

## Meritorious Service Awards

### David Hendricks

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With great pleasure the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) nominates David Hendricks for the MAA Meritorious Service Award. David has been an essential member of the Texas MAA. Through his long service as Secretary-Treasurer, he has been the backbone of the Texas Section Executive Committee, lending his institutional memory to shape multiple decisions, including in updating By-Laws. He has trained numerous Section officers, especially Chairs and Arrangement Chairs. David has also led Abilene Christian University to host the Texas Section Meeting. David has attended MathFest and JMM regularly. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Section in 2018. We are extremely grateful for his leadership and service for the MAA both locally and nationally.

### Response

I am greatly humbled and honored to receive this award. Service is accomplished within community, and I am blessed that I am able to work alongside many incredible mathematicians who helped me along in my various roles. I am particularly thankful for Reza Abbasian, James Alvarez, Neal Brand, Minerva Cordero, and John Sieben who provided advice and encouragement when I first started serving on the Texas Section Executive Committee. I am also thankful for everyone I have served with on the Executive Committee. The energy, ideas, and passion that was brought to our discussions has made me consider new perspectives and has challenged my thinking. The past two years have been extraordinarily difficult. Plans have had to be canceled, paused, or postponed. I'm extremely grateful for the leadership of our section chairs over the past three years, Betseygail Rand, Meri Hughes, and Jason Callahan. They have guided our section so that we can continue to be an active community that shares mathematics with each other and our students. Finally, I'm reminded of the quote that Stuart Anderson always gave when asked about serving: "it is an honor to serve." Upon reflection, it really has been an honor to serve the mathematics community in Texas, and I am thankful for all of my colleagues and friends in the Texas Section.