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LPHS teacher receives Michigan Science Teachers Association's Teacher of Promise award

LINCOLN PARK, Mich. – Lincoln Park Public Schools congratulates **Emily Cizmas** for receiving the **Teacher of Promise Award** from the **Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA)**. The fourth-year physical science teacher was recognized for using inquiry-based approaches to make science fun and engaging for students.

"I feel honored to be named the 2019 Michigan Science Teachers Association Teacher of Promise," Cizmas said. "I love science and I want my students to feel the same way, so I do my best to make my class engaging. I am also grateful to Principal Mercer for being open to teachers trying new ideas. The opportunity to experiment in my classroom has benefited my students and my own development as a teacher."

In the classroom, Cizmas uses a variety of outside-the-box techniques including sensors and smartphone apps that encourage students to investigate topics like motion, waves, electricity and magnetic fields. Teaching students to collect and analyze data allows them to draw their own conclusions about the world.

"Mrs. Cizmas is a shining example of the dedicated high-quality teachers we have in our district," said **Terry Dangerfield**, superintendent of Lincoln Park Public Schools. "The innovative techniques she uses in the classroom prepare her students to achieve and succeed in future science classes."

The Teacher of Promise Award is given to teachers in their first five years in the classroom who deliver high-quality instruction that uses inquiry-based activities to engage students.

Cizmas, who is pursuing a doctorate in Education at Wayne State University, was nominated for the award by one of her advisers.

"Mrs. Cizmas is a great teacher. The creative techniques she uses in the classroom make learning science fun for her students," said **Dan Mercer**, principal of Lincoln Park High School. "She is truly deserving of the Teacher of Promise Award, and I look forward to seeing the next amazing project her students work on."

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