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HALIFAX, NS – The Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) this week announced the winners of the AAU's regional awards for excellence in teaching and instructional leadership.

The names of three of the region's top university educators are: Dr. Martin Van Bommel, Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science, St. Francis Xavier University, NS; Dr. Elizabeth A. Wells, Department of Music, Mount Allison University, NB; and Dr. Adam Sarty, Department of Astronomy and Physics, Saint Mary's University, NS.

The 18 member institutions of the AAU proposed nominees for the Teaching Awards program. The winners were selected by the AAU's Coordinating Committee on Faculty Development.

Dr. Martin Van Bommel, Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science, St. Francis Xavier University and Dr. Elizabeth A. Wells, Department of Music, Mount Allison University will each receive the 2008 AAU Distinguished Teaching Award which recognizing outstanding teaching over a number of years.

Dr. Adam Sarty, Department of Astronomy and Physics, Saint Mary's University will receive the 2008 AAU Anne Marie MacKinnon Instructional Leadership Award for demonstrating a commitment to the improvement of university teaching within her own institution and beyond.

The AAU (www.atlanticuniversities.ca) represents the 17 universities in Atlantic Canada and the University of West Indies. The AAU is an advocate for the important role Atlantic universities play in preparing future leaders of our communities, in path-breaking research and innovation and in contributing to the economic prosperity and quality of life of the Atlantic region.

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