

The Long Island Mathematics Educators Hall of Fame

promoting (mathematics education)ⁿ & honoring (foremost mathematics educators)ⁿ

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The Nassau County Association of Mathematics Supervisors

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To Educators & Members of the Mathematical Community:

In 2005, a group of mathematics educators, after engaging in dialogue at several meetings, produced a governance document that gives a framework to the idea of a Long Island Mathematics Educators Hall of Fame. The group's work was commissioned and assented to by the three Long Island professional mathematics organizations, NCAMS, SCMTA, and NCMTA, whose full names appear above. Its charge was to create a new mechanism which would serve the dual purpose of highlighting and promoting the crucial role of mathematics in our society and honoring in a very public manner those Long Island educators who have made an exceptional contribution to mathematics education. The honor accorded would have both an immediate and a perpetual component.

The educators so honored will be those who have demonstrated in concrete ways that they are fully aware of the importance of mathematics as a problem-solving tool and how heavily our world relies on the discipline to give rise and shape to progress, advance knowledge in other areas and, in general, increase the quality of people's lives. These individuals have very likely already been recognized for their work in various settings. Induction into the Long Island Mathematics Educators Hall of Fame is intended to be among the most highly prized honors and thus, a pinnacle accomplishment as well.

There are two recognition prerequisites:

- (1) **The educator has been involved in mathematics education on Long Island for a minimum of 20 years. An exception to this prerequisite can be made in the case of an untimely death of an otherwise very worthy individual.**
- (2) **The educator has made an extraordinary contribution to the advancement of mathematics education on Long Island.**

In addition to the prerequisites above, other questions that need to be addressed in assessing the worthiness of a candidate for the Hall of Fame are:

- a. **how active is (was) the educator within the mathematical community?**
- b. **can (did) professional mathematics organizations count on the educator with respect to services rendered like sitting on and/or chairing a committee, or presenting a workshop, or being a keynote speaker?**
- c. **does (did) the educator have a prized reputation within his/her usual workplace community and beyond?**
- d. **can the educator be cited for at least one special contribution to the advancement of the cause of mathematics?**
- e. **how likely is it that a colleague or another member of the mathematical community would consult the educator about starting something innovative and why?**
- f. **has the educator been the recipient of any special honors and which organizations accorded him/her such honors?**
- g. **has the educator had a long-term impact on students and/or teachers?**

Potential candidates for induction do not have to meet each one of the criteria listed above to the same extent. The decision regarding favorability for induction will be made by a nominations committee and based upon the strength of the recommendation of the nominator.

Keep in mind that the mathematics educators who fit the description outlined above are those whose sphere of influence has gone far beyond their usual workplace and whose contribution to mathematics education is widely known, at least among Long Islanders. In other words, these individuals have a rather high profile and the mere mention of their name usually evokes a reasonably high level of familiarity within the active mathematical community.

If you know of any such individual, whether actively employed, retired, or deceased, whom you feel might meet the test of a Hall of Fame candidacy, please submit a nomination on the enclosed form. The deadline for submissions in 2008 is September 15, 2008. The third annual induction ceremony is tentatively scheduled for November 8, 2008 at a site yet to be determined.

NOMINATION FORM

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Please record all information asked for. If a requested piece of information does not apply to you or the nominee, please write **NA** for **NOT APPLICABLE**. In the case of a nominee who is deceased, please so indicate and give information on a family member who will be notified about disposition of the nomination.

INFORMATION ON NOMINEE (CANDIDATE FOR CONSIDERATION)

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone Number _____

Workplace Address _____

Workplace Telephone Number _____

e-mail address (if known) _____

INFORMATION ON NOMINATOR (YOU, THE PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION)

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone Number _____

School District/College/University _____

Organizational Affiliation _____

e-mail address _____

Noting the recognition prerequisites and the induction criteria, please submit a letter of recommendation in **narrative form** (not just a bulleted list of achievements) and with a maximum of two pages, preferably computer-generated, though not required, detailing why your nominee should be considered for induction into the **Long Island Mathematics Educators Hall of Fame**. The committee needs to see how some or all of the nominee's accomplishments have impacted upon you, the nominator. You may also submit supporting statements from others who know your nominee. **Under no circumstances should your intended nominee be consulted beforehand.** Nor should the potential candidate for induction be told anything during the period of accepting and evaluating nominations. Be sure to include this nomination form with your letter of recommendation. Send all pertinent pieces of information:

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