

Genevieve Knight: Distinguished Teacher

The 1993 MAA Award for Distinguished Teaching in our Section was awarded to Prof. Genevieve M. Knight of Coppin State College. This award was established to recognize mathematicians who are extraordinarily successful in their teaching, have had an influence in their teaching beyond their own institutions, and who foster curiosity and generate excitement about mathematics in their students.

Professor Knight received her bachelor's degree in mathematics education with highest honors from Fort Valley State College, her master's degree in mathematics from Atlanta University, and her Ph.D. in Mathematics Education from the University of Maryland at College Park. She joined the faculty at Coppin State College after fifteen years on the faculty at Hampton Institute, where she also chaired the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Widely recognized by her students as someone who demonstrates great concern for all her students, she stimulates their interests in genuine mathematical learning and has helped them develop confidence in their ability to achieve. Dr. Knight has also been very active in initiating in-service programs in mathematics education for pre-college teachers in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

Prof. Knight, who also earned the Maryland Mathematics Teacher of the Year Award from MCTM in 1993, says that she "loves to teach students mathematics." Her favorite courses are the courses for preservice and in-service teachers, and the calculus sequence. Her former students have established successful careers as college presidents, doctors, lawyers, school teachers, and government workers.