

## MCC lecturer from Suffield wins teaching award

Jessica Zolciak, a lecturer in biology at Manchester Community College, is a recipient of the 2020-21 Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award.



Zolciak, a resident of Suffield, has served as a part-time lecturer at MCC since 2014. The annual Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award recognizes part-time faculty who have distinguished themselves as outstanding teachers with a track record of increasing student learning and promoting instructional improvements for their programs or departments. Criteria for the award focused on Zolciak's exceptional teaching skills and effective pedagogy, innovative and creative instructional delivery, impact on student learning, and instructional improvements and collegial collaborations.

Zolciak joined MCC in 2002 as biology lab coordinator, a position she continues to hold in addition to her adjunct faculty course load, which includes introduction to biology, human biology, first-year experience, microbiology and general biology. She earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from Eastern Connecticut State University and a master of science degree in biology, with a concentration in emerging infectious diseases, from Saint Joseph University.

