

Dear Aggies, colleagues, friends:

If you were fortunate enough to have known distinguished professor and world-renowned scientist Richard E. Ewing, we hope that you will support an important effort being launched by the Department of Mathematics at Texas A&M University in his honor. Dr. Ewing came to Texas A&M in 1992 and served as dean of the College of Science for eight years before being named vice president for research in 2000. He was also the founding director of Texas A&M's Institute for Scientific Computation and over the years made profound discoveries in the areas of mathematics, engineering, and computational sciences. The emergence of TAMU as an internationally recognized university of the first rank in Science and Engineering is due in large part to the contributions of Dr. Ewing. Dr. Ewing passed away on December 5, 2007 at the age of 61. For additional information, I have provided the link to the College of Science's news release following his death:

<https://science.tamu.edu/news/2007/12/texas-am-mourns-loss-of-legendary-colleague-richard-ewing/>

As one way of providing permanent recognition of Dr. Ewing and of his extraordinary contributions and service to the department, college, university, and scientific community at large, we are hoping to obtain funding to create an endowment called the R. E. Ewing Lecture Series in Computational Mathematics. Such an endowment would bring eminent speakers to Texas A&M on an annual basis and provide an opportunity for our students to learn from these leading mathematicians in this area of study. Our goal is to receive contributions from as many former students, colleagues, and associates of Dr. Ewing as possible.

The basic objective is to reach total gifts of \$50,000. All funds raised will initially be placed in a non-endowed account, and in the event we do reach our goal, the funds will then be moved to an endowed account and will remain so in perpetuity. A faculty member in the College of Science has generously offered to provide the initial \$10,000 towards our goal. For 200 additional contributors with an average gift of \$200, the remaining \$40,000 could be raised! We know that even \$200 might be unreasonable for many; nevertheless, we hope that if you are among those who especially appreciated Dr. Ewing, you will try to contribute something so that we may successfully honor him in this way. Hopefully, those of you who have the capability to make donations larger than \$200 will be able to do so in order to make up for others who are less financially able. Also, if more than \$50,000 can be raised, the R. E. Ewing Lecture Series in Computational Mathematics would become even more prestigious.

You can donate by going to the website <https://give.am/R.E.EwingLecSeriesCompMath> and provide your gift via credit card (be sure it is credited to the Ewing Lectures). If you prefer to send a check, the check should be made payable to the Texas A&M Foundation and it should be noted on the check that it is for the Ewing Lectures (Account 74052); the check can be mailed to the Texas A&M Foundation at 401 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX 77840.

Please feel free to call or email one of us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,

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