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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

DONALD C. PFAFF

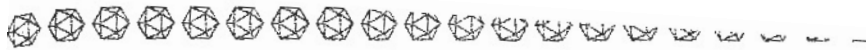
as the recipient of its MAA Sectional

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



OR nearly forty years Donald Pfaff has devoted himself to developing methods of effective teaching and problem solving. His techniques and memorable style are highly praised by undergraduate and graduate students, by his colleagues and by teachers he has trained. His courses aimed at the training of teachers attract large enrollments, including many students who do not have teaching as a career goal. His influence on his students persists long after graduation or completion of a workshop.





It is the opinion of his nominator that Dr. Pfaff has taught more topics at more different levels, using more different approaches, to more students, than any other faculty member at the University of Nevada. Beyond the classroom he has for many years (35) written the Nevada Prize Exam for high school students. He has also distributed and scored the exam and presented the awards to the winners. He has lectured widely to high school students in Nevada and California.

Don Pfaff is recognized as an extraordinarily successful teacher. A colleague writes: He is a master teacher, known and respected throughout Nevada and Northern California by those in the teaching profession. He has remained both constant and lively in his career for many years. A measure of student enthusiasm for Dr. Pfaff is given by some terms that they have coined, such as "Pfaffology" and the "Pfaff Experience". One of the titles even appears on a license plate. It reads: PFAFFER.

The Northern California Section of the MAA congratulates this exceptional teacher for his contributions to the profession.

