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Dear Bob,

Congratulations! Out of a highly impressive pool of candidates, you have been chosen to receive RIMTA's memorial Amedeo DeRobbio Award in honor of your outstanding lifetime contributions. This award is presented annually to one educator who demonstrates Mack DeRobbio's spirit and enthusiasm for mathematics. Mack was both a passionate mathematics educator as well as a long term member of RIMTA's executive committee.

We are pleased to present you with this year's award in honor of your 29 years of work as a high school mathematics teacher and educational leader across the state and beyond. You are well known for your positive impact on your students' learning and beliefs about mathematics. Your classroom is described as a space for self-directed, self-paced, and blended learning. This instructional approach, coupled with individualized support, promotes student agency in their pursuit of deep understanding and enhanced confidence. Your nominator, Ben Hall, explained that you work tirelessly to "foster an environment where enthusiasm for the subject is infectious". This is definitely not an easy task!

Beyond the classroom, you serve as the Math Department Chair, as a member of the Mathematics Curriculum Task Force, and on the Rhode Island Mathematics Advisory Board. You also take the time to present at professional seminars and conferences in order to broadly disseminate your knowledge and perspective. Additionally, you contribute to mathematics education research by supporting faculty from the College of Engineering at Pennsylvania State University with both their data analysis and research design.

Overall, in Ben's words, you are deserving of this award because through your "passion for mathematics, [your] innovative teaching practices, and [your] unwavering commitment to improving education [you] have inspired countless students and colleagues". It is our pleasure to present you with this year's Amedeo DeRobbio Award.

Thank you for inspiring us!

With Appreciation and Congratulations,

Sara Donaldson

Awards and Grants Chair

on behalf of the RIMTA Board of Directors