

Hollins University community mourn professor's death

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ROANOKE, Va. (WSET) - The Hollins University community is mourning the loss of a professor.

According to the university, Caren Diefenderfer, a math professor passed away.

University President Nancy Gray says Diefenderfer came to the school in 1977 and has had "a profound impact as an outstanding teacher, and most importantly, as an individual."

Diefenderfer won the University Distinguished Service Award, the Herta T. Freitag Faculty Award, Roberta A. Stewart Service Award, and the Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award.

The university says a memorial service is being planned.

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Deeply Saddened

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We are deeply saddened to share the news that Dr. Caren Diefenderfer, Professor of Mathematics, has died. Affectionately known as "Dr. D." by many, her presence in the Hollins community will be sorely missed.

Dr. Diefenderfer had a profound effect on students, alumnae, faculty, and staff, as well as in her field and in higher education. She engaged with our community on multiple levels and has left an indelible mark that will continue to influence future generations of Hollins women.

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Caren Diefenderfer

Caren Diefenderfer has been a member of the Hollins faculty for over 30 years. This year she and Professor Joe Leedom will be working with the new honors students in Honors 101 and 102. She previously taught "Games, Puzzles and Logic" in the first year seminar program. She has supervised many senior mathematics projects, including two on "Mathematics and 3D Printing" and "Applications of Abstract Algebra: Symmetry in Spanish Arab Tile Patterns." She was the Chief Reader for AP Calculus from 2004-2007 and she has been both the Chair of the MAA's SIGMAA for Quantitative Literacy and the President of the National Numeracy Network. In January 2017 she was one of three people receiving the MAA's national [Haimo Teaching Award](#).