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| *First Notice**2019 MTANT Award* *for Mathematical Excellence* |



# MTANT is calling for nominations for the *Award for Mathematical Excellence* (AME)for2019. Any Northern Territory student, educator or community member who has demonstrated an outstanding achievement in mathematics or provided an outstanding contribution to mathematics education in the NT is eligible to be nominated for the AME.

Please find included with this announcement: a brief history of the Award; the aims and administration of the Award; the criteria for selection; and a Nomination Form. The AME Committee requests that you circulate this information as widely as possible.

**Origin and current status of the Award**

The AME was inaugurated in 1991, following a donation for this purpose from Mr Jack Oliver. Additional financial support has also been provided by MTANT. Jack Oliver was a long time MTANT member and is a life member of the Association. Until his retirement, Jack was a lecturer in Mathematics at Charles Darwin University (formerly known as Darwin Institute of Technology and NT University).

Following the establishment of the Award it was intended that the award would be offered annually with the donated monies invested to accrue interest for this purpose. Previous recipients of the Award have included: *Ann Richards* for her contribution to teacher education, promotion of the Australian Mathematics Competition in the NT and her active involvement in MTANT; *Jeanette McLeod* an outstanding student of mathematics at CDU; *John Pickett*, mathematics senior teacher at Katherine High School, who actively contributed to Mathematics Education in the NT for over 29 years. In 2005 a special Achievement Award was presented to *Kirilie Turner* for her contribution in assisting Indigenous students at Newcastle Waters School to improve their numeracy. The 2007 award was presented to *Judith Egan*, a long-term Territorian who studied mathematics at the CDU, supported students in the *CDU Maths Club* and is currently studying interstate for her PhD in mathematics. In 2008, *V Mohan-Ram* was awarded the AME for longstanding contributions to Maths Education in his role as a lecturer at CDU and to MTANT events. No awards were made between 2009 and 2013. However, in 2014, *Matthew Chapman*, a student attending Dripstone Middle School was the recipient of the AME for outstanding achievements in school mathematics, including receiving exceptional results in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

**Aim of the AME**

Typically, the Award would be presented to any NT student, educator or community member who has attained an outstanding achievement in mathematics or provided an outstanding contribution to mathematics education in the NT. Thus, the *Award for Mathematical Excellence* provides an opportunity to provide recognition to people who demonstrate and /or promote excellence in mathematics and / or mathematics education. It is anticipated that the Award will be made annually.

**Administration of the AME**

MTANT administers the AME through its Management Committee.

**The role of the Management Committee is to:**

* administer the funds;
* seek applications / nominations for recipients of the Award each year;
* screen the nominees and make a recommendation to the MTANT Management

 Committee for endorsement of the successful applicant;

* notify the nominees of the committee’s selection decision;
* announce the name of the Award winner, and
* organise a suitable time and location to present the Award.

The Committee reserves the right to declare that no Award is to be presented in any particular year.

**AME Selection Criteria**

The nominee:

* has studied / worked in the NT for a minimum of three years;
* demonstrates excellence in academic achievement in mathematics and commitment to mathematics (if a student) eg. outstanding school results, high achievement in mathematics competitions, successful involvement in activities such as *Tournament of the Minds*, academic support for other students, selection for *National* *Mathematics Summer School*;
* demonstrates active and committed efforts in promoting excellence in mathematics education at school, higher education or community level; and
* demonstrates a high level of skill and commitment to the professional learning of his / her colleagues (if an educator) eg contribution to professional associations, successful presentation of professional learning activities, contribution to development of NT curriculum and related resources, contribution to educational journals or professional publications.

## Nomination Form / Further Information

* A Nomination Form is attached. This provides a guide to the information required when nominating an individual for the Award.
* 2019 Nominations close **2 August, 2019** (end of Week 2, Term 3)
* Completed forms should be forwarded to:

 MTANT - Attention: AME Management Committee

 PO Box 40202

 CASUARINA NT 0811

or by email to MTANT Secretary geoff.gillman@ntschools.net

Phone: 8956 9743

**Nomination Form for the 2019**

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#### Award for Mathematical Excellence





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| NAME OF NOMINEE |  |

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| **CONTACT DETAILS OF NOMINEE** |
| POSTAL ADDRESS |  |
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| ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION OF NOMINEE |
| **CURRENT POSITION** OF NOMINEE(eg. student/teacher/lecturer/other) |  |
| LOCATION OF NOMINEE(eg. name of school/institution/other) |  |
| LENGTH OF TIME IN NT |  |
| NAME OF NOMINATOR(S) |  |

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| **Please write a brief statement explaining why you have nominated this person:** |

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| **Achievements in Mathematics -** Pleasedocument the relevant achievements of the nominee in the space below. Ensure that the **Selection** **Criteria** are addressed with sufficient evidence. To assist the committee, and to best support the nomination, the nominator (in consultation with the nominee where necessary) should provide the AME Committee with comprehensive information and specific examples concerning the nominee’s achievements in mathematics. Additional pages, for example, letters of support from appropriate people, may be attached if required. |

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| **Signature of nominee** |  |
| Signature of nominator(s) |  |

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| Date Application submitted |  **/ / 2019** |

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 **Closing Date: 2 August, 2019**

(end of Week 2, Term 3)