference of the ITEEA, is “one of the highest honors given to technology and engineering education classroom teachers and is presented in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the profession and their students,” according to the association.

— *an announcement from Darien High School*

Darin has been a teacher at DHS for the last four years and couldn't be a better fit for the award. After a nomination by his peers, a committee at the state level will review and ensure the teacher is consistently incorporating technology and engineering content and principles into the curriculum and providing integrative STEM education to their students.

Students should be clearly engaged and supported with a hands-on/minds-on philosophy as well as inspired to step outside their comfort zone and grow into creative, life long problem solvers.

See also:

- [Darien Educator Named Connecticut Tech/Engineering Teacher of the Year](#) (Greg Darin's previous teaching award, Nov. 21, 2017)
- "DHS ranks 22nd best nationwide in STEM — science, technology, engineering and math subjects." (article: "[Darien High School Ranked 9th Best School in CT by US News](#)," May 9)

Darin is deeply involved in the inner workings of DHS. He sits on the DHS Technology Steering Committee and the 1-to-1 iPad Roll Out Committee as well as the Emergency Response Team.

He oversees the award winning Technology Student Association, co-chairs the National Honor Society and carries a full teaching load. This year he is teaching "IPIE," Independent Projects in Engineering as well as Woodworking, Applied Physics, and DIY — the newest addition to the Tech & Engineering Department at DHS that focuses on giving students real world, hands on problem solving skills through home and auto repair projects.

"We are so proud of Mr. Darin's accomplishment," said DHS Assistant Principal Jacob Greenwood. "As a colleague I am consistently impressed with his steadfast determination to always seek excellence in every endeavor and every individual with which he engages. Mr. Darin is an invaluable asset to our school and certainly worthy of this recognition."