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Novato High School Teacher earns major honor

Novato, CA – Novato High School and Marin School of the Arts Teacher Glenn Corey, who created the Product Design Program, was selected by the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation for his teaching philosophy and innovative approach to be among the first group of “Allen Distinguished Educators” for providing transformational learning opportunities for students while promoting rigorous academics, real-world learning, and community engagement.

These distinguished educators are working together, supported by the Foundation, to build a dynamic professional community that can leverage best practices and spread innovative teaching methods to other schools and districts.

The Foundation recently filmed MSA Product Design students working to develop projects on campus. The soon to be released video will provide a blue print for other teachers to implement similar programs. Corey’s passion is to help his students develop critical thinking and then test it.

“I have a deep curiosity about everything. When kids see a deep curiosity, their response is, ‘If he’s interested, there must be something interesting there.’ ” he says. “My job is to get them super excited to learn. I have this broad experience, so I’m trying to get them when they leave here to be crazy excited about their career and what they want to do in the future.”

In his design class, students master everything from product concepts to CAD design and production. He wants them to be able to readily understand and draw using astonishing array of resources available to them through modern technology and the Internet, including open source platforms.

The Allen Distinguished Educators program supports educators that are developing programs that teach entrepreneurship and engineering in more engaging, practical ways. The Allen Distinguished Educator program demonstrates the Paul G. Allen Foundation’s commitment to education, focusing on reinventing the classroom for the 21st century. To learn more, please visit www.allendistinguishededucators.org.

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