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Dear Department Chair

I am writing about three items.

First, the Rocky Mountain Section of the Mathematical Association of America is soliciting nominations for a Distinguished Teaching Award for one of our members. Having served as a Department Chair myself, I know you are aware of those members of your department deserving of such an honor. In fact, I suppose there are many such faculty on your campus. Recognizing only one such person a year in the entire Rocky Mountain section is somewhat symbolic. However, such recognition does emphasize outstanding teaching. Enclosed is a form for nomination. If you need more than one form, please Xerox whatever you need. Please note that the nominee must be a member of the MAA.

Second, I am collecting material for the next issue of the MAA Rocky Mountain Section newsletter and would appreciate your taking a few minutes to fill out the following sheet and mailing it back to me by February 1.

The Rocky Mountain Section is quite spread out, so some mention of local news is a welcome way to keep in touch. The news of your department does not need to be only of members of the MAA.

Lastly, we plan to mention openings for employment. If you anticipate a position, let me know and I will put your information in the newsletter.

Sincerely,

William C. Ramaley,
Secretary/Treasurer
Rocky Mountain Section
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At _____ (college or university)

New faculty are:
(name, and if desired where their education was and where they taught previously)

Promotions:

On leave:

Deaths and retirements:

Special grants and research programs:

Anticipate openings:

Other department (or student math club, etc.) news:

(your name)

1996 Rocky Mountain Section Award
Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics

Nominations for the fifth (1996) Rocky Mountain Section Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics are now being accepted. The Rocky Mountain Section Selection Committee will choose one of the nominees for the Section Award. The awardee will be honored at the Spring 1996 meeting of the Section and will be widely recognized and acknowledged within the Section. The awardee will also be the official Section candidate for the pool of Section awardees from which the national recipients of the MAA Awardees for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics will be selected except that one of national winner may be selected from another source. There will be at most three national awardees, each of whom will be honored at the national MAA meeting in January 1997 and receive a \$1,000 check and a certificate.

Anyone is entitled to make a nomination. Self-nomination is not permitted. A previous nominee for this award who did not become a Section awardee can be nominated again.

Eligibility

– College of university teachers assigned at least halftime during the academic year to teaching a mathematical science in a public or private college or university (from two-year college teaching through teaching at the Ph. D. level) in the United States or Canada. Those on approved leave (sabbatical or other) during the academic year in which they are nominated qualify if they fulfilled the requirement in the previous year.

- At least five years teaching experience in a mathematical science.
- Membership in the Mathematical Association of America

Guidelines for Nomination

The nominees should –

– be widely recognized as extraordinarily successful in their teaching. The word “teaching” is to be interpreted in its broadest sense, not necessarily limited to classroom teaching. It may include such activities as preparing students for mathematical competitions at the college level, for example, the Putnam Prize Competition or the Mathematical Contest in Modeling, or attracting students to become majors in a mathematical science or to become Ph. D. candidates.

- have teaching effectiveness that can be documented
- have had influence in their teaching beyond their own institutions
- foster curiosity and generate excitement about mathematics in their students.

The idea of an “influence beyond their own institution” can be manifested in many forms, including demonstrated lasting impact on alumni, influence on the profession through curricular revisions in college mathematics teaching with national impact, influential innovative books on the teaching of mathematics, etc.

Nominations for the Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics must be submitted on the enclosed “Nomination Form.” Please follow the instructions on that form precisely to assure uniformity in the selection process both at the Section and the national levels.

If a file on a Section awardee significantly exceeds the prescribed limits (as stated on page 2 of the Nomination Form), it will not be considered for a national award and be returned to the Section.

Please send the nomination packet to: Professor William C. Ramaley, Secretary, Rocky Mountain Section of MAA, Math. Dept., Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado 81301

so as to be received no later than December 31, 1995