

Meritorious Service Awards

Certificates of Meritorious Services are presented, on the recommendation of the Sections of the Association, for service at the national level or for service to a Section of the Association. The first such awards were made in 1984. Each year, honorees from several Sections are recognized.

Jennifer Wagner

Washburn University

The Kansas Section of the MAA is pleased to nominate Jennifer Wagner of Washburn University to receive the MAA Meritorious Service Award. She served as chair elect 2009–2010 and hosted the 2010 KSMAA meeting. She then served as chair for 2010–2011. When we had a joint meeting with some other sections in 2013, she volunteered to be KSMAA chair elect for 2012–2013 and chair for 2013–2014. In over one hundred years, there have been very few people who have served as chair more than once for our section. She has been serving as KSMAA Secretary since 2019, doing an excellent job. She has also served on various KSMAA committees. Jennifer is generous with her time and energy, and we thank her for her commendable service.

Response

I am extremely honored to receive the MAA's Meritorious Service Award. It has been a pleasure working with my colleagues in the Kansas Section, and I am grateful to be part of such a friendly, close-knit community.

Biographical Sketch

Jennifer Wagner is a professor of mathematics at Washburn University. She earned a BA in mathematics from Grinnell College, and both an MA and PhD in mathematics from the University of California, San Diego. She held faculty positions at the University of Illinois at Chicago, the University of Minnesota (including work with the University of Minnesota Talented Youth Mathematics Program), and the University of Kansas before joining the faculty at Washburn University in 2006. Her research interests are in algebraic combinatorics, but what she loves most about her job is teaching a variety of courses to a diverse student body. She has been a member of the MAA since she was an undergraduate, participated in Project NExT, and is currently serving as the Secretary of the Kansas Section.