

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**FHS TEACHER, TIMOTHY BARRON,  
RECIPIENT OF ASPIRATIONS IN COMPUTING EDUCATOR AWARD**

Farmington High School teacher Timothy Barron was selected to receive this year's NCWIT Aspirations in Computing Educator Award.

The Aspirations in Computing Educator Award identifies outstanding educators who play a pivotal role in encouraging young women to explore their interest in computing and technology, and recognizes these educators for their efforts to promote gender equity in computing. Over the past four years, more than 160 educators have been recognized and have received more than \$150,000 in professional development funding to improve their computing education skills.

Tim Barron has been an educator in the field of computing at Farmington High School for the past 18 years. He believes that at its core, Computer Science is problem solving and thinking. It is something everyone can learn to do and something everyone can improve at with effort. His Intro. course is a gentle introduction to programming which emphasizes the excitement and fun in Computer Science (CS) as one goes from being a "user of technology to a creator of technology." Mr. Barron actively encourages girls to pursue CS in high school and beyond and continues to research better ways to reach them. In addition, he is very proud to be the co-head coach of Farmington's FIRST Robotics team, the Second Law Enforcers. In 2013, He was recognized with the prestigious Woodie Flowers Award which is presented to an outstanding mentor in the robotics competition who best leads, inspires, teaches, and empowers their team using excellent communication skills. He is an active advocate for Computer Science education in his community and through the CTCSTA.

On Mr. Barron's recognition, Farmington High School Principal, Dr. Bill Silva said "Congratulations to Tim Barron for this very well deserved recognition of his efforts to promote and encourage young women to pursue their interests in computing, engineering, and robotics. Thanks to Tim, Farmington High School female students have regularly received the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing. I commend Tim for this important and noteworthy accomplishment."

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