

Jennifer Stockdale constantly goes above and beyond to provide opportunities for students in a variety of programs to ensure their success. She sees needs in the world and works very hard to create opportunities for local students to lessen the gap and meet the needs. She is very active as a parent volunteer for the high school Band where her children go. She has tutored and coached countless students in speech and writing. Jennifer works with many students who are first generation Americans or have recently immigrated to the US to help them not only learn to communicate effectively, but to stand up in front of a crowd and speak clearly, sharing their thoughts and ideas as a public speaker. She works annually with the local schools to run the Battle of the Books program, a book based trivia contest for 3rd-6th grade.

Jennifer developed a 4-H STEM Fun class with levels 1 and 2 to captivate and introduce elementary and middle school students to a variety of topics in the wide world of STEM. She has piqued the interest of many over the last 5 years and now has several students coming back as teen leaders to assist with the classes. Pairing her professional experience with federal court and passion for STEM, she then created a CSI class for high school students that have been a huge hit. This course meets students where their interests lie and integrates the core concepts of science, engineering, math, and technology to bring understanding and discovery for high school students. Because of her work with Battle of the Books and the 4-H STEM classes, Jennifer developed a 4-H STEM Quiz Bowl for her students. The STEM Quiz Bowl challenges students to retain and apply knowledge they learn in class with her throughout the year to be tested in the quiz bowl and named the grand champion. This fun quiz bowl contest has been a hit for her students and provides a good opportunity for friendly competition.

Through her work with 4-H, Jennifer has applied for and been a recipient of many grants to fund more programs for youth in STEM. She has and is working to offer more opportunities for girls in STEM, to encourage females to explore and find their passion in the world of STEM. When Jennifer sees a need, she seeks to meet it, and knowing that women are not well represented in the world of STEM careers, Jennifer is working hard to fill in the gap with the next generation. Over the last year, Jennifer created a STEM Summer internship opportunity for local students to serve, grow, learn, and lead in STEM while gaining valuable experience for their future.

Jennifer Stockdale has a full time demanding career, is raising two children, and spends 30 plus hours a week volunteering with many different community groups to provide opportunities for local students. Volunteering over 1,500 hours annually, Jennifer is an outstanding candidate and well deserving of the Volunteer Spirit Award.