

Valparaiso University Mathematics Professor Wins MAA Award

Aug. 8, 2023 – Valparaiso, Indiana – Valparaiso University professors continue to show excellence and leadership in their fields as Lara Pudwell, Ph.D., professor of mathematics and statistics receives the Trevor Evans Award from the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) for her paper, “The Hidden and Surprising Structure of Ordered Lists,” appearing in the February 2022 edition of Math Horizons. The award includes a \$1,000 prize.

“It’s a joy to share beautiful mathematics with others and an honor to be named this year’s Trevor Evans award recipient,” Professor Pudwell said.

Professor Pudwell’s project was originally a presentation (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7DPo9YQTgw>) at the National Museum of Mathematics, but with encouragement from former MAA president Jennifer Quinn and Math Horizons editor Tom Edgar, the work was later turned into the award-winning paper.

“I find this back story to be a wonderful illustration of the good that comes from having encouraging leaders throughout the MAA who look for ways to lift up others in the community,” Professor Pudwell said.



Established by the MAA board of governors in 1992 and first awarded in 1996, the Trevor Evans award recognizes an author or authors of an exceptional article that is accessible to undergraduates and published during the preceding year in Math Horizons. The award’s namesake, Trevor Evans, was a mathematician, teacher and writer at Emory University.

Professor Pudwell’s past recognitions and awards include the Excellence in Teaching Award (<https://www.valpo.edu/news/2021/05/03/valparaiso-university-recognizes-professor-for-excellence-in-teaching/>) from Valparaiso University and the MAA’s 2014 Alder Award (<https://www.valpo.edu/mathematics-statistics/2014/02/14/valpo-math-professor-lara-pudwell-wins-maas-alder-award/>). To find out how Professor Pudwell’s expertise and that of her colleagues are pushing the next generation of mathematicians to the next level, visit valpo.edu/mathematics-statistics (<http://valpo.edu/mathematics-statistics>).



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