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Jonathan Sutphin Recognized as PLTW Outstanding Teacher

North Surry High School teacher selected as national exemplary educator

SAN ANTONIO – Jonathan Sutphin from North Surry High School received the highest honor given to PLTW teachers – PLTW Outstanding Teacher – at the Project Lead The Way national conference – PLTW Summit.

PLTW recognized Mr. Sutphin in front of hundreds of attendees, including teachers from across the United States. Additionally, Mr. Sutphin is the only teacher from North Carolina receiving this honor.

“We are grateful to our teachers for their commitment to inspiring and empowering their students with the knowledge and transportable skills needed to thrive in our ever-changing world,” said PLTW Senior Vice President and Chief Programs Officer David Greer. “The PLTW Outstanding Teachers are leaders in their classrooms and are inspiring the next generation of innovators. Mr. Sutphin is a model PTLW teacher.”

PLTW Outstanding Teachers and PLTW Outstanding Educational Leaders are selected through a competitive nomination and selection process for their focus on empowering students to thrive in this evolving world. They have demonstrated a strong record of the following:

- Delivery of an inspiring and empowering student experience in the classroom; this includes success implementing high-quality PLTW programs and inspiring students to apply learning beyond the classroom.
- Expanded access to career learning for students in the school and community.

- Teacher leadership within the classroom, school, or district, using innovative methods to engage students in activity-, project-, problem-based learning, and active pursuit of professional and personal development.

PLTW Engineering engages high school students in collaborative, real-life activities like working with a client to design a home, programming electronic devices or robotic arms, or exploring algae as a biofuel source. As students work together to imagine and design solutions to local and global challenges, they test their limits and question what's possible. And by pushing themselves to rework and refine their projects, PLTW Engineering students learn that both failure and perseverance are key to learning and innovation.

PLTW recognized more than [40 other educators](#) as PLTW Outstanding Teachers for their commitment to empowering students to thrive in our evolving world.

PLTW Summit, sponsored by Chevron, is the premier gathering for the PLTW network of individuals dedicated to preparing students with the in-demand knowledge and transportable skills they need to succeed in college and careers. PLTW Outstanding Teachers and PLTW Outstanding Educational Leaders will be recognized at each of the remaining PLTW Summit experiences across the country.

- PLTW Summit Kansas City, Nov. 14-16, 2018
- PLTW Summit Anaheim, Feb. 1-3, 2019
- PLTW Summit Indianapolis, Feb. 17-19

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for PreK-12 students and teachers across the U.S. PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. PLTW's teacher training and resources support teachers as they engage their students in real-world learning. Approximately 11,500 elementary, middle, and high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia offer PLTW programs. For more information on Project Lead The Way, visit pltw.org.

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