

## **Section's Distinguished Teaching Award Winner**

This year's winner of the Section's Distinguished Teaching Award is Prof. E. Lee May, Jr., of Salisbury State University. The breadth of Prof. May's mathematical contributions is noteworthy. As one would expect for such an award, many of these contributions are student-centered. He co-sponsored founding SSU's student chapter of the MAA, and frequently takes on the task of getting students to both sectional and national MAA meetings. He established his department's Center for Applied Mathematical Sciences, enabling SSU's mathematics majors to work on real problems for regional businesses, industries, and management organizations. He encourages undergraduate mathematical research by using the Moore Method in many of his classes.

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Although the letters supporting his nomination from his professional community were impressive, perhaps even more so was the support he received from students. Non-traditional students, students who had previously experienced trouble with mathematics, as well as those going on to graduate work in mathematics unanimously said that Prof. May was—and continues to be—supportive of their academic endeavors. This student focus and going well beyond what is required of a teacher are hallmarks of Prof. May and our Section's previous Distinguished Teaching Award winners.

The institutions in our Section are gifted to have many people of this caliber working for our students. Recognizing them by nominating them for our Section's Distinguished Teaching Award is one way to repay them for their efforts. Please take the time to identify these people on your campus, and forward their name for consideration.