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Alumnus of the Week – Dec. 19 – Dec. 25, 2005: M. Vali Siadat '67

Alum named Illinois Professor of the Year

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, along with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, has named M. Vali Siadat as the Illinois Professor of the Year for 2005. Siadat is a current professor and chair of mathematics at Richard J. Daley College in Chicago. Professor Siadat's teaching experience includes 31 years, which has been characterized by his enthusiasm and outreach to motivate students in and out of the classroom. He was recognized from over 300 nominees throughout the nation.

The award, established in 1981, is the only national decoration that recognizes excellence in undergraduate teaching. The honor includes a \$5,000 cash prize, and spans 40 states, the District of Columbia and Guam. Winners are selected based on criteria that exemplify "outstanding commitment to teaching undergraduate students and their influence on teaching."

Vali Siadat earned his undergraduate degree at Cal in 1967 while studying electrical engineering. He later received his M.S., D.A. and Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Siadat has also been recognized with the Distinguished Teaching Award of the Mathematical Association of America, Illinois Section in 2002, the highest distinction a college teacher of mathematics can receive.



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