

Meritorious Service Awards

Tom Richmond

Western Kentucky University

The Kentucky Section of the MAA (KYMAA) is pleased to nominate Thomas A. Richmond of Western Kentucky University (WKU) for the MAA Meritorious Service Award. Since arriving at WKU as a fresh PhD in 1986, Tom has been an outstanding teacher, scholar, and mentor. His publications are extensive and varied. He has held the honor of being a University Distinguished Professor since 2016 and received the WKU Ogden College of Science and Engineering Award for Advising for 2009-2010. He has been active in the MAA both in Kentucky and nationally. His talks at section meetings were always eagerly anticipated. He served as Chair-Elect in 2006–2007, Chair in 2008–2009, and Representative to the national MAA in 2017–2019. Most importantly, Tom always provided a thoughtful, helpful, and wise voice in section deliberations.

Response

It has been a pleasure to be associated with the Kentucky Section for one third of its 106-year history. It is always a joy to work with students and colleagues from the section. I am honored and humbled to be selected for this award.

Biographical Sketch

Tom Richmond has been on the faculty at Western Kentucky University since 1986. He received the Kentucky Section teaching award in 2014. His main areas of research are topology and order. He has published 2 books and around 50 articles, including 15 with student coauthors and 9 in MAA journals.