

2025 Sr. Stephanie Sloyan Award for Distinguished Service New Jersey Section of the Mathematical Association of America

Dr. Dawn Nelson

The recipient of the 2025 Sr. Stephanie Sloyan Award for Distinguished Service from the New Jersey section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA-NJ) is Dr. Dawn Nelson, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Saint Peter's University.



Dawn's service to the New Jersey section started in 2015 when she volunteered as a judge for student talks sessions at the Garden State Undergraduate Mathematics Conference. In 2019, she was appointed as the MAA-NJ Program Editor and has held that role for the past six years. Dawn was elected as the Vice Chair for Spring Meetings in 2022 and is currently in her second term. While on the executive board, Dawn has served on the teaching award committee and the service award committee.

Dawn earned a B.A. in Mathematics from Williams College and a Ph.D. in Mathematics from Brandeis University. Her research interests include Number Theory (variations on Fibonacci numbers and number bracelets). At Saint Peter's University, she is an active member of many committees such as Student Learning Outcomes, Curriculum, and Enrollment Council. She was recently elected to serve as Chair of the University Chairs and Directors Group.

The New Jersey Section is delighted to have benefited from the many years of service provided by Dawn over the past ten years and in appreciation for her contributions has awarded her with the 2025 Sr. Stephanie Sloyan Award for Distinguished Service.

Response from Dr. Nelson

I am truly honored to receive the 2025 Sr. Stephanie Sloyan Award for Distinguished Service from the New Jersey Section of the Mathematical Association of America. This recognition means a great deal to me.

I have learned so much from you all and from our meetings. I've been inspired to continue my research and to make pedagogical changes in my classes; and your support has given me the confidence to take on new leadership roles at Saint Peter's.

I want to thank everyone who contributes their time and energy to making our Section such a welcoming and engaging community. It has been a true pleasure to serve alongside you and to celebrate mathematics and mathematics education together. We do what we do for our students and for the mathematics community; and even though sometimes that goes unacknowledged, it is always appreciated.

Thank you again for this meaningful recognition.