Frances Davis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
By an Instructor or Assistant Professor

Description and Criteria

The Frances Davis Award, financed largely by faculty contributions, is a memorial to the late Frances Davis who taught mathematics at Leeward Community College and UH Mānoa for 19 years. Frances Davis was an inspired teacher dedicated to sharing her knowledge of mathematics with undergraduates attending the University of Hawai‘i. The award recognizes recipients for their dedication to teaching, for their demonstrated excellence as teachers, and for their attention to undergraduate students.

The following criteria are used in judging among candidates for the award:

Candidates should be at the Instructor or Assistant Professor rank and should demonstrate a record of dedication to teaching, excellence in the design and instruction of lower division or interdisciplinary undergraduate courses, and service to undergraduate students.

Weighing priorities are as follows:

- HIGHEST: Demonstrated professional expertise as exhibited in teaching success.
- 2nd HIGHEST: Demonstrated interest and involvement on behalf of students.
- 3rd HIGHEST: Performance as exemplar for students.

Nominations may be made by any faculty member or student at the campus where the Frances Davis Award is to be presented.

Each nomination should be submitted with statements of justification from at least three persons, including at least one student and one faculty colleague. Information on courses the nominee has taught and examples which demonstrate his/her service to students should be included.