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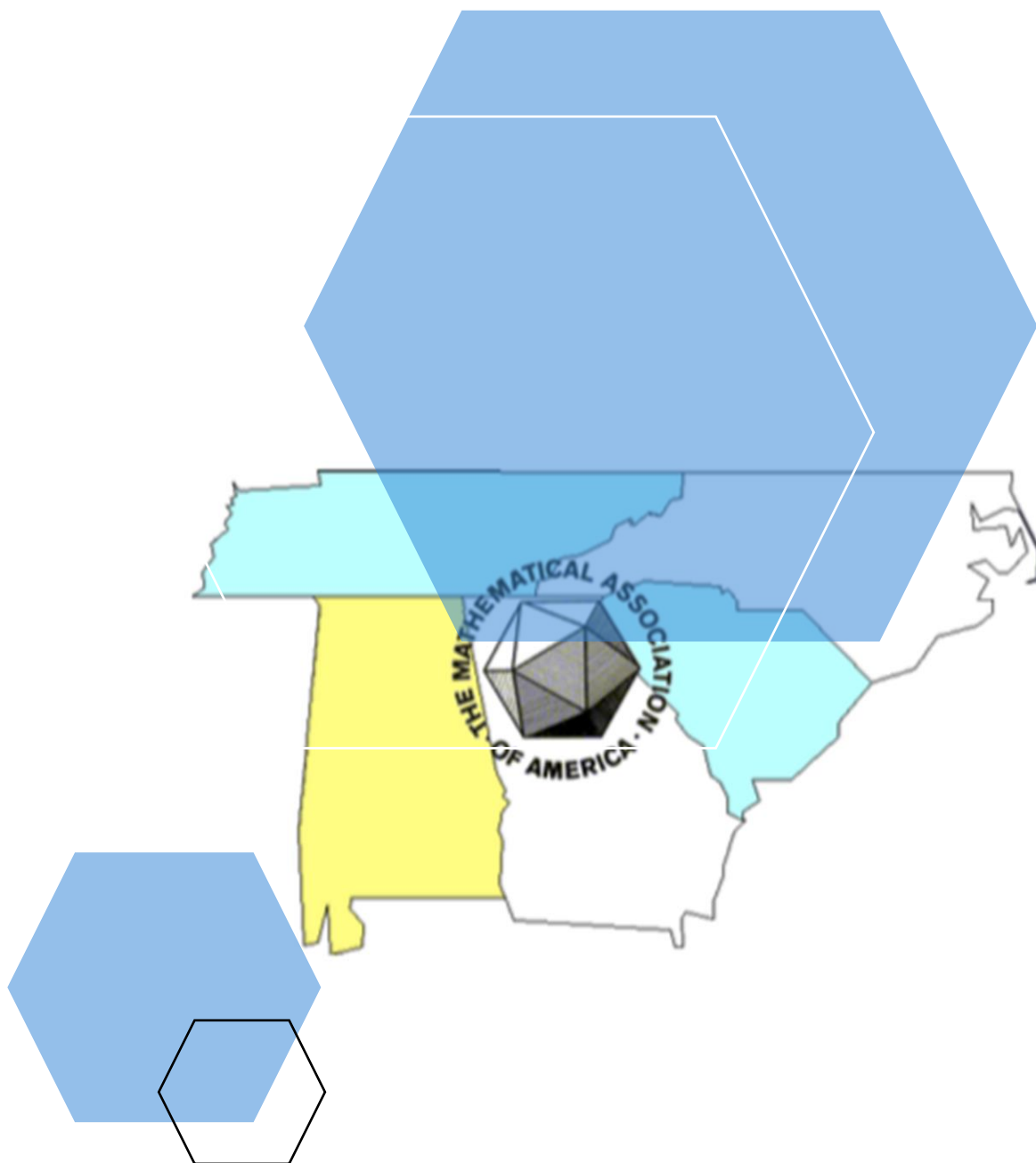
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FOCUS ON BIG THINGS!

BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, AND GOVERNMENT

We focus on expanding student and faculty understanding of non-academic careers, bringing to the forefront existing collaborations with business, industry, and government and expanding career fair offerings.

REPORT FROM CHAIR

Greetings MAA-SE members,

It is my honor to serve as the Section Chair for the next two years. I was humbled to be nominated and chosen to serve along magnificent faculty in the Executive Committee (EC). Having served in similar committees and knowing how much work needs to be done, and efficiently, our EC members form a very dedicated and flexible team that work very well together. Thus I want to take the opportunity to thank those who completed their terms: Sarah Raynor (Chair), Julie Barnes (Secretary), Victoria Powers (Section Lecturer), Zach Abernathy (Co-Director of Section NExT) and Bryan Dawson (TN State Director). Thanks to Tom Fitzkee too who has been re-elected to continue serving as Treasurer. I would like to also welcome the new officers and thank them for agreeing to serve the Section: Frank Patane (Secretary), Blayne Carroll (Section Lecturer), Jessie Hamm (Co-Director of Section NExT) and Kelly Buch (TN State Director).

Congratulations to our award winners: Jeneva Clark (Distinguished Teaching Award), Duha Hamed (Distinguished Teaching Award by a Beginning College Mathematics Faculty) and Ron Taylor (Distinguished Service Award). I encourage you to read about these recipients below and to think of nominations for the next year.



Lee University hosted the 2019 MAA-SE Annual Meeting in Cleveland, TN. It takes a lot of planning, organizing and communicating to host and run a meeting like ours effectively. We are grateful to Lindsey Bell, Keshav Jagannathan and many others in Coastal Carolina University who worked with them to host our 2023 Meeting. It was well-organized and I think we all enjoyed our time on their campus. Please be thinking of hosting the Meeting when it comes to your state.

Looking ahead: in our last meeting in Coastal Carolina we started a MAA Section Office Information session that took place during the lunch hour, at the same time as the Graduate School Fair. We plan to continue to offer this session in each meeting to shed light on the roles of members in the Executive Committee and announce positions that will be open for elections in the following year. The goal is to familiarize the Section's members with these roles in hopes that you will think about serving in them, or suggest someone who is willing to serve. The officer openings for 2024 will be for a Chair-Elect, Newsletter Editor(s), a Section Lecturer, a Section NExT Co-Director and State Directors for NC and SC. Please be thinking of people whom you would like to nominate when the time comes for us to solicit your nominations.

An interest that exists in our Section (and among other MAA members) is preparing students for non-academic careers. I have been serving as the Business, Industry and Government Special Interest Group of the MAA (BIG SIGMAA) Chair for the last four years. As such my hope is to provide helpful resources and connections to our interested Section members. Many of us know of the PIC Math program. Some may know of the BIG Math Network, <https://bigmathnetwork.org>. In my experience, the greatest need is for BIG connections, people who work in BIG and are willing to collaborate with academic professionals providing projects for classes or internships for our undergraduates. BIG SIGMAA is working on venues to be helpful. However, the greatest help comes from people who know people. So if you have experiences or resources to share, helpful BIG agencies you have experience with or networking individuals, please reach out to me to discuss what we can do.

Our 103rd Annual Meeting will take place in the University of Tennessee, Knoxville on March 14-16, 2024. We plan to continue to offer the Information Session, focus more on Graduate School Fair, have more exhibits and be intentional in inviting representatives from businesses, industries and government agencies to our Career Fair. I hope you will plan to attend if you can. Our meetings are always a joy to attend.

The MAA has a great communication platform for its members, MAA Connect (<https://connect.maa.org>). We plan to use more of this platform, both administratively and for communication purposes.

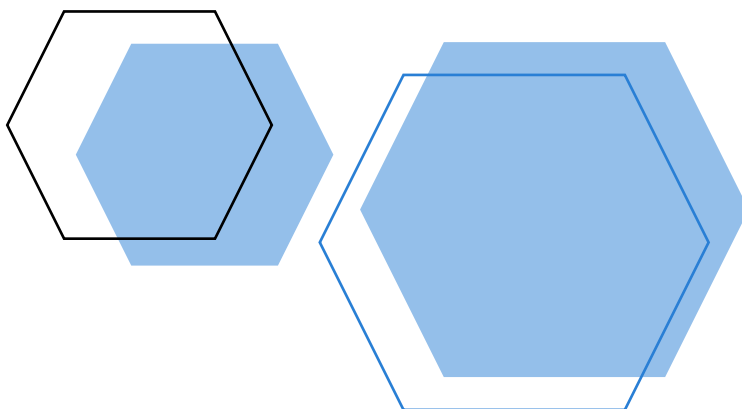
In closing, I invite you to share with me any comments, suggestions or ideas you have for our Section.

Cordially,

Caroline Maher-Boulis

MAA-SE Chair

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FROM THE MAA-SE SECTION

REPRESENTATIVE

Greetings colleagues and friends! I began my service as your representative to the MAA Congress in August of 2021 when the Congress gathered virtually just before MathFest. The running unofficial theme of the 2022 Congress meeting in Philadelphia (and MathFest in general) was a sincere gratitude for an in-person gathering. During the Congress meeting we were all asked to share what we were most looking forward to during MathFest. I imagine in years past all answers would have tended toward a particular session or event. This time, almost everyone had an answer that centered on being together.

Congress Meeting Report

The 2022 Congress meeting was led by MAA Congress Chair, Edray Herber Goins. Our agenda began with a report from MAA President, Jenny Quinn. Following that, we got a thorough overview of MAA Programs. The following were highlighted:

Outreach Programs: Dociani Mathematics Enrichment Grant (DMEG), Tensor SUMMA, Tensor Women, National Research Experience for Undergraduate Program (NREUP), *NEW!!* Neff Outreach Initiative. <https://www.maa.org/node/1226565/>

Virtual Programming: <https://www.maa.org/node/2304475/>

Distinguished Lecture Series: <https://www.maa.org/programs/maa-distinguished-lecture-series>

Professional Development: <https://www.maa.org/programs-and-communities/professional-development>

OPEN Math: (Online Professional Enhancement and Capacity Building for Instructional Practices in Undergraduate Mathematics) <https://www.maa.org/programs-and-communities/professional-development/open-math>

PIC Math: (Preparation for Industrial Careers in Mathematical Sciences) <https://www.maa.org/node/255138>

StatPREP: (Professional Development Emphasizing Data-Centered Resources and Pedagogies for Instructors of Undergraduate Introductory Statistics) <https://www.maa.org/node/779540/>

We then heard a budget update, went over the [2021 Impact Report](#), and discussed questions that have been raised regarding possible changes to the bylaws. Following a working lunch, MAA Executive Director, Michael Pearson, led the group in a discussion of the strategic planning process. We ended the day with elections, a chance to meet and talk with MAA Council Chairs, and an activity that allowed us to explore ideas for the future.

Membership

The MAA continues to have multiple opportunities for [membership](#) types and payment plans and, through membership, access to extensive programming and published materials.

. Membership benefits

MAA Journals and Magazines can be accessed by logging into your member profile at [maa.org](#). Be on the lookout for *Scatterplot: The MAA Journal for Data Science* coming in 2024. **If you are interested in helping to develop *Scatterplot* as a contributor, editor, or reviewer, contact Rick Cleary or Carol Baxter at: scatterplot@maa.org.**

Hear from diverse voices in the community through MAA's Blog, *Math Values*. Contact the Blog team or learn how to contribute content at blogs@maa.org.

MAA members save 25% on MAA Press titles from the AMS Bookstore and can get Notes volumes and selected other titles for free in their Member Library.

In 2021, we launched our MAA Spotlight series highlighting our members' remarkable experiences, accomplishments, and stories. Do you or someone you know want to be an MAA Spotlight? Email communications@maa.org.

Join us this summer for another excellent line-up of professional development workshops through OPEN Math. View the whole schedule and learn more [here](#).

The MAA Distinguished Lecture Series is now virtual. The next lecture is from Laura Taalman on “A Tour of 3D Printed Mathematics: Ideal Graphs, Tritangentless Trefoils, and Chaotic Attractors” at 7:00pm Eastern on April 4th. Find past and upcoming lectures [here](#).

The MAA Section Lecturer Series provides three Section Lecturer programs on a three-year rotation: the George Pólya Lecturer program, and the MAA AWM and MAA NAM Section Lecturer programs. For more information, including a full list of speakers, visit <https://www.maa.org/member-communities/maa-sections/section-programs/lecture-series>.

Another way to get involved and connect with MAA members from across the country is participation in any of the 17 Special Interests Groups of the MAA ([SIGMAA](#))

Stay involved with our Section through our dedicated community on [MAA Connect](#) and find all of the information above and so much more at www.maa.org.

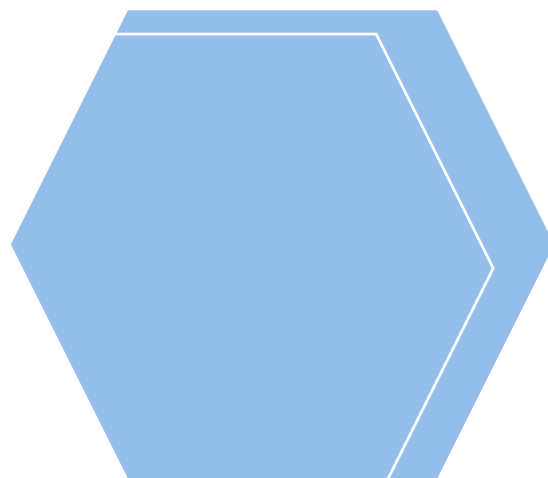
Coming Soon

MAA’s bylaws have been in effect for 5 years. It’s time to update, correct, and improve. Look for an article in *MAA FOCUS* with more information.



Thank you for allowing me to serve in this position. I hope you will join me at MathFest in Tampa, FL, August 2-5, 2023. View speakers and more at www.maa.org/mathfest, where you can also find a statement from the MAA explaining the site selection process for those who have raised concerns about the location this year. If you plan to be there and want to connect or want to volunteer for committee work, send me an email at eahynds@samford.edu.

Emily Hynds



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2023, RECORDED BY JULIE BARNES

Present: Naser AlHasan, Justin Allman, Julie Barnes, Deidra Coleman, Thomas Fitzkee, Lauren Grimley, Emily Hinds, Keshav Jagannathan, Caroline Maher-Boulis, Andy Miller, Jimmy Miller, Chris Raridan, Sarah Raynor, Brad Schleban, Emily Thomas

The purpose of this meeting was to make plans for the spring meeting at Coastal Carolina University.

Andy reported that we have two submissions for special sessions after a message was sent out on MAA Connect. One was on the history of mathematics and one was on modeling. He recommended that we accept both. Looking at logistics, we were told that there are 12 rooms available on site during both paper session times. In the past, we have not had many people attending the workshops. Hawkes often leads to run a workshop, but we have not reached out yet. Last year we just included them in a regular session, and we suspect the same thing could happen again this year. On Friday morning we have two special lectures for undergraduates. We typically have two concurrent undergraduate paper sessions. Last year we also had 8 concurrent sessions on Friday afternoon and 7 on Saturday morning.

We voted on accepting the two special sessions. All were in favor. It was noted that it is possible that those topics could have undergraduate speakers, and that both topics were general enough that they might take two time slots each.

We discussed whether we want to recruit more special sessions. It was pointed out that last year there were a lot of contributed paper sessions, and that was fine. Andy said he would reach out to Hawkes. If we want to do a graduate student session again, Andy can reach out to Jon Erstenburger.

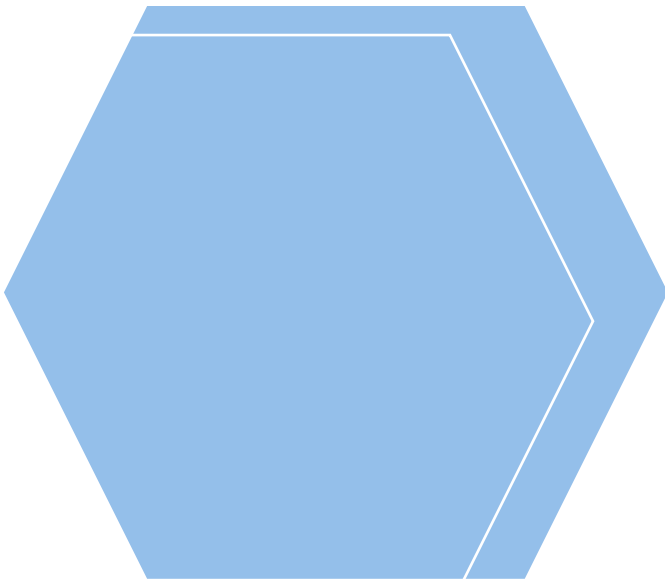
For plenary speakers, we have Vickie Powers, the section lecturer. She needs to be on Friday. We also have both teaching award winners from last year. We are also in line this year for a NAM speaker. Andy will reach out to one of them.

We discussed whom we could ask to be student lecturers, and Andy will send out invitations.

We also noted that we need to check with NExT-SE and ask about new applications.

We did a quick check on logistics. Parking at the meeting is good. Is there food on campus? We need to check on that.

There will be an executive board meeting on Thursday night during the conference.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2023, RECORDED BY ANDREW MILLER

Treasurer's report

- a. See file; keeping a good balance
- b. One thing we seemed to forget: sponsoring a Section NExT Fellow

Updates about this year's meeting from Andy and local hosts

- a. Registrations: 252 people total
- b. Note about registrations: officially, we don't do refunds
- c. Great idea to have laptop/tablet out for on-site registrations!
- d. Information about presentation equipment/talk time/posters
 - i. Ideas: put clear information in ALL acceptance emails (including for special sessions) with a local host contact for any specific questions; make sure all speakers get the same info
 - ii. Also include info about poster dimensions and supplies on web site/abstract submissions
- e. Website meeting page needs an email contact to the Vice Chair for Programs

Intro of next year's hosts and any related announcements

- a. Note from Geneva: UT has staff to do event planning, invited people to come to campus to meet the staff for help, or we can communicate with them directly
 - i. Side note: Is Julie traveling to UT to scout the site for a planning visit? If so, we should reimburse her!

Discussion of meeting planning questions by Andy:

- a. Graduate School and Career Fair: Whose job is it, officially, to recruit for the Grad School and Career Fair? Can we establish some standard/best practices for this to make it easier this year? How do we integrate it into registration?
- b. Student Activities Coordinator – but the grad schools have registered online
- c. Next year, we'll plan to include this as a registration option on the website (\$25)
- d. Recruitment: Email list for grad school reps (needs to be updated), local hosts can help recruit local employers
 - i. Caroline Maher-Boulis notes, from her position in BIG SIGMAA, that getting employers interested in meetings and collaborations is a challenge
 - ii. Could State Director help recruit?
 - iii. MAA Connect could be used to advertise for grad schools
 - iv. Perhaps continue to invite industry-focused Distinguished Lectures for students
- e. Reaffirming that the Student Activities Coordinator is in charge of the Grad School and Career Fair BUT that they need help as noted above!
- f. Exhibits: We used to have vendors pay to exhibit books next to the MAA exhibit. Now the MAA does not exhibit physical books at section meetings (right?). (Nevertheless I still have a box of MAA books cluttering my office floor.) The only vendor we've kept in touch with is Hawkes. Do we still want to have exhibits? If so, should we recruit more vendors? If so,

how much should we charge them? How much space do we ask meeting hosts to allocate for them? My recommendation is that so long as our meeting budget stays balanced we should nix the exhibits altogether. If we nix exhibits, do we still allow commercial companies to present (i.e. advertise)?

- i. Yes, there's continued interest in doing them!
- ii. We need to look into an appropriate fee (on the order of \$200) – look at past records (includes fees for tables and presentations)
- iii. How do we advertise it?
- iv. Job for local hosts: reach out to publishers that are used for current adopted textbooks
- v. Then Exec Committee could add potential contacts
- vi. Another idea: Have a table that displays books by MAA-SE members/attendees

Registration for invited speakers and workshop presenters: I think it would be nice to waive the registration fees for invited speakers and workshop presenters, but I'm not sure that's official policy yet. I would like to recommend making it official policy.

- a. Approved!
- b. Process: Email names/info to Webmaster to add to registration list manually

Question about general timing?

- a. Idea: have a list of talks/abstracts available two or three weeks in advance
 - i. Speakers and titles a priority, abstracts also
 - ii. Is there a way for a website to get built from the submissions directly?
 - iii. Jeneva has IT people who might be able to help next year!
 - iv. How does the MAA do it?
- b. Would like to get keynote speaker info out early, too!
- c. MAA now offers meeting registration software (Cvent) – might that include abstract submissions?

Discussion of nominations committee formation

- a. It is a challenge to find names of people to invite to be on a Nominating Committee
- b. Suggestion: Have Section Chair ask past State Directors as a first name for the Nominating Committee member from that state; will want to have some depth of Section knowledge on the Nominating Committee
- c. Also post on MAA Connect Southeastern Section Community

Feedback from committee on attached files from Caroline

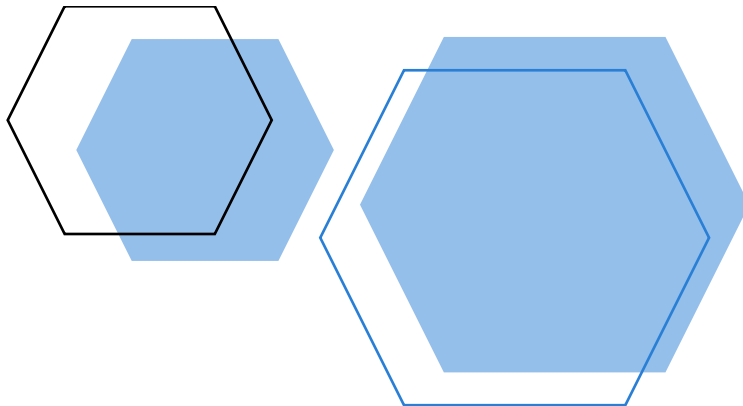
- a. Caroline presented two very nicely organized Excel files bringing together information about officers and committees. If we have additions we can email her.

MAA-SE 2025 Site Selection:

- a. APPROVED: IF High Point University wishes to host the meeting, we approved their site as the location of MAA-SE 2025.

Section representative to MathFest

- a. By-laws say the Chair or another delegated officer needs to represent the Section at MathFest each year; we often let the Section Representative to the MAA Congress be this delegate. We're okay with that. Other officers who happen to be at MathFest are encouraged to make time for the Section Officers' meetings



SECTION MEETING REPORT

Our 102nd MAA Southeastern Sectional meeting was held at Carolina University on March 14-16 with over 250 registered attendees.

ON MATH JEOPARDY!, BY RON TAYLOR

The Math Jeopardy! competition at MAA-SE23 featured a condensed format of two rounds of competition among 16 teams from around the section. After four first round games, the final round participants were Coastal Carolina University, Georgia College, Georgia State University and Western Carolina University. Just as in their first round game, Georgia College won the competition by a wide margin. The games were moderated by Timothy Goldberg (Lenoir-Rhyne University) and Mike Berry (UT-Knoxville). The questions were written Ron Taylor, Timothy Goldberg and Garner Cochran (Berry College) and Ron Taylor organized the competition. Please join us in Knoxville next year where we hope to return to the standard format of three rounds of competition for up to 36 teams.



Congratulations to Georgia College who won with a score of 3500.

ON THE SCAVENGER HUNT (IN PHOTOS), BY JULIE BARNES



2023 MAA SOUTHEASTERN SECTION AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING BY A BEGINNING COLLEGE MATHEMATICS FACULTY MEMBER (PRESENTED BY RATNASINGHAM SHIVAJI)



Dr. Duha Hamed is an engaging and innovative mathematics professor. She is an exceptionally caring instructor who genuinely connects with each of her students, resulting in an immediate and lasting impact on their young lives and future successes. Dr. Hamed's student evaluations demonstrate the dual nature of her strengths as an educator. Her students not only frequently reference newfound appreciation and understanding of mathematics and statistics, but also rave about the consideration and time she takes to get to know them personally— learning their names and backgrounds, and attending to their ongoing life stressors. The words “cares,” “caring,” “concerned,” and related synonyms appear frequently in Dr. Hamed's teaching evaluations.

In addition to her profound success teaching mathematics and statistics to university students, Dr. Hamed brings an invaluable perspective on cultural diversity to campus, and is always open to thoughtfully sharing her experiences as a Muslim woman living and teaching in an environment entirely different than the one in which she was raised. Winthrop University prides itself on its goal of cultural education for faculty, staff, and students, and Dr. Hamed is a key contributor to this initiative. Former department chair

Dr. Tom Polaski once stated at a college faculty assembly that “Dr. Hamed is the math department global initiative”.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD (PRESENTED BY RATNASINGHAM SHIVAJI)

Dr. Jeneva Clark is a Distinguished Lecturer at the University of Tennessee (UTK). In addition to being the only faculty member in the UTK Math Department who holds a Ph.D. in Education, her experiences teaching in high school, junior college, four-year college, and an R1 institution give her a uniquely extensive perspective on education. In 2019, she received the University of Tennessee College of Arts and Sciences Lecturer Excellence in Teaching Award. Also in 2019, Dr. Clark was nominated for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring, an award administered by NSF on behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Dr. Clark has all the marks of a great educator: excellent evaluation scores, great feedback from and rapport with her students, contributions to the success of her department including the development and supervision of math courses, and active engagement in math education research, including and publishing and speaking engagements. While at UTK, Dr. Clark has obtained numerous grants to sponsor her pedagogically innovative projects. Her team received the 2019 Interdisciplinary Partnerships Award for the \$1.4M NSF Noyce grant, *VolsTeach for Appalachia (VFA): Strengthening the STEM Teacher Pathway from Community College to a Four-Year University*, a project to refocus STEM coursework on culturally relevant pedagogy and to recruit and prepare STEM teachers. Further, in 2017, 2018, and 2019, Dr. Clark received the Summer Pre-College Service Award for Outstanding Service and Participation within the Summer Pre-College Programs.

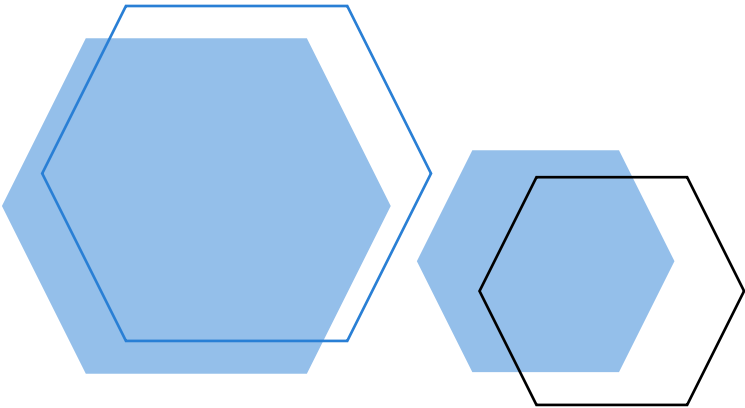


DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (PRESENTED BY JEFF KNISLEY)

This year's recipient of the MAA-SE distinguished service award is no stranger to accolades or awards. Our recipient for this award has won a variety of prizes ranging from the college level up to national awards from the MAA, all while being an enthusiastic cheerleader for our section and its impact on students of mathematics in the southeastern united states. As one of the nominators commented, this year's winner is "a walking section advertisement" that sticks in your mind like a Super Bowl ad. Indeed, our awardee has said on numerous occasions that our section meetings are "like just a bunch of friends getting together"; and the service to we as friends has been remarkable for a number of years.

In fact, this year's service award winner is all but synonymous with one service role in particular, so much so that even mentioning that activity will be equivalent to identifying the winner. This came through clearly from the remarks of nominators and students alike, so we decided to turn to seek out a more objective opinion -- one from an undisputed expert on the subject. According to ChatGPT, our winner has since 2011 been "organizing a competition named for the popular game show 'Jeopardy!' which promotes mathematical problem-solving and teamwork among undergraduate students in the Mathematical Association of America's Southeastern Section (MAA-SE)."

Indeed, although this year's service award winner is also a highly respected researcher and educator in the field of mathematics, he may be best known in our section for his excellent stewardship of Math Jeopardy. Or as ChatGPT said it, "He has been instrumental in organizing Math Jeopardy and has worked tirelessly to make it a success." In appreciation for his tireless efforts on behalf of our students and section, we enthusiastically announce that this year's Southeastern Section service award recipient is Ron Taylor of Berry College.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

THE 2024 SOUTHEASTERN SECTION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Southeastern Section of the MAA is delighted to present a Distinguished Service Award at its annual Spring Meeting each year. Any member of the Section who is an outstanding contributor to our Section is eligible for nomination. The person selected for 2024 will be honored at our Section's Meeting.

The Section Distinguished Service Award Committee encourages members of the Section to nominate deserving persons for this award. Please send your nomination letter, along with the nominees' vitae (if possible) and any other supporting materials/letters, all as electronic documents, to Emily Hynds, Committee Chair, at eahynds@samford.edu by February 1, 2024. We ask that you make every effort to gather these materials without the nominee's knowledge, as it is the Section's tradition to surprise the awardee with the award at the Section meeting. Previous nominations of candidates who were not awardees may be carried forward for consideration for the 2024 award if the nominator so notifies Emily Hynds by the submission deadline. Contact the Committee Chair regarding any questions about the process or nominating materials.

The Section Award was made in even numbered years from 1990 to 1996 and annually since that time. The following is a list of recipients:

April 1990 Trevor Evans, Emory University
April 1992 Billy F. Bryant, Vanderbilt University
April 1994 James G. Ware, Univ. Of Tenn., Chattanooga
April 1996 Marcellus Waddill, Wake Forest University
March 1997 John Kenelly, Clemson University
March 1998 David Stone, Georgia Southern University
March 1999 M. F. Neff, Emory University
March 2000 Tina Straley, MAA Executive Director
March 2001 Charles Cleaver, The Citadel
March 2002 Sharon Cutler Ross, Georgia Perimeter College
March 2003 Syliva Trimble Bozeman, Spelman College
March 2004 Theresa E. Early, Appalachian State University
March 2005 Hugh Haynesworth, College of Charleston
March 2006 Stephen Davis, Davidson College
March 2007 Joel Brawley, Clemson University
March 2008 Benjamin G. Klein, Davidson College

March 2009 Walter M. Patterson, III, Lander University
March 2010 Ray E. Collings, Georgia Perimeter College
March 2011 Ellen Kirkman, Wake Forest University
March 2012 Charlotte Knotts-Zides, Winthrop University
March 2013 Jim Vandergriff, Austin Peay State University
March 2014 John C. Mayer, University of Alabama, Birmingham
March 2015 Jeff Clark, Elon College
March 2016 Martha Abell, Georgia Southern University
March 2017 Virginia Watson, Kennesaw State University
March 2018 Patricia Humphrey, Georgia Southern University
March 2019 Julie Barnes, Western Carolina University
March 2020 Jeff Knisley, East Tennessee State University
March 2021 Emily Hynds, Samford University
March 2022 Catherine Matos, Clayton State University
March 2023 Ron Taylor, Berry College

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

THE 2024 SOUTHEASTERN SECTION AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING BY A BEGINNING COLLEGE MATHEMATICS FACULTY MEMBER

Nominations for the 2024 Southeastern Section Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Beginning College Mathematics Faculty Member are now being accepted.

Brief Description: The MAA Southeastern Section (MAA-SE) established this award to honor beginning college or university faculty whose teaching in the Section has been extraordinarily successful and whose effectiveness in teaching undergraduate mathematics is shown to have influence beyond their own classrooms. An awardee must have taught full time in a mathematical science in the Southeastern Section for at least two years, but not more than a total of seven years in any collegiate institution. Each year at most one college or university teacher is to be honored with this MAA-SE section award. Nominations for the award may be made by any member of the MAA-SE section.

A complete nomination packet should consist of a nomination form, a narrative, additional documentation, and letters of recommendation as described below. Please email the completed packet by February 1, 2024 to:

Tim Chartier
Davidson College
tichartier@davidson.edu

Questions may be directed to Tim.

Eligibility and Guidelines for Nomination

Eligibility: Teaching is intended to include classroom instruction as well as activities outside the classroom, such as working with student groups, preparing students for mathematical competitions, directing undergraduate students in research in mathematics, directing students in the preparation of honors theses, preparing teaching materials used by others, etc.

Nominees must:

- Hold the terminal degree required by SACS to be a full time faculty member in a collegiate institution,
- Be college or university teachers currently in the MAA-SE who have taught full time in a mathematical science in the Southeastern Section for at least two years, but not more than a total of seven years in any collegiate institution. In determining eligibility, we do not count time spent in a postdoctoral position where nearly all the nominee's time was spent on research, and the nominee did very little or no teaching (e.g. three semester courses a year or less), and
- Hold membership in the Mathematical Association of America

Guidelines for Nomination: Nominees for the award may be made by any member of the MAA-SE section.

Nominees should:

- Be recognized as extraordinarily successful in their teaching
- Have effectiveness in teaching undergraduate mathematics that can be documented
- Have had influence in their teaching beyond their own classrooms

Nomination Packet: We require the same materials for nomination as the Henry L. Alder award. A nomination for this award should consist only of the materials requested below, and should not include any other materials, such as curricula vitae or other items.

Nomination Form: A completed Nomination Form is the first part of the packet. Please see the following section of this newsletter for the nomination form.

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. Note especially effectiveness in teaching undergraduate mathematics and influence beyond the nominee's own classrooms. The narrative should be single-spaced in 12 pt font with at least 3/4 inch margins and should not exceed 2 pages.

Additional Documentation: Please submit no more than two pages of further evidence to document the nominee's extraordinary teaching success. This documentation will vary greatly from institution to institution, but may include summaries of peer or student evaluations, comments on teaching, possible increases in numbers of majors in mathematics (with clear evidence of the nominee's substantial responsibility for them), possible student success in mathematics competitions (with clear evidence of the nominee's substantial responsibility for them), success in research in undergraduate mathematics conducted by undergraduate students under the direction of the nominee, development of curricular materials successfully used by colleagues, adoption of the nominee's teaching methods or techniques by experienced colleagues, service as a respected adviser for a student group, etc.

Nominators should bear in mind that the 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, but also by reports, comments, and criticism which is representative of the whole spectrum of opinion among students and faculty on the nominee's teaching.

Letters of Recommendation: Please include no more than five letters of recommendation, not exceeding 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 any one qualified to comment on the nominee's extraordinary teaching success.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

THE 2024 SOUTHEASTERN SECTION DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Nominations for the 2024 Southeastern Section Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics are now being accepted. This award is established to honor faculty who have been extraordinarily successful in teaching. The winner will be honored at the Spring 2023 meeting.

A nomination form follows. Each member of the Section is encouraged to consider submitting a nomination packet to Tim Chartier (tichartier@davidson.edu), Chair of the selection committee. The deadline for submission is February 1, 2024.

The section has presented the Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics each year since 1992. Past recipients are:

1992 Anne Hudson, Armstrong State University
1993 Robert Bryant, Duke University
1994 John Neff, Georgia Institute of Technology
1995 Sylvia Bozeman, Spelman College
1996 Carl Pomerance, University of Georgia
1997 Harold Reiter, Univ. of North Carolina at Charlotte
1998 Ben Klein, Davidson College
1999 Joel Brawley, Clemson University
2000 Theodore Shifrin, University of Georgia
2001 Johnny Henderson, Auburn University
2002 Ronald Harshbarger, University of South Carolina, Beaufort
2003 Sue E. Goodman, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
2004 Jeff R. Knisley, East Tennessee State University
2005 David Stone, Georgia Southern University
2006 William "Mac" Priestly, the University of the South
2007 David Sumner, University of South Carolina, Columbia

2008 Ronald Gould, Emory University
2009 Hugh Howards, Wake Forest University
2010 Martin Jones, University of Charleston
2011 Barry Spieler, Birmingham-Southern College
2012 Sam Kaplan, University of North Carolina at Asheville
2013 Ron Taylor, Berry College
2014 No award given
2015 Maurice Herndon, University of Georgia
2016 Stephen Robinson, Wake Forest University
2017 Valerie Miller, Georgia State University
2018 No award given
2019 Julie Barnes, Western Carolina University
2020 Ratnasingham Shivaji, UNC Greensboro
2021 Tim Chartier, Davidson College
2022 Vicky Klima, Appalachian State University
2023 Jeneva Clark, University of Tennessee

STATE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM TRICIA PHILLIPS, STATE DIRECTOR OF ALABAMA

The 2023 MAA Alabama State Dinner was held on March 3, 2023 at Troy University in Troy, Alabama. The banquet speaker was Ken Roblee of Troy University. He gave a talk entitled "Harmonious and Equitably Harmonious Labelings of Disjoint Unions of Graphs Having Multiple Components Consisting of Trees." The 2024 MAA Alabama State Dinner will likely take place in Spring 2024 in conjunction with the Alabama Association of College Teachers of Mathematics (AACTM) Conference. No official dates or venues have been set.

FROM CHRISTOPHER RARIDAN, STATE DIRECTOR OF GEORGIA

The 2021 Georgia State luncheon was held April 15, 2023 at Valdosta State University. Dr. David W. Boyd, Professor Emeritus, gave the MAA State Luncheon Address.

FROM JUSTIN ALLMAN, STATE DIRECTOR OF NORTH CAROLINA

The 2023 North Carolina MAA State Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 5 2023 at Appalachian State University in Boone. Look for further announcements on MAA Connect this spring and summer (and again early fall) for further information regarding speaker information and registration.

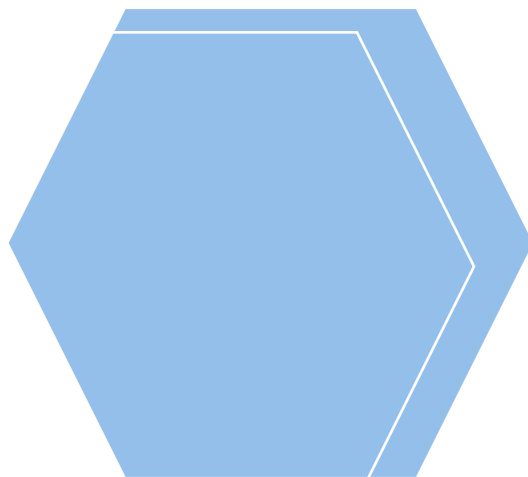
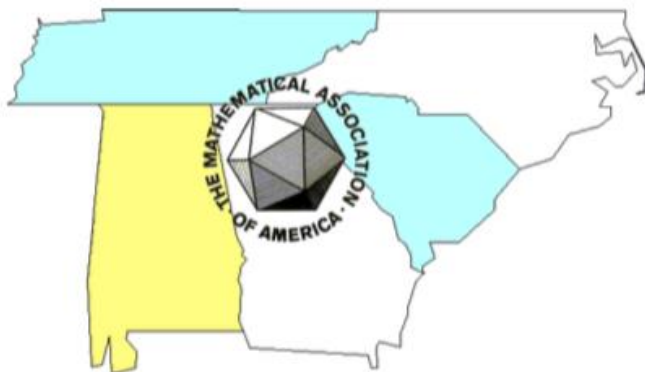
The 2022 State Dinner was held at High Point University in October. The event was a great success keynoted by Laura Taalman of James Madison University. Special thanks are in order to the department chair, Professor Dandrielle Lewis, and the rest of the mathematics faculty of High Point University for their efforts in hosting and organizing this event.

FROM EMILY THOMAS, STATE DIRECTOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The South Carolina State Dinner was held in conjunction with the Carolina Math Seminar on November 11, 2022. Columbia College hosted and there were around 35 in attendance. A special thanks to Dr. Rigoberto Florez from the Citadel and Dr. Alexandru G. Atim from Columbia College for their efforts in planning the event. Dr. Nicole M. Panza (Francis Marion University) gave a wonderful talk titled "A Mathematical Model of Follicle Waves in Women with Applications". The CMS and the State Dinner will continue a partnership this fall with the seminar and dinner hosted by Allen University. Be on the lookout for more details!

FROM KELLY BUCH, STATE DIRECTOR OF TENNESSEE

The 2021 Tennessee State Dinner was held on Friday, November 18, 2022, in conjunction with the Tennessee Academy of Sciences meeting in Nashville. The speaker, mathematician and author Andrew Simoson of King University, gave a talk entitled "Sir Thomas More's Utopia Riddle." Details regarding the 2023 Tennessee State Dinner will be forthcoming in the fall.



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- Justin Allman (Wake Forest University)
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Section Teaching Beginning Faculty Award

- Andrew Penland (Western Carolina University)
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- Toyin Alli (University of Georgia)

Section Service Award

- Chair – Jeff Knisley (East Tennessee State University)
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- Catherine Matos (Western Carolina University)
- Jeff Denny (Mercer University)
- Antara Mukherjee (The Citadel)
- Todd Lee (Elon College)
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- David Dempsey (Jacksonville State University)
- Hope McIlwain (Mercer University)
- Jeff Clark (Elon University)
- Brian Beasley (Presbyterian College)
- Laurie Dishman (Cumberland University)

Site Selection

- Chair -- Karen O'Hara (NC)
- John Mayer (AL)
- Ron Taylor (GA)
- Keshav Jagannathan (SC)
- Jeneva Clark (TN)

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