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**Subject:**[NSS19] Intro STEM Scholar

Hi,  I’m Julie Marsteller and I live in Montgomery County  (North Potomac) Maryland right outside of Washington DC.  My family and I have lived here since 1990.  First, my husband and I have been married for 30 years we have 2 children, Ian 22, newly graduated from University of Maryland, living and working in NYC.  Our daughter Avery is 18 and getting ready to attend the University of Maryland. We also have one silly, fuzzy standard poodle named Cleo.

I have been teaching 25 years.  I started in Elementary and Informal Ed in Florida.  In 1990 we moved to Maryland, I finished my Masters in Environmental Ed/Elementary Ed.  I stepped into middle school 17 years ago and haven’t looked back.  I presently teach 4 8th grade Sciences and 1 STEAM class. I am presently involved with the NASA Endeavor STEM online program, working towards an advanced certificate.

4 years ago my resource teacher and I concocted an idea based on Science Olympiad, proposed it to my principal and she gave a thumbs up,  I’ve been running with it ever since:  Researching, refining, developing and collecting.  The class has more of a makers space STEAM flavor as my own love of working with my hands and tools has guided me.  My faculty considers me a bit of Jack of All Trades, a bricoleur of sorts (not quite MacGyver).

I love to travel and yearly take a group of kids to some place we can all get a taste of another culture, some of my favorites have been: Guatemala, Ecuador/Galapagos and Iceland.  My bucket list is brimming, but always has room for more.

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