March 12, 2008

The Twenty Sixth Annual Friends of Mathematics Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008. Professor Steven Krantz of the American Institute of Mathematics and Washington University will be one of our distinguished guests.

Professor Krantz will speak on "A Matter of Gravity" in Throckmorton 1018 at 2:30pm that afternoon. Containing some discussion of analysis and domains, Dr. Krantz's lecture should be accessible to non-mathematicians.

The evening festivities will begin with cider and conversation on the 2nd floor Concourse of the K-State Union at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Ballroom of the Union. Following the dinner our Distinguished Alumnus, James Baxter, of Sutton Homes, will speak to us on "Mathematics: A Great Way to Get Started," and Professor Krantz will also speak on "Abstract Thoughts on Concrete Mathematics" after the presentation of awards. These talks will be comprehensible to most diners.

For students and their guests, the price of the banquet is $9.00 per person. For others, the price of the banquet is $18.00 per person.

Because Friends of Mathematics bears the cost of the banquet for the one-third of the diners who are honorees, ticket sales do not cover the cost of the banquet; and so, we request contributions beyond the price of the tickets in honor of our special guests. We are often asked about a donation amount, and we suggest paying for one honoree's dinner for each ticket purchased for yourself and your guests. Donations should be made on a separate check; the KSU Foundation will not acknowledge donations that cannot be easily distinguished from payment for services rendered.

We invite all friends and alumni to join us for this important event. Reservations should be made by Friday, April 18, 2008.

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