



...In Persia first arises that light which shines itself and illuminates what is around... The principle of development begins with the history of Persia, this constitutes therefore the beginning of history.

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

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### Iranian Professor Wins Special MAA Prize



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An Iranian professor of Illinois section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) has been awarded this year's Haimo Award for distinguished teaching.

Vali Siadat, professor of mathematics at Richard Daley College of Illinois, is the first member of the college to have received Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award from MAA.

The Mathematical Association of America is one of the biggest organizations concerned with mathematical sciences in the United States and the award given to Professor Siadat is among the biggest and the most valuable prizes that the organization has, thus far, handed out.

Professor Vali Siadat holds two doctorate degrees in mathematics and mathematical education and was introduced as Illinois Professor of the Year in 2005. In 2001, he obtained a prize for introducing the best method for teaching mathematics in that state. He has completed all his academic courses at the University of Illinois.

He started as an engineer and after working for a number of years in industrial fields, he switched to mathematics. Professor Siadat studied mathematical teaching methods in his career and decided to come up with a more effective way of teaching this science.

While being happy to have received the prize, Professor Siadat hopes that the event would encourage other scientists to find exclusive ways for teaching different sciences. He has noted that teaching 10,000 students in his life is the most important achievement and the biggest service he has rendered the society.

Siadat is an Alborz High School graduate. In 1962, he went to US to attend college and graduated from UC, Berkeley in 1967 with a BS in electrical engineering. While working in the Silicon Valley in high tech firms, he earned an MS degree in electrical engineering from San Jose State University in 1971. He came to Illinois in 1972 and attended the UIC where he was awarded an MS in applied mathematics (1986), a Ph.D. in pure mathematics in 1990, and a Doctor of Arts degree in mathematics education in 1997. He is a distinguished professor and Mathematics Department Chair at Richard J. Daley College, Chicago and also an adjunct mathematics professor at Loyola University, Chicago.