

Howard Kibble Hughes was an Iowa native who earned the A. B. and M. S. degrees in mathematics from the University of Iowa; spent a short time at the University of Kansas, and then received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1930. He began a long and distinguished teaching career at Purdue University in 1928, over the course of which he authored a trigonometry text, published a number of papers, and guided eight students to the Ph.D. in mathematics. Upon his retirement from Purdue in 1968, Dr. Hughes came to Valparaiso University, where he enjoyed three very happy years with us.

Dr. Hughes always remembered with pride his participation in a mathematics competition at the University of Iowa that resulted in the awarding of the Loudon Prize. And so... Dr. Hughes resolved to contribute sufficient funds to Valparaiso so that recognition might be given for achievement in mathematics at Valparaiso University.

To make possible the participation of science and engineering students, as well as mathematics students, Dr. Hughes declared that the purpose of the competition would be to determine the student showing the greatest proficiency in the first four calculus courses.

It is with much pride, and the warm memory of a gentle colleague, that we are privileged to award the Hughes Mathematics Prize.

Howard K. Hughes Recipients

1973 Dean Kolba 1974 Leslie Poch 1975 John Dixon 1976
(not awarded) 1977 Kevin Boettcher 1978 Robert Sepanski 1979
Mark Littman, David Halter 1980 Karen Toth, James Handrock 1981
Norman Kolb, Paul Sarraffe 1982 Michael Domroese 1983 Jonathan
Sorenson 1984 Kathy Dempsey 1985 Kristi Keller, Russell Wenzel 1986
Jonathan Jank, Julie Stafford 1987 Michael Campbell 1988 Hope
Concannon 1989 Doug Limmer 1990, 91 (not awarded) 1992 Eric Lofstad
1993 Jonathan DeVilbiss 1994 (not awarded) 1995, 96 (not awarded)
1997 Genevieve Knight 1998 Mark Kerins 1999 (not awarded) 2000
Kathy Cooksey 2001 Tamara Cundiff, Lara Pudwell 2002 Briana
Ehrhardt 2003 Steven Klee 2004 Nathaniel Leonard, Alicia Zinnecker
2005,06 (not awarded) 2007 Jared Erickson 2008 Adam Shull