

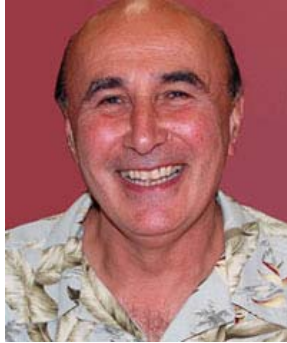
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### IFT member wins highest math teaching honor

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Dr. Vali Siadat, a member of the Cook County College Teachers Union, Local 1600, became the first community college professor in the United States to receive the highest award in his field - the Mathematical Association of America's (MAA) Deborah and Frank Tepper Haimo Award for the distinguished teaching of mathematics.

Siadat, who has been teaching mathematics at Richard J. Daley College in Chicago for 26 years, estimates that he has taught 10,000 students. "Teaching at a two-year college is challenging," said Siadat, who accepted the award in the name of his hard-working colleagues in the City Colleges of Chicago. "It requires lots of energy, enthusiasm and commitment."

The Haimo Award is not Siadat's only professional honor. In 2005, Siadat was 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).

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