Congratulations to Philip H. Mahler and Charles (Pat) McKeague, recipients of 2015 Herb Gross Presidential Awards. Renamed in 2014 for AMATYC’s founding president, Herb Gross, this award recognizes exceptional achievement and service to the profession and to AMATYC. Both Phil and Pat exemplify the nature and intent of the Herb Gross Presidential Award, devoting their careers to improving mathematics education and volunteering many years of exceptional service to AMATYC. President Sattler honored Phil and Pat each with this prestigious award during the 2015 Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Phil Mahler served on the AMATYC Executive Board from 1997 through 2005 as Northeast Region Vice President, then as President (2001-2003). After majoring in modern languages at Assumption College, then serving in the Navy in Key West, FL, Phil discovered his interest in mathematics. He earned a Masters of Arts in the Teaching of Mathematics from the University of Florida. Phil taught at Henry Ford CC in Michigan before returning to New England. He has been teaching at Middlesex CC in Bedford, MA, since 1982, and continues to volunteer his time behind the scenes to numerous AMATYC projects.

After teaching high school in the early 1970s, Pat McKeague taught for 32 years at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, CA. He is an accomplished author of numerous textbooks and founded MathTV in 2007. Because of his online work, Pat has educated students from around the country. He has been a frequent conference speaker, including serving as a keynote speaker for AMATYC as well as for affiliate meetings. More recently, Pat has been active in the AMATYC Foundation.