MAA Certificate of Meritorious Service

for

Dr. A. Duane Porter

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Dr. Porter was born in Michigan in 1936 and did his undergraduate studies at Michigan State University. In 1964, upon completing a Ph.D. under the direction of Dr. John Hodges at the University of Colorado, Dr. Porter accepted a position at the University of Wyoming. He has taught there ever since and served the University in many capacities. He has published approximately 50 papers and been a frequent reviewer in the area of linear algebra and matrix theory.

A particular interest of Dr. Porter has been in mathematics education and he has received three-quarters of millions dollars from the NSF in eight grants to further his goal of improving the teaching of mathematics at all levels, from elementary schools through the university.

Dr. Porter joined the MAA in 1964 and has always been a strong supporter of both the national organization and the Rocky Mountain Section. He has been Chairman of the Rocky Mountain Section twice and served as the section governor during 1978-81. A frequent contributor at section meetings, his comments and advice are always valuable.

The example set by Dr. Porter for others is that of a university professor who is vitally interested in communicating both his mathematical knowledge and his enthusiasm for mathematics to colleagues and students. Few university professors have been more ardent supporters of the MAA, an organization which is primarily about collegiate mathematics, than Dr. A. Duane Porter.

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