

**FULL-TIME FACULTY NOMINATION FORM
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION AWARD
FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING**

Please check your status:

- Faculty
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Kent State University at Tuscarawas
2017-2018 Academic Year
Deadline: Monday, March 5, 2018

Dr. Bao Qi Feng Mathematical Sciences
Name of Nominee *Department*

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Kent Tusc, CCP
(Students) Your college, year, major *(Alumni) KSU degrees and dates granted (if applicable)*

Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry and Calculus I
Please list any course(s) taken under nominee (number or title)

August 28, 2017-December 13, 2017 and January 16, 2018-current
Approximate dates course(s) taken

In the space below and on the back of this form, indicate as fully as possible your reasons for nominating the instructor as a distinguished teacher. Be sure to date and sign the nomination form on the back.

1. This Distinguished Teacher ***possesses a comprehensive knowledge of subject matter***. The instructor has a scholarly grasp of the subject matter and an abiding interest in the area of study.

When I speak about Dr. Feng to my friends and family, I often say that he is the smartest person I have ever met. Dr. Feng rarely has to look at his notes or the textbook to find a formula, and when he is unsure and looks to double-check, he is always correct! Dr. Feng always has an answer to your question and knows how to explain what we are learning in a way that makes sense to each individual. You can tell by being a student of his that he loves what he does and has a true passion for mathematics. He will often call our calculus problems “fun” which shows you just how much he loves his job.

2. This Distinguished Teacher ***organizes and presents subject matter effectively***. What is taught makes sense to students and is consistent with the objectives of the course. Interrelationships between the subject matter of the course, other fields of learning and/or human society are suggested.

Dr. Feng teaches in a manner that students understand and will go around the room asking each student if they understand, giving each person the opportunity to ask questions or for help. If you are struggling, he is always willing to work with you one-on-one. Dr. Feng makes himself available any time that he is not teaching if you need extra help or have a question. He always makes sure to share with us how what we are currently learning can be applied to the “real world”. For example, after our last section on maximums and minimums, he spent a few extra days teaching us how to use this concept to solve application questions.

3. This Distinguished Teacher *stimulates thinking and develops understanding*. Students' intellects are challenged: Critical thinking and open-minded attitudes are encouraged to the end that students become more self-directing in their fields of knowledge.

Dr. Feng assigns homework to go along with each section that we learn to develop our understanding of each concept. In addition, he provides us with extra problems that we can do if we still feel like we need more practice. Dr. Feng also challenges us and pushes us to do our best! He often says to our class that we should all try to be the "Number 1 student". He rewards those who get a perfect score on an exam with chocolate bars and challenges each student to work hard so that everyone can get chocolate! Also, he challenges us to think more critically on exams. On the first Calculus exam he included a question that was an extension of what we had learned in class; afterwards, he told us that he didn't teach us how to do a problem of that exact type, but wanted to challenge us to think about what we did learn and apply it to a different type of problem.

4. This Distinguished Teacher *arouses interest*. Students appreciate their learning and find their experiences significant in personal terms and in relation to their education purposes.

It is clear to anyone who has a conversation with Dr. Feng or listens to him teach that he loves his job. He has a true passion for mathematics and it spills over into his teaching. He not only makes the class interesting, but I have found myself most excited about learning when in his classroom. He challenges me to work hard and has made me more interested in mathematics than I was before I stepped into his classroom last fall. After taking Trigonometry taught by him last semester, I knew that I wanted to take another math class taught by him! I enjoy learning from Dr. Feng and am blessed to be one of his students.

5. This Distinguished Teacher *demonstrates resourcefulness*. The instructor makes good use of available human and material resources and uses techniques of teaching appropriate to the course and the specific class situation.

Dr. Feng uses his class time wisely and fully to ensure that we get the most out of each class. He often references our textbook to give further explanations and additional examples. He also uses the calculator and projector so that we can see graphs on the board and connect it to what we are learning. Dr. Feng also offers himself as a resource. Any time that he is not teaching a class, he makes himself available so that we can go to him for one-on-one tutoring if we need it. He also allows us to email him with any questions we have, even after we are no longer his student.

Olivia Galigher

Signature

3/4/2018

Date

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