



Moultrie Middle School

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Currie named STEM Teacher of the Year through S.C. Coalition for Mathematics and Science

Mount Pleasant, SC - Millibeth Currie, a seventh-grade science teacher and department chair at Moultrie Middle School, was named South Carolina's STEM teacher of the year through the South Carolina Coalition for Mathematics and Science. Currie was recognized in Columbia on STEM Day, April 10, 2024, at the State Capitol and received a \$2,500 award.

The purpose of the coalition is to inspire learning and leadership in STEM education in schools, out-of-school time, business and industry, and community. This award is for teachers who are making a significant difference in the lives of students across the state by providing excellent curriculum, encouraging lifelong learning and inspiring a passion for STEM beyond the classroom.

Currie was nominated by her husband who has watched her work with STEM programming and curriculum design over the years. She was named a Top Five Finalist after completing a lengthy application process. Her goal was to earn financial support for the STEM program for middle school female students that she started over 20 years ago called [Women in Charge \(WIC\): Engineering Women's Lives](#). The program is run with the help of colleagues Janette Baker, Kellie Passarello, and School Resource Officer Paula Wilson, along with Deborah Belflower who helped launch a WIC program at Seneca Middle School.

"We must engineer more opportunities for all South Carolina students to encounter STEM and to learn the benefits of STEM by having the STEM mindset in all grades, all classes and all topics, said Currie."

Currie's STEM teaching platform is engineering equity and opportunity for all.

"Currie's impact inside and outside of the classroom is astounding," said Principal Nick Reese. "We are so very proud of her and the appreciate all she does for the students at Moultrie."

Currie added that there is a great need to develop and train all teachers in STEM.

"This would allow educators to convince students that becoming problem solvers frees them from the rigid choice of success or failure," said Currie. "If a child is shown ways that STEM makes learning fun and how failures are actually just a first attempt or an additional opportunity for improvement, then they are going to embrace challenges. They will fear nothing and be capable of anything."

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