



## MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL'S 2017 – 2018 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

### MEGAN RADER

Megan Rader began her career in CT working in Portland before coming to Manchester High School. She is a valued member of the Science Department. She teaches all levels of students from PSP Chemistry to AP Chemistry. She believes in making Science fun and engaging. She created our Forensic Science class based on students' interest in television shows like CSI. She brought the State University of New York at Albany's 3 year Science Research program to MHS. This program truly personalizes students' learning opportunities and has launched many of our students into various science fields at top universities. She believes strongly in the importance of developing relationships with her students. Megan recently won the CT Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Teacher award. She has been a member of the School Climate Committee and serves as the MHS Chemical Hygiene Officer. I took a group of the Science Research students into Mrs. Rader's AP Chemistry class to notify her that she was selected to be the MHS Teacher of the Year. A highlight for me, was seeing the excitement and joy on her students' faces. After the announcement, the students circled around Mrs. Rader in an enthusiastic group hug- the evidence of the strong relationships and bonds formed between a teacher and her students!

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