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Connecticut Association of School Librarians (CASL) Honors Casey Andersen and Irene Weinstein with 2026 CASL TechIT Grants.

Norwalk, CT / Darien, CT– The Connecticut Association of School Librarians (CASL) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2026 CASL TechIT Awards, which recognize completed or ongoing projects that make effective use of technology to positively impact student learning and address one or more of the ISTE Standards for Students. CASL recognizes that technology is not an end in itself, but a powerful tool that enhances learning, creativity, collaboration, and the presentation of student understanding. The CASL TechIT Group presents awards of \$1,000 and \$500 to educators whose projects demonstrate the power of technology to enhance engaged learning and positively impact student achievement.

Casey Andersen of Concord Magnet School K–8 in Norwalk Public Schools has been selected as the recipient of the \$1,000 CASL TechIT Award for Dimensions of Discovery. Through this interdisciplinary project, students in grades 4–8 use Computer-Aided Design (CAD) software and 3D printing technology to move from digital design to physical creation. Students develop problem-solving, spatial reasoning, and engineering skills while engaging in authentic design challenges that showcase technology as a tool for innovation, creativity, and deeper learning.

Irene Weinstein of Tokeneke Elementary School in Darien Public Schools has been selected as the recipient of the \$500 CASL TechIT Award for Becoming Someone Famous. This project integrates literacy, research, art, and technology as students investigate notable figures using digital resources, write and revise first-person biographies, and create animated portraits using the ChatterPix app. By combining research, writing, creativity, and digital storytelling, students demonstrate their learning in engaging and meaningful ways.

For more information about CASL and the TechIT Educator Grant, please visit the CASL website at <https://casl.wildapricot.org/>

About CASL:

The Connecticut Association of School Librarians (CASL) is a professional organization dedicated to promoting excellence in school library media programs and school libraries throughout Connecticut. CASL advocates for strong school library media programs that meet the needs of the entire school community and provide a foundation for lifelong learning. CASL recognizes members with awards and grants for outstanding programs that demonstrate creativity, collaboration, and integration into the school's curriculum.