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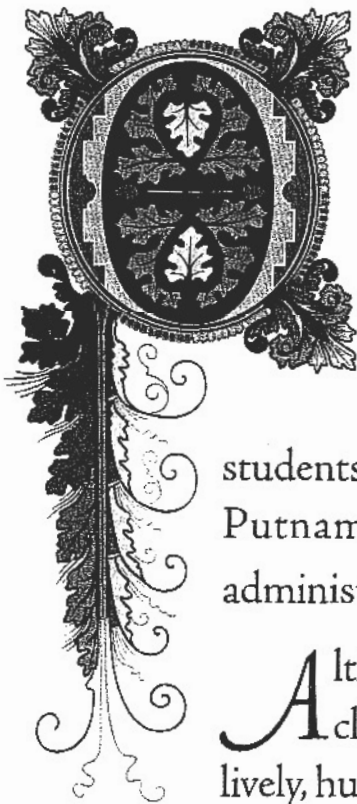
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In keeping with the resolve of the Mathematical Association of America to take substantive action each year to honor extraordinarily successful teaching at all post-secondary levels, the Northern California Section of the Association is pleased to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

LEONARD F. KLOSINSKI

as the recipient of its MAA Sectional

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



On his own campus Leonard Klosinski has been a respected and renowned teacher of mathematics and computer science since he joined the faculty of Santa Clara University in 1964. Nationally his name is known to thousands of students who have participated in the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition, which he has administered since 1978.

Although naturally a rather shy person, in front of a class he seems quite different: outgoing, theatrical, lively, humorous, and seemingly spontaneous, though this





kind of spontaneity is usually no accident but is well planned in advance. He is an enormously popular teacher, known for giving challenging courses. But his students rush back for more.

A loyal following of alumni credit him with a good part of their success. One alumnus (currently a professor of mathematics in a West Coast university) wrote: 'I considered him the best teacher in Santa Clara's department, one known for priding itself on the quality of its teaching.' Further, 'The most memorable course I took was Advanced Calculus, during the start of my sophomore year. This was a difficult and challenging course, with exams that must have been inspired by the Putnam. I can still recall the feeling of accomplishment that came from doing well on those exams. This was the first mathematics course that ever challenged me, and it convinced me that I was right to choose mathematics as a career. It has also been influential in shaping my own teaching style.' Another former student, now a professor of mathematics and computer science, wrote, 'I think it was the enthusiasm of Leonard and similarly-gifted instructors for mathematics, rather than any particular area of mathematics itself, that led me to pursue graduate studies in the hope of becoming a college professor myself and I credit him with being one of my chief inspirations for my own classroom style.'

On his own campus Klosinski practically single-handedly organized the effort to get a Pi Mu Epsilon chapter on campus and was the chapter advisor for many years. He continues to administer a mathematics contest for high school students, taken by 300 to 600 students per year. And for the past 21 years he has wisely and efficiently administered the national William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition, a longer tenure than any other director (the previous record of 16 years was held by L. E. Bush). During his administration the contest has been expanded to include additional prizes, including a prize for achievement by a woman in the Competition.

The Northern California Section congratulates this outstanding teacher for these accomplishments, for his contributions to his own students and to the professional community and is pleased to present him its Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics.

