

## Meritorious Service Awards

### Jennifer Galovich

*St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict*

The MAA North Central Section is enthusiastically nominating Dr. Jennifer Galovich, Emeritus Professor at College of St. Benedict / St. John's University for a Certificate for Meritorious Service. Jennifer has been a long-standing leader in the North Central Section and the National MAA. She has been a fixture at section meetings. She has provided numerous presentations to the section. She served as the President of the NCS from 2004–2005 and a member of the National MAA Board of Governors (2007–2010).

Jennifer has attended MATHFEST and JMM regularly. She was a member of the Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics (CUPM) 2007–2010). She is currently serving a four year term as Chair of the Council on Communities for the MAA. She has played an active role in the Biology and Mathematics Special Interest Group of the MAA (BioSIGMAA). For BioSIGMAA she was a founding member, acted as treasurer, and organized short courses for national MAA meetings.

Jennifer also has extensive service outside of the MAA at the national level. She has served as a member of the Membership Committee for the Association for Women in Mathematics (2008–2012), a member of the National Council for Pi Mu Epsilon (1999–2005), and other professional organizations.

She has also served as a program reviewer for mathematics departments and has been an active member of the College of St. Benedict / St. John's University faculty, where notably the annual award for faculty service was recently named in her honor.

We are extremely grateful for Jennifer's leadership and service for the MAA both locally and nationally.

### Response

What a delightful surprise! I am pleased and honored, and wish to thank the North Central Section for nominating me for this 2021 Meritorious Service Award. My association with the MAA began when I was in college. My calculus prof (Dr. John Leadley) mentioned it in class one day and I thought—well, I plan on being a mathematician, and I guess this is what one does! So I signed up—that was more than fifty years ago, and I have thrived from my MAA connections ever since. My service at both the section and national levels has always been a pleasure—I find it energizing and look forward to continued service to the MAA.

### Biographical Sketch

Jennifer Galovich is Professor Emerita of Mathematics at St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict in Minnesota. She received the BA in Mathematics from Reed College, the MA from Brown University and the PhD from the University of Minnesota, where she fell in love with combinatorics. Some years later she became aware of connections between combinatorial thinking and molecular biology and as a result was a charter member of the SIGMAA on Computational and Mathematical Biology. Having just finished a four year term as Chair of the MAA's Council on Communities, she is looking forward to editorial work with the Dolciani Editorial Board. She is entertaining herself in retirement by teaching at the local correctional facility, learning to play the oboe, and, during COVID, volunteering as a Case Investigator with the Minnesota Department of Health.