

MAA-NJ Section 2014 Distinguished Service Award

The recipient of the 2014 MAA-NJ Section Sr. Stephanie Sloyan Award for Distinguished Service is **John T. Saccoman** of Seton Hall University.

John Saccoman has been involved in activities of the MAA-NJ section for more than a decade. Particular note should be made of his many contributions to Project Next (New Experiences in Teaching) at the national and at the section level. John was an original blue dot National NExT Fellow (1996-97 cohort). The MAA-New Jersey section began its NJ-NExT program in 1998 under the guidance of Bonnie Gold. Since that time, John has been a panelist at several panel sessions, including panels on “Managing the tenure track” in the Fall 2004 meeting at the College of New Jersey and “Maple in the classroom” in the Fall 2008 meeting at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He also coordinated the NExT lunch table at several meetings.

After Bonnie Gold stepped down as director of NJ-NExT in 2008, John Saccoman and Kaaren Finberg of Ocean County College took over the program. John was involved in running NJ-NExT until 2013. He also organized the student research presentations at the Garden State Undergraduate Mathematics Conference at the Spring meetings in 2004-2007. John was the conference chair for the section meeting held at Seton Hall in the fall of 2006.

We appreciate and are grateful to the many contributions of John Saccoman to the New Jersey section of the MAA.