



CITATION

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In keeping with the resolve of the Mathematical Association of America to take substantive action each year to honor extraordinarily successful teaching at all post-secondary levels, the Northern California Section of the Association is pleased to identify

PAUL RICHARD HALMOS

as the recipient of its MAA Sectional

**AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED COLLEGE OR
UNIVERSITY TEACHING
OF MATHEMATICS**



PROFESSOR HALMOS properly enjoys a truly global respect in our profession, not only as a creative practitioner of our art, but as one of our greatest expositors over many decades. Near our desks, surely all of us keep some of his writings; some are older, some are very new; all are classics that teach us. So, he continues to be a global teacher. What our award testifies to in happy addition to this magnificent reputation is that, up close, in the classrooms of a campus in our neighborhood, he is



recognized by students and colleagues alike as a superbly local teaching star as well. It is no surprise at all to find that his students regularly do well later in excellent graduate schools.

Halmos once wrote and clearly continues to act on the belief that 'the major part of every meaningful life is the solution of problems.' It is no problem at all for the Northern California Section of the Mathematical Association of American to recognize its exceedingly good fortune in having this accomplished, energetic, widely respected, and well-disposed colleague in its midst. We are most pleased to exercise this opportunity to trumpet the extraordinary merit of this extraordinary teacher of mathematics.

