FAU’s AWM Student Chapter wins Fundraising & Sustainability Award

The Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM) has over 100 student chapters at colleges and universities across the country and around the world. AWM Student Chapters develop their yearly programming to meet the needs and interests of their chapter. The AWM Student Chapter Awards highlight and celebrate the unique and meaningful programs that Chapters design. AWM’s Student Chapter Awards are for (1) scientific excellence, (2) professional development, (3) fundraising and sustainability, and (4) community outreach.

The Florida Atlantic University’s AWM Student Chapter is the 2018 recipient of the Association of Women in Mathematics’ Fundraising and Sustainability Award. Florida Atlantic’s grant, “Dare to Bee,” supports among other activities, their Big Bee/Little Bee mentoring project which pairs graduate students with undergraduates and promotes student/faculty interaction. The primary objective of the grant is to create a community of peers, providing a support system for female students, enhancing the professional skills of graduate students as they consider a variety of future career paths, and encouraging undergraduates to continue their academic and professional training in the mathematical sciences.

With funds from their grant, the chapter co-sponsored a poster session highlighting student research and the lively research culture of their department, brought a visiting mathematician to campus for a research lecture and extended discussion with students, hosted an AAUW Salary Negotiation Workshop to address salary discrimination against women, and supported travel by chapter members to the Joint Meetings to recruit talented graduate students to FAU. We applaud the chapter’s enterprise in seeking and finding resources to support its ambitions to expand participation by women in mathematics and science.

The other 2018 Award Winners are University of Oregon (Scientific Excellence), Purdue University (Professional Development), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Community Outreach).