

# 2018 Herb Gross Presidential Award Recipients

## Mary Beth Orrange

by Jim Ham and Ernie Danforth



Mary Beth Orrange is Distinguished Professor of Mathematics Emeritus of Erie CC where she taught mathematics and computer science for 34 years.

She has been a leader in mathematics education at the state and national level for most of her career. She served the New York affiliate, NYSMATYC, as secretary and President. She continues to serve as mentor and advisor in Project ERNIE, a NYSMATYC project

similar to AMATYC Project ACCESS. Through her leadership, many members of the Erie CC faculty have joined NYSMATYC and have become active members. In recognition of her work, Mary Beth is one of only four individuals in the 50-year history of the organization to receive both the award for Outstanding Contributions to NYSMATYC in 2002 and the award for Outstanding Contributions to Mathematics Education in 2017.

Mary Beth has also been a leader on the national level through her work in AMATYC. Her roles include chair of the Innovative Teaching and Learning Committee. Under her leadership the ITLC became one of the largest and the most active AMATYC academic committees. She served AMATYC for four years as secretary, and more recently in her retirement, she co-chaired the steering committee of AMATYC's newest publication, *IMPACT*.

Mary Beth is a quiet leader and a hard and persistent worker. You know that when she takes on a task, it will get done, and will be of the highest quality.

Mary Beth lives with her husband Ray in Getzville, NY, a suburb of Buffalo. They enjoy spending time with their daughter, their grandsons, and volunteering time supporting the Dreams from the Heart camp, a special camp for children with congenital heart disease.

## Nancy Sattler

by Jim Ham and Michelle Younker



Nancy is Dean Emerita at Terra CC and continues to teach graduate students at Walden University. Always a model of lifelong learning herself, she earned a Bachelor's degree in 1972, a Master's degree in 1988 and a PhD in 2004 all from the University of Toledo. She completed her graduate work all while teaching full-time, raising a family, and continuing to serve the mathematics education community.

Like many AMATYC members, Nancy first became involved in her affiliate, OhioMATYC. Within a few short years of joining OhioMATYC in 1989, Nancy became the president of the organization. It didn't take her long to find AMATYC and to become very active. Since joining AMATYC in 1990, Nancy has served in many leadership positions, including Chair of AMATYC's Placement and Assessment Committee, AMATYC Treasurer, Midwest Vice President, and in 2014-2015, president of AMATYC.

Nancy has authored numerous publications, including section writer for *Beyond Crossroads* and most recently, *IMPACT* co-chair.

Through her professional service and leadership, publications, presentations, and teaching, Nancy has had a significant influence on the lives of many. Many of those who have joined and become active members of AMATYC will tell you they began their service to AMATYC because Nancy encouraged them to get involved. Perhaps one of her greatest accomplishments has been the many colleagues who consider Nancy their mentor and friend.

Nancy continues to serve the profession - teaching and inspiring a new generation of mathematics educators. Most importantly, she continues to mentor others and cultivate in them a strong desire to serve.

Nancy Sattler exemplifies outstanding service. She has devoted her career to improving mathematics education and to generously sharing her time and talents.