

**From the Newsletter Editor**

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The Northeastern Section has always been blessed with active capable people. In this issue, four of those people are honored for honors they have received recently. Laura Kelleher is this year's winner of the Distinguished Teacher Award. Anyone who has attended a meeting or been actively involved in this Section knows Laura. She has already received the Distinguished Service Award. We may have to invent an award for all the work I know she will still be doing for the Section. Dennis Luciano received the Distinguished Service Award at the San Diego meeting. Again, it is hard to be active in the Section and not interact with Dennis. Two other members of our Section have been honored by other groups. Phil Mahler is the national resident of AMATYC. He provides the Section with a natural way to interact more with the two-year colleges. Clayton Dodge received the MacDuffie award from *A 9 +* for the years of service he has given them as an editor of the problem section of their journal. Congratulations and thanks to all four of them for working so hard for the good of Mathematics.

This issue also contains information on a very busy schedule of events in the Section. We have the round of Dinner Meetings, meetings of NEMATYC, a conference on Quantitative Literacy, our June Section meeting at Williams, the Short Course at Plymouth State, and the 2002 Mathfest at Burlington. I hope you will be able to find many things you want to go to. Also notice that the call for participation at the June meeting is being handled differently this year. Frank Morgan has sponsored many student presentations at MAA meetings and I hope you will be able to bring a student to the meeting. If not, consider giving a contributed paper yourself. Take a look at the long list of speakers who gave student papers, contributed papers, or new faculty talks at the Bridgewater meeting. (See below this message.) Let's see if we can get even more at Williams.

Finally, we are experimenting with electronic delivery of the newsletter. Over 200 people will not receive this newsletter through the US mail but will access it electronically instead. If we have missed any of you who would prefer not to get a hard copy, please e-mail me at [fpford@providence.edu](mailto:fpford@providence.edu). I will add you to the electronic list.