

DECISION SCIENCES INSTITUTE - SOUTHWEST REGION

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

is presented to

THOMAS W. JONES



The 2008 SWDSI Outstanding Educator Award recipient is Dr. Thomas W. Jones from the University of Arkansas.

For over 30 years, Tom Jones has a record of excellence in teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses in three distinct areas: statistics, production and operations management, and management science/operations research. Tom Jones has demonstrated a continued interest in being an excellent teacher as evidenced by over 30 articles, presentations, and other teaching related research activities. He has served as track chair of the Innovative Education track at DSI meetings and regional meetings on several occasions, and he has been involved in numerous other sessions and panels aimed at enhancing teaching effectiveness.

Tom Jones has been very effective in translating pedagogical theory into practice. Nominations for various teaching awards have spanned virtually his entire career in academia and led to numerous awards. Some of these at the University of Arkansas are the College of Business Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching (1979), Outstanding Faculty Award for Classroom Instruction (1983), Outstanding Faculty Contributions to Teaching Award (1986), and Outstanding Teacher Award (1988); the Business Graduate Students Association Outstanding Graduate Faculty Member (1998); and the Student Alumni Board and Associated Student Government Recognition for Excellence in Teaching (2001).

Perhaps Tom's impact on the Decision Sciences profession is best expressed by the 2002 University of Arkansas Board of Trustees Resolution which was presented "... in recognition of Professor Jones' service to his profession in the academic and professional dimensions of decision sciences, statistics, and quantitative analysis as a teacher, scholar, and professional leader." In 2006, based upon sustained excellence in teaching as well as exemplary service to the university and his profession, Tom Jones received perhaps the ultimate faculty recognition at the University of Arkansas when he was appointed as a University Professor.