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## Whitby teacher recognized with Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM Penny Senior was one of the teachers to receive one of the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM. She was given a Certificate of Achievement.

The awards recognize outstanding elementary and high school teachers in all disciplines and early childhood educators for their innovative practices. The award categories include Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and Early Childhood Education. These awards honour outstanding elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines and early childhood educators for their innovative practices. Within the

categories, awards were given at regional or national levels. Senior is the Director of Experiential Learning at Trafalgar, where her leadership has helped establish the school as one of only 23 Apple Distinguished Schools in Canada. Trafalgar is home to an award-winning robotics team, a vibrant tech-integrated curriculum and a culture where students development confidence, passion and take pride in their learning journeys.

Below are some of the ways she has used STEM in the classroom and her outstanding achievements:

Created a cross-curricular "Accessibility Project" combining math, tech, and robotics—students identified areas of the school that weren't accessible, designed solutions, and coded robots to test their designs.

Brought woodworking into the Design Tech program, outfitting the classroom with tools and benches so students could design and build birdhouses.

Teaches digital literacy and responsible Al use, inviting guest speakers like Microsoft engineers to talk about cybersecurity and emerging tech.

Leads field trips that connect technology to empathy and health, like exploring how VR helps dementia patients.

Founded "Beyond the Castle," a week-long program where students explore everything from Indigenous sites to potential career paths; Grade 10s focus on "Women in STEM" through partnerships with Deloitte, Microsoft, and University of Toronto. Established the school's first post-secondary STEM partnership, securing conditional acceptance and scholarship opportunities at Ontario Tech University

Facilitates learning opportunities outside the classroom—for example, leading a trip to the Dominican Republic that focused on gender equity, environmental issues, and community impact

Builds student leadership by mentoring robotics team members, guiding student council initiatives, and coordinating volunteer projects with community organizations like Durham Feed the Need This is a Paid Advertisement by the <u>Durham People's Municipal Watch Association</u>



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