

Dr. Margaret J. Kenney **Class of 1953**

Dr. Margaret “Peg” Kenney, is the assistant director of the Boston College Mathematics Institute. She is currently professor of mathematics at the college and works with mathematics and computer science majors, particularly those students who show an interest in becoming teachers.



In addition to teaching, writing and speaking, Dr. Kenney has served as director of a National Science Foundation Project in the 1990s linking Boston College with five other universities across the United States in the common goal of preparing secondary teachers to initiate change and to implement aspects of discrete mathematics in the secondary curriculum.

She is a past president of the Associations of Teachers of Mathematics in Massachusetts (ATMIM) and in New England. Dr. Kenney has been consistently active in the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) having served on its board of directors, publications committee, discrete mathematics task force and the mathematics education trust. She was issue editor of the 1991 NCTM Yearbook and the general editor for the 1996-1998 yearbooks.

She is the 2001 recipient of the Glenn Gilbert National Leadership Award in Mathematics Education, recognizing her lifelong contributor and leader in mathematics education and practices. In 2001, she was inducted into the Massachusetts Hall of Fame for Mathematics Educators as a founding member. In 2009, Dr. Kenney received the inaugural Rev. Stanley J. Bezuska, SJ Achievement Award for Mathematics Teaching and Learning from ATMIM.

A graduate of Boston College with bachelor and master's degrees in math and Boston University with a Ph.D. in math, Dr. Kenney has been involved in mathematics education in the Boston area throughout her professional life. She has authored and was awarded a multi-term, multi-site National Science Foundation proposal to assist educators in implementing discrete mathematics. This ambitious project continues to affect mathematics education across the country.

On the Boston College campus, Dr. Kenney organized a one-day conference of nationally known educators to share their successful practices on discrete mathematics. She has served on the editorial panel of NCTM Student Math Notes and as a referee for the Arithmetic Teacher, Mathematics Teaching in the Middle Schools, and the Mathematics Teacher. She is a resident of Quincy.