



Alice T. Schafer (1915–2009)

Schafer got her PhD from the University of Chicago (1942) and taught at institutions including Connecticut College, Swarthmore College, and the University of Michigan before settling down at Wellesley College. She was instrumental in the formation of the AWM (1971) and became its second president (1973). Schafer worked on professional mathematical

society committees on women and led delegations to China regarding women in mathematics. In her honor, the AWM created the Alice T. Schafer Mathematics Prize, awarded annually to an undergraduate woman for mathematics excellence. Schafer was an AAAS Fellow (1985), and was awarded the MAA's Yueh-Gin Gung and Dr. Charles Y. Hu Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics (1998).

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