

**Letter Accompanying a Donation to the NCCTM Scholarship Trust Fund  
Honoring the Professional Careers of Drs. Ann and Robert Joyner**

A significant donation to the NCCTM Scholarship Trust Fund was accompanied by the following thoughtful letter recognizing the contributions to Mathematics Education by Drs. Ann and Robert Joyner of East Carolina University. The Trust Fund Committee felt that the letter should be made available to the membership. Permission to make the letter public was obtained from Mrs. Lucile Moore in October 2008.

For former students of the Joyners and members of NCCTM who know them from their service to the state and to our organization, these accolades will come as no surprise. For members who do not know Ann or Bob, they can learn about two superb colleagues in our profession who have made significant contributions to the improvement of mathematics teaching.

True to their word, this past year the Moore's again made a generous contribution to the NCCTM Scholarship Trust Fund in honor of the Joyners.

John Kolb, Chair NCCTM Scholarship Trust Fund Committee

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October 2, 2007*

*Ms. Rebecca Hoover  
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*Dear Ms. Hoover:*

*Enclosed is check # BA 212 payable to Pershing LLC for the NCCTM Trust Fund. The sum of \$ [REDACTED] is being given in honor of Dr. Robert N. Joyner and his wife Dr. Ann G. Joyner, Retired Professors, Department of Mathematics, East Carolina University.*

*In January 1962, I became the first secretary (later Administrative Secretary) in the Math Department, ECU—I retired in May 1995. My acquaintance with the Joyners began in early 60's as students. In fact I typed Bob's thesis for his master's program. Years later, the Joyner's returned to ECU*

as Professors in Math Education. Our friendship was renewed and has continued until the present time. They are family to my husband and me.

Many individuals have made contributions to the teaching profession. Needless to say, I remember the Joyners involvement, dedication, high standards of student achievement, and service to the Math Department. Some of their activities follow:

- (1) Designing and implementation of new courses in Math Education
- (2) Endless hours spent in preparation of classroom lectures
- (3) Supervision and observation (critiquing of student teachers in the schools.
- (4) Service rendered in Departmental Committees
- (5) Attendance at local and national meetings (participation in programs, numerous papers, seminars and workshops).

Both of the Joyners have dedicated their lives to the teaching and training of students in required math courses, students enrolled as prospective math teachers, and enrichment of courses for teachers currently in the classroom. Many of these individuals have teaching positions in the public (private) elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher learning in NC and other states.

I am aware of Bob's commitment to NCCTM, his service as President-elect and President. He was also appointed Chair of Math Education at ECU for several years. Of course, Ann was always actively involved and rendering the necessary support that was needed by Bob. Both Joyners leave an enviable legacy in Math Education for future generations.

Thank you for reading my letter. Hopefully, in the future my husband and I will be able to make an annual contribution to the NCCTM Trust Fund in honor of our wonderful friends and "family".

Sincerely yours,  
Jesse & Lucille Moore