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***Anna Mederer***  
for the  
***2025 Teaching Assistant of the Year***

Thoughtful. Effective, “Super TA”. This is how both students and faculty describe Anna Mederer, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Physics. For their tireless and exceptional service to their students, faculty, and department, we are pleased to recognize Anna as this year’s Teaching Assistant of the Year.

The faculty who worked with Anna were impressed by their initiative in stepping up to serve as the Head TA in Physics, becoming an integral and essential part of the physics educational experience at WPI in 2024. Faculty commended Anna for their strong commitment to improving the quality of instruction in the physics labs. One faculty wrote how Anna’s “effectiveness as a teacher inside and outside the classroom is far beyond their years.”

Faculty praised Anna’s dedication to their students, highlighting their efforts to ensure the success of every student through regular check-ins, thought-provoking questions, and encouragement of critical thinking during experiments. Faculty commented how Anna maintained a professional and supportive relationship with all fellow TAs, always ready to assist with equipment and offer guidance when needed.

Students commented on how “Anna was clear and instructive when they helped clarify lab questions” and “always had helpful formulas and drawings on the board and made sure we were aware of them and understood them.”

Due to their outstanding support of and dedication to their students, we are pleased to present Anna Mederer with the 2025 Teaching Assistant of the Year Award.