

# Educator Recipient

For the past five years, **John Sperry** has been the computer science and engineering teacher at Lakeridge High School and the coach for the Lake Monsters Robotics team. A passionate advocate for technology and engineering education, he has pioneered new technology classes, including AP Computer Science Principles. He recently introduced a bridge-building assignment where students will have the opportunity to submit their models to a competition hosted by the University of Portland.



The Lake Monsters team plays a unique role in providing hands-on engineering experience. No other class, club, or school district-supported activity offers the opportunity to design, build, and program a 150 pound robot from scratch in just three months. John has helped the Lake Monsters to raise thousands of dollars from community partners and individual donors to help send the team to regional and world championship events. His dedication serves as an inspiration for Lake Oswego graduates to pursue STEM degrees and careers.

He has actively encouraged Lake Monsters team members to present themselves and their robotics to a variety of audiences, including school board members, parents, and prospective students. They've shared their passion for technology and engineering at back-to-school nights, open houses, school board meetings, and more. Through these activities, Lake Monster team members have grown closer to one another and learned valuable public speaking and networking skills.