

# Illinois Section of the MAA

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## Vali Siadat, Illinois Professor of the Year

**Vali Siadat**, Professor of Mathematics at Richard J. Daley College in Chicago and ISMAA Board Member was recently named **Illinois Professor of the Year** by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

From a Chicago City Colleges News Release . . .

### National Honors for Top Professor in Illinois

#### City Colleges of Chicago celebrates Daley College Professor Vali Siadat, Ph.D.

November 17, 2005 - Chicago, IL - The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) have named M. Vali Siadat, Ph.D., of Richard J. Daley College, the 2005 Illinois Professor of the Year. Professor Siadat was selected from among nearly 400 top professors in the United States.

"The City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) applauds Dr. Vali Siadat for being named 'Illinois Professor of the Year' by CASE and the Carnegie Foundation," said CCC Chancellor Wayne D. Watson. "This national honor, decided by a national panel is one of the most prestigious annual teaching awards in higher education."

The 2005 Professor of the Year program includes winners in 40 states, Guam, and the District of Columbia. CASE assembled two preliminary panels of judges to select finalists. The Carnegie Foundation then convened the third and final panel, which selected four national winners and state winners. Professor Siadat was selected from faculty members nominated by colleges and universities throughout the country.

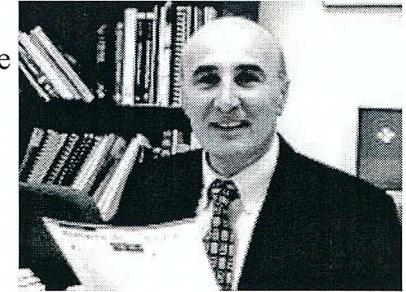
"Dr. Siadat is an educational innovator," said Sylvia Ramos, president of Richard J. Daley College. "His work as director of the Proyecto Access/Chicago PREP program inspires middle school and high school students to develop an enthusiastic interest in science and engineering. As Daley College professor of mathematics and department chair, Dr. Siadat motivates and nurtures students of all ages. He has had excellent success in arranging research internships for Daley College students at Argonne National Laboratory. We are very proud of his many accomplishments and his most recent designation as 2005 Illinois Professor of the Year."

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The whole news release from which the above informatio was taken may be found at [http://www.ccc.edu/aboutccc/news/2005\\_prof\\_year.shtml](http://www.ccc.edu/aboutccc/news/2005_prof_year.shtml). See also the CASE website for the list of all the 2005 Professor of the Year State Winners.

## About Professor Siadat

Mr Siadat is a Alborz High School grad. In 1962 he came 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 PhD 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.



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