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National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Honors Portland Educator with Lifetime Achievement Award

San Antonio, TX—April 7, 2017—The [National Council of Teachers of Mathematics \(NCTM\)](#) recently named J. Michael Shaughnessy as a recipient of the NCTM Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics Education. This award honors those who over a lifetime have contributed significantly to mathematics education through their leadership, teaching, and service at the national level. Since the award's inception in 1994, the Mathematics Education Trust (MET) has honored more than 50 individuals. The list of awardees reads like a "Who's Who" in mathematics education.

J. Michael Shaughnessy of Portland, Oregon has spent more than 40 years teaching mathematics and has inspired students and teachers. With his integrity and sense of humor, he has engaged his students to think about critically important ideas in mathematics education through his dedicated teaching, research publications and talks and presentations.

Shaughnessy's research is widely recognized for its contributions to students' understanding of chance and data as well as students' geometric thinking. His leadership and mentoring of the next generation of mathematics education scholars has made a lasting impact on the field, and his generosity to graduate students throughout the world has influenced four decades of scholars.

Shaughnessy was a member of the NCTM Board of Directors and served as president of NCTM from 2010-2012. He has authored or co-authored more than 70 publications, including the NCTM publications *Navigating Probability Grades 9-12* (2004) and *Statistical Questions from the Classroom* (2005).

Shaughnessy's many achievements include induction into the Oregon Mathematics Education Hall of Fame, receipt of the U.S. Conference on Teaching Statistics Lifetime Achievement Award, and receipt of Oregon State University awards—the Elizabeth P. Ritchie Distinguished Professor and Carter Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Shaughnessy is currently a professor emeritus in Mathematics and Statistics at Portland State University, where he led the development of their PhD program in mathematics education, and co-principal investigator of a DRK-12 NSF Research and Development grant on mathematics teaching.



To learn more about this year's NCTM Lifetime Achievement Awardees visit www.nctm.org.

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