CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Mathematical Association of America
Northern California, Nevada and Hawaii Golden Section

Award For

DISTINGUISHED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY TEACHING OF MATHEMATICS

Initial nominations are now being accepted for the twenty-first annual Section award, for 2012. The Golden Section’s Selection Committee will choose for the award one of those nominees. He or she will be honored at our February 2012 Section meeting, with a certificate and a $300 prize. The awardee will then become the Section’s official candidate for one of the MAA’s National Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Awards for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics. There will be at most three National awardees, who will be honored at the National MAA meeting in January 2013 and receive a certificate and a $1000 prize. (One of the National winners may be selected from another source.)

We urge you to nominate eligible, qualified teachers. Anyone may do so, but self-nomination is not permitted, and current students should nominate through another faculty member.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must

• Be assigned to teach a mathematical science in a public or private college or university in the U.S. or Canada, at least half-time, during the current academic year. Those on approved leave (sabbatical or other) qualify if they fulfilled the requirements in the previous year.
• Have at least five years’ teaching experience in a mathematical science.
• Be members of the Mathematical Association of America.

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION

Nominees should

• Be widely recognized as extraordinarily successful in teaching (in the broadest sense, not necessarily limited to the classroom).
• Display teaching effectiveness that can be documented.
• Have influenced teaching beyond their own institutions: for example, through impact on alumni, curriculum revision with nationwide impact, or innovative publication on college or university mathematics teaching.
• Foster curiosity and generate excitement about mathematics in their students.

INITIAL NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE FORM PROVIDED, WITH NOMINATOR’S STATEMENT, BY 10 DECEMBER 2011.
SELECTION PROCESS

The awardee will be selected by a two-stage process, to ease the work related to the nomination and thus increase the number of nominees. The Section’s Selection Committee will review the initial nominations, and for those judged to be clearly competitive, the nominators will be asked to complete further formal documentation by 21 January 2012. The additional documentation will help the Committee make its decision and submit the winning nomination for consideration for a National Award.

DIRECTIONS FOR A COMPLETE NOMINATION PACKET
(Required only if requested by the Selection Committee.)

A nomination should consist only of materials requested below. It should not include any other materials such as curriculum vitae, or other items. Please prepare all application materials on 8.5 × 11 paper, one side only, with type size no smaller than 12 points.

A complete application should contain

- **Nomination Form.** A completed National form is the first page of the nomination.

- **Narrative.** Please describe the nominee’s extraordinary success in teaching, by providing a narrative of the nominee’s background, experience, teaching style, special contributions, other teaching awards, and any additional evidence of the nominee’s unusual achievement in teaching. Please limit this portion to no more than five double-spaced pages.

- **Additional Documentation.** Please submit no more than three pages of evidence to document the nominee’s extraordinary teaching success. This documentation will vary greatly from institution to institution and may include summaries of peer or student evaluations, comments on teaching, possible increases in numbers of undergraduate or graduate degrees given in mathematics (with clear evidence of the nominee’s substantial responsibility for them), possible student successes in mathematics competitions (with clear evidence of the nominee’s substantial responsibility for them), etc.

  Nominators should bear in mind that the National Selection Committee might view a nomination more positively if it is accompanied not just by carefully chosen testimonials from a few selected students and faculty, though they are, of course, welcome, but also by some unfiltered input that is more representative of the whole spectrum of opinion among students and faculty about the nominee.

- **Letters of Recommendation.** Please include no more than five letters of recommendation of no more than one page each, as follows:
  - Two letters from the nominee’s present or former students.
  - Two letters from the nominee’s colleagues (one of whom could be the department chair).
  - One additional letter from anyone qualified to comment on the nominee’s extraordinary teaching success.

*Note: If the nomination packet significantly exceeds the prescribed limits above, it will not be eligible for consideration of a national award. The committee routinely reconsiders nominations in future years so time spent in nomination now will be worth the effort.*

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| 1992 Don Chakerian  
University of California, Davis |
| 1993 Paul Halmos*  
Santa Clara University |
| 1994 Jane Day  
San Jose State University |
| 1995 Ed Landesman*  
University of California, Santa Cruz |
| 1996 G. Thomas Sallee  
University of California, Davis |
| 1997 Jean Pedersen  
Santa Clara University |
| 1998 Donald Pfaff  
University of Nevada, Reno |
| 1999 Leonard F. Klosinski*  
Santa Clara University |
| 2000 Evelyn Silvia*  
University of California, Davis |
| 2001 Wade Ellis, Jr.  
West Valley College |
| 2002 Paul Zeitz*  
University of San Francisco |
| 2003 Peter Tannenbaum  
California State University, Fresno |
| 2004 Gerald L. Alexanderson*  
Santa Clara University |
| 2005 Russell Merris  
California State University, East Bay |
| 2006 Tatiana Shubin  
San Jose State University |
| 2007 William Fisher  
California State University, Chico |
| 2008 John Thoo  
Yuba College |
| 2009 Alan Rossman*  
Cal. Poly State Univ. San Luis Obispo |
| 2010 Dennis C. Smolarski  
Santa Clara University |
| 2011 Joseph Conrad  
Solano Community College |

*Also received the National award*
Mathematical Association of America

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Initial Nomination Form

Nominee’s Name (first name first): ________________________________
College or University Affiliation: ________________________________
College or University Address: ________________________________
City: ________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____
Nominee’s email address: ________________________________
Nominee’s number of years teaching experience in a mathematical science: ______
Has the nominee taught at least half time in a mathematical science during the current academic year or during the previous year if on approved leave or sabbatical? ______
Is the nominee a current member of the Mathematical Association of America? ____

Name of Nominator (first name first): ________________________________
Relationship of Nominator to Nominee (not a student): ________________________________
Address of Nominator: ________________________________
City: ________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____
Telephone: ________________________________ E-mail Address: ________________________________

Nominator’s Signature: ________________________________

The award committee expects the nominator to be a peer of the nominee. Students wishing to initiate a nomination should work with a faculty member or administrator, who would act as official nominator.

Please attach a brief description of the unusual personal and professional qualities of the nominee that contribute to his or her extraordinary teaching success. Two pages should suffice. The Guidelines for Nomination that appear in the Call for Nominations should be reflected in the statement.

Before 10 December 2011 please send hardcopy and e-mail versions of this form and the statement to

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