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Stockton CA, Feb 06, 2014: The San Joaquin Engineers Council is pleased to announce **Dr. Viji K. Sundar** as the recipient of the 2015 **Distinguished Service Award**.

The award recognizes individuals who have dedicated their professional knowledge and skills to the advancement of their community; have participated in nothing but honorable enterprises; have lived and worked according to the highest standards of professional conduct; have placed service before profit; have placed honor and professional standing before personal advantage; and have placed the public welfare above all other considerations.

Dr. Sundar is currently a Professor of Mathematics at California State University, Stanislaus. She received her Master of Science in Mathematics from the University of Illinois, Urbana in 1968, and her Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Illinois in 1973.

Dr. Sundar was a founding member of the California Mathematics Project, a statewide program that was formed to enhance the quality of California's K-12 mathematics education by increasing teacher's mathematical content knowledge and pedagogical knowledge, and by supporting and developing leadership skills.

Dr. Sundar was instrumental in securing grant funding to establish and support the Preparing Women for Mathematical Modeling (PWMM) summer program, which engages high school juniors and seniors in the exciting field of mathematical modeling. The program helps young women develop confidence, and plants the seed for a college and career path in the fields of mathematics and science.

Dr. Sundar has been actively involved numerous K-12 outreach and education programs, including: Building Math Confidence; High School Mathematics Access Program; Pre-Freshman Enrichment Program; SMART – Science and Mathematics Achievement with the Right Techniques; Alice in MathLogicLand; Communicating Mathematics; Preparing Women for Mathematical Modeling & Robotics (PWMMR); and M is for Math Literacy.

Dr. Sundar's has been repeatedly recognized by her peers for her accomplishments and selflessness and she has received a number of awards, including the following,

- Outstanding Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Professor of the Year Award
- Outstanding Women of Stanislaus County
- WANG Family Excellence Award
- Outstanding Community Service Professor of the Year Award
- Progress in Equity Award
- JC Penny Golden Rule Award
- Outstanding Professor Award

The 2015 SJEC Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Dr. Sundar at the Annual Engineers Week Banquet to be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at Grace Covell Hall on the University of the Pacific Campus. The annual banquet is held during Engineers Week. A nationwide event that recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of the engineering profession.

Please go to <http://www.sjec-ca.org/> or contact Luis Torres, 209-954-8311, for event information and reservations.