



Citation of

Professor Jon Abraham

for the

**2023 Board of Trustees' Award for
Outstanding Teaching**

Professor Jon Abraham, Professor of Practice in the Department of Mathematical Sciences, brings to his classes 25 years of working as an actuary. He is known as an approachable professor in his role teaching introductory calculus to first-year students. Actuarial students report their gratitude for the real-world applications and actuarial exam preparation he provides, which guides them to successful careers.

Teaching classes to incoming students can be a difficult task, but Professor Abraham does it well. Consistently over the years, his students praise him for his ability to teach some of the most difficult classes. As described by one student, "I came to WPI with no prior knowledge of calculus, but Professor Abraham taught me all that I know, making learning fun. Thanks to Professor Abraham, I can tell people I enjoy doing calculus, and actually mean it." Another student added, "He's made me confident in my math skills and has taught me to love calculus." As one student summed it up, Professor Abraham was "the best math teacher I've ever had!"

Professor Abraham is respectful and understanding and always willing to help; many students said that he goes above and beyond for them. They reported that he was always willing to help outside of class time and would answer emails almost always within an hour. His positive attitude and openness to individual needs can be seen even in large classes. One student explained, "Professor Abraham takes the time to know all his students enough so he can recognize you when you are just walking on campus." His students praise his enthusiasm for teaching, observing that "he makes coming to class fun." Most importantly, he is extremely caring and always willing to help students succeed in their personal lives as well as in the classroom.

For his passion to teaching the subject of mathematics to his students, his effective teaching style, and his strong support of his students, we are pleased to present the 2023 Board of Trustees' Award for Outstanding Teaching to Professor Jon Abraham.

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