

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD
1993

Each year ATI recognizes one of its faculty members for outstanding teaching. This award carries a plaque and a \$1,000 cash gift as well as permanent recognition on a plaque in the Lobby. This year Don and Kathy Bogner have been the kind donors of the cash gift. I'd like to ask Mr. Bogner to come forward to assist me in presenting the award.

The faculty, staff, students and alumni are invited to nominate candidates for this award. An evaluation form is then sent to 25 randomly selected students who were in the nominees' classes during the last two years. A faculty committee of previous award recipients review these student evaluations and select 3 finalist candidates. The Division Chair is asked to provide evaluative and other background data on each of these candidates. The faculty committee is joined by 2 students and 2 alumni to review the nomination/evaluation file on the 3 finalists and select this year's recipient.

This year's recipient holds a bachelor's degree from a university in a Western state; teaches in one of the technical divisions; is a male; earned a master's degree from a university in an Eastern state; and has been a faculty member for 10 years. His Chair indicates he is one of the outstanding teachers in the division, his advice is often sought by people in the industry, and he has developed teaching materials to assist student learning in his classes.

His students indicate that he teaches the latest technology, is always available to answer questions, and his personal encouragement is crucial to helping them develop confidence. He is considered a challenging teacher with high expectations, he forces students to think and is always willing to review materials to help students understand. He is excited about his profession and passes that enthusiasm on to the students.

One student wrote: "This enthusiasm carries on to students making the learning process more pleasurable--not easier; but more pleasurable! His ability to apply everything to practical use, and care enough to work with each student, individually, makes this professor the best I've known."

A former student wrote: "I apply on a regular basis the knowledge acquired from genetics, judging, practicum and integrated dairy farm management. While on practicum we had to be at the barn at 4:00 AM promptly! Now at my current job I'm required to be at work at 4:30 AM. Royce Thornton's requirement for being prompt has enabled me to perform my farm manager duties on a day-to-day basis."

Royce Thornton, please come forward to receive ATI's 1993 Distinguished Teaching Award.