Presidential Citation

Presented to

Ruth L. Ault

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During the 118th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, the Society for the Teaching of Psychology is pleased to award you with this Presidential Citation in recognition of your sustained and outstanding contribution to our organization as a leader, a mentor, an organizer, a scholar, and ultimately a teacher of great renown.

You are the epitome of the hardworking, dedicated, and often behind the scenes mainstay of our Society. As Treasurer of our organization, your fantastic fiscal leadership helped to put the Society on a firm financial footing. Your leadership as Director of the Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology (OTRP) led to an expansion of what were already an impressive set of materials for teachers in a variety of academic settings and at different stages of their careers. Your professional courtesy and generosity are legendary, as is your razor sharp mind: On numerous occasions you have been the source of resolution to an issue our organization’s leadership has struggled to answer.

You have “given back” to our discipline in many ways, including serving for many years as a reader and table leader at the Advanced Placement Psychology Reading. For five years you served as the Methods and Techniques Editor of our journal, Teaching of Psychology. You continue to perform editorial duties for the Journal of Genetic Psychology. At Davidson College, you are the Nancy and Erwin Maddrey Professor of Psychology, and you have also served as Department Chair. A fellow of the American Psychological Association, your teaching prowess was recognized by your winning the Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award from Davidson.

We thank you for your generosity of spirit, your professional acumen, your sharp and open mind, and for your friendship to all teachers of psychology.

Dana S. Dunn