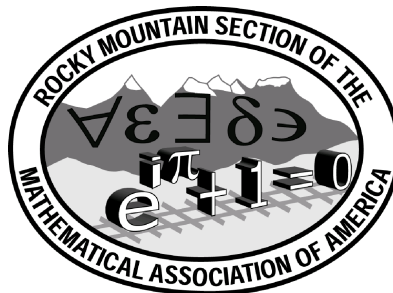**BURTON W. JONES AWARD**

FOR

**DISTINGUISHED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY TEACHING OF
MATHEMATICS**

CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS

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PAST ROCKY MOUNTAIN
SECTION RECIPIENTS

1992   Professor John H. "Jack" Hodges
        University of Colorado at Boulder

1993   Professor Gerald Diaz
        United States Air Force Academy

1994   Professor A. Duane Porter
        University of Wyoming

1995   Professor William D. Emerson
        Metropolitan State College of Denver

1996   Professor Zenas Hartvigson
        University of Colorado at Denver

1997   Professor Thomas Kelley
        Metropolitan State College of Denver

1998   Professor Monte Zerger
        Adams State College

1999   Professor Bill Briggs
        University of Clorado at Denver

2000   Professor Barbara Bath
        Colorado School of Mines

2001   Professor Jim Loats
        Metropolitan State College of Denver

2002   Professor Gene Abrams
        UCCS

2003   Professor Hugh King
        Colorado School of Mines

2004   Professor Don Teets
        SDSMT

2005   Professor Bryan Shader
        University of Wyoming

2006   Professor Barb Moskal
        Colorado School of Mines

2007   Professor Lynne Ipiña
        University of Wyoming

2008   Professor Steven Janke
        Colorado College

PAST ROCKY MOUNTAIN
SECTION RECIPIENTS

2009   Professor Richard Grassl
        University of Northern Colorado

2010   Eric Stade
        University of Colorado Boulder

2011   Rich Bogdanovich
        Community College of Aurora

2012   Janet Nichols
        Colorado State University - Pueblo

What is the Award?

In 1991, the Board of Governors of the Mathematical Association of America established Section Awards for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics to recognize extraordinarily successful teachers of mathematics at the post-secondary level. The Rocky Mountain Section Award is named in honor of Burton W. Jones, a lifelong advocate of excellence in teaching and strong supporter of the MAA.

Each year, a four-member Award Selection Committee chooses an award recipient from nominations made by the section membership. Recipients are outstanding teachers who foster student excitement about mathematics; simply being nominated is an honor. Nominees and their nominators receive complimentary meeting registration at that year's section meeting (including banquet fees for the awardee and awardee's nominator). All nominators also receive a certificate of appreciation in recognition of their efforts to promote excellence in teaching.

The awardee is honored with a certificate and $271.82 honorarium at that year's Section Meeting, and is invited to deliver the opening lecture at the next year's Section Meeting. This individual also serves a one-year term on the Award Selection Committee and becomes the Section Nominee for the Deborah and Franklin Haimo Awards for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics. These national awardees (at most three) are honored at the MAA winter meeting with a certificate and $1000 check.

Who can nominate?

Any member of the Rocky Mountain Section of the MAA may nominate any other member of the Section. Self nomination is not permitted.

Who is eligible for the Award?

The nominee must:

♦ be a member of the MAA.

♦ be a college or university teacher assigned at least half time during the academic year to the teaching of 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 requirements in the previous year.

♦ have at least five years teaching experience in a mathematical science.

What are the selection criteria?

The nominee should:

♦ be widely recognized as extraordinarily successful at the post-secondary level.

♦ have teaching effectiveness that can be documented.

"Teaching" is to be interpreted in its broadest sense, not necessarily limited to classroom teaching. It may include activities such as preparing students for mathematical competitions at the college level (e.g., Putnam Prize Exam or Mathematical Contest in Modeling), or attracting students to become majors or graduate students in a mathematical science.

♦ have had influence through their teaching beyond their institution.

"Influence beyond their own institution" can take many forms, including demonstrated lasting impact on alumni, influence on the profession through curricular revisions in college mathematics teaching with impact beyond your institution, and influential innovative books on the teaching of mathematics.

♦ foster curiosity and generate excitement about mathematics in their students.

What is the nomination process?

Nomination forms and complete guidelines are available from:

♦ The section web page (http://sections.maa.org/rockymt)

♦ Department Chairs and MAA Departmental Liaisons

♦ The Section Secretary (contact information available at website)

The nomination form should reach the secretary, *Heidi Keck,* hkeck@western.edu or *Hurst Hall, Western State Colorado University, Gunnison, Colorado 81231* by **1 December 2012**; completed dossiers should reach the secretary by **15 January 2013.** Electronic submission is encouraged.

In addition to the nomination form, complete materials include:

♦ narrative description of nominee's credentials, not to exceed five pages;

♦ no more than three additional pages of evidence to document nominee's extraordinary teaching success;

♦ as many as five letters of recommendation of no more than one page each, as follows:

- Two from present or former students.
- Two from the nominee's colleagues (one could be the department chair).
- One additional letter from anyone qualified to comment on the nominee's extraordinary teaching success.

The nominator should compile a complete dossier before submitting materials!

Materials should be typewritten and double spaced in 12 point or larger type size. Electronic submission is encouraged.

Please follow the guidelines provided at http://www.maa.org/awards/teachingawards.htm