

Toyota, Project Lead The Way Paves New Paths to Next-Generation STEM Careers

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PRINCETON, Ind. — March 14, 2018 — Toyota, together with [Project Lead the Way \(PLTW\)](#), awarded \$290,000 in grants to 22 K-12 schools in Southwest Indiana to help prepare students for the next generation of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) jobs.

The grants, funded by the Toyota USA Foundation, provide curriculum focused on computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. They also help create engaging, hands-on classrooms for students to develop the knowledge and skills needed to thrive.

“By bringing new methods of learning to students, we can challenge their way of thinking and empower them with the key skills necessary to succeed and accomplish their dreams,” said Millie Marshall, president, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana. “Through this effort, we can help create the innovators and problem solvers of tomorrow, while uplifting Indiana communities.”

Last year, PLTW received a \$2 million grant from the Toyota USA Foundation to support approximately 115 K-12 schools throughout the United States.

Wood Memorial High School in Oakland City, Ind. is one such school to receive a grant. Wood Memorial was awarded \$20,000 to implement PLTW’s computer science curriculum that encourages students to create technology; not just consume it. PLTW K-12 programs include: “Launch” for elementary; “Gateway” for middle school; as well as, Engineering and Computer Science for high school.

“This grant will allow us to enhance our students’ learning and provide opportunities to better prepare them for future STEM careers,” said Kevin Smith, principal at Wood Memorial High School. “We believe our students deserve every opportunity to gain a first-class education. This partnership with Toyota and PLTW helps us provide that.”