New in 2016, UTeach Maker is an innovative micro-endorsement program that helps UTeach students bring Maker education practices into their STEM classrooms and makerspace environments. Each UTeach Maker has a personal mentor, participates in ongoing Maker professional development, and creates a Maker Showcase to serve as a portfolio of their work.

**UTEACH MAKER BY THE NUMBERS**

- **17** Students in UTeach Maker
- **5** Maker Education Mentors
- **6** Maker Education Internship Sites
- **3** UTeach Maker Graduates
- **10** Meetings and Maker Events This Year

In the first year of the program, UTeach Maker students have become active members in the Maker community, attending events such as SXSW Create and the Austin Maker Faire and working in local makerspaces. UTeach Maker graduates have become high school engineering teachers and have been hired internationally to integrate makerspace environments with STEM education. Several UTeach Maker graduates are currently working to publish their innovative lessons.

“Many aspects of making are universal; students enjoy creating something with their hands and seeing a finished product.”

Kyle Albernaz  
Current UTeach Maker

“I believe that the best way to help the Maker education effort is to reach preservice teachers so that they can see the possibilities that making in the classroom affords and generate a sustainable passion for it that will stay with them during their careers.”

Patrick Benfield  
UTeach Maker Mentor

**2016–2017**

“Having a small community of like-minded people has made a huge difference on my experience. I left meetings feeling inspired and more Maker-savvy than before.”

Hannah Spock  
UTeach Maker, Spring 2017

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