

Lutz Science & Mathematics Teaching Excellence Award

Andy McCubbin

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A successful researcher and a gifted instructor, plant biologist Andy McCubbin cares deeply about preparing students for long-term success. His teaching philosophy emphasizes the importance of personal responsibility in achieving your goals and the value of lifelong learning.

Over the course of Andy's 22 years at WSU, more than 7,000 students have experienced his ability to foster an environment of curiosity. His time-lapse music videos—complete with lyrics linked to the day's lesson—are memorable and invite student engagement. He asks TAs to guest lecture and guides them through the professional development experience.

Andy complements his knack for instruction with diverse learning tools to ensure all students, including non-science majors, fully understand the concepts. He connects classroom discussion to real-world examples and explains the everyday implications. Finally, his how-to-study guides for introductory biology and botany are pure gold for students.

He also contributes to K-12 education by evaluating teaching endorsement curricula, managing the WSU equipment loan program, and volunteering in elementary school classrooms.

Every semester, Andy's student evaluations are replete with glowing comments, another testament to his embodiment of the Lutz legacy of excellence.

