

Jillian Worssam is an eighth-grade science educator at Sinagua Middle School, where she manages two afterschool clubs: a 45-student oceanography club and a 25-student STEM / Makerspace club. Jillian was named Flagstaff's 1st STEM Teacher of the Year in 2012, and is the 2017 Viola Award recipient for Excellence in Science Education. Jillian founded the Scientist in the Classroom Program at Sinagua Middle School; matching scientists from Flagstaff and around the world one-on-one with Honors Science students for the entire academic year. As a part of the Scientists in the Classroom Program Jillian also developed a component where local businesses, government agencies, and organizations visit a partner classroom each month to engage students in real-world STEM culminating in a student field trip to the STEM partner. Jillian has volunteered for the Flagstaff Festival of Science for over 15 years and been on the Board for the past six years and is the current education chair. And finally, Jillian was instrumental in initiating our Flagstaff Community STEM Celebration every spring at the NAU dome.