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Michael Clauss

Janis Hennessey World Language Teacher of Excellence

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About

Michael Clauss of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy is honored as this year's recipient of the Janis Hennessey World Language Teacher of Excellence Award by the New Hampshire Association of World Language Teachers. Known for his exceptional teaching skills and innovative methods in Spanish instruction, Michael has not only inspired his students but also invigorated his colleagues with his creativity. One of his notable creations includes "mayomanía de mayo," an engaging activity where students analyze mayonnaise commercials from Spanish-speaking countries and vote for their favorites in a "March Madness" style competition. Beyond the classroom, Michael's commitment extends to various extracurricular roles including serving as a soccer coach, yearbook advisor, and as an active participation on the NHAWLT board. He is also the president of the New Hampshire chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP). His dedication to fostering cultural immersion extends outside the classroom as he regularly travels with students to Spanish-speaking countries, further enhancing their learning experience and cultural understanding.