The Actuarial Foundation’s Board of Trustees is privileged to honor Helen Galt for her enduring commitment to our mission of enhancing math education and financial literacy through the talents and resources of actuaries. Helen was a trailblazer and mentor for all women who entered the actuarial profession at a time when there were very few women in the field. She was a pioneer for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, a prominent catalyst and an active force for change and impact in the insurance industry. She joined The Actuarial Foundation’s Board of Trustees in 2012 and immediately began serving on the Foundation’s Actuarial Diversity Scholarship Committee and the Student Achievement Committee. She served as Board Chair in 2015 and was instrumental in creating and leading an in-depth evaluation of the Foundation’s program areas in order to advance the Foundation’s mission and determine its future direction.

Helen was an early supporter of the Modeling the Future Challenge high school math competition, which was originally named Project Math Minds. While she was Chief Actuary at Prudential Financial, she hosted the first Symposium where the inaugural scholarship winners were announced. Her efforts helped to expand the program to a national competition culminating in the annual Symposium.

Upon her retirement from Prudential, she made a significant gift to the Foundation saying she was “grateful to the Foundation for offering me a meaningful way to focus my time and my resources.” She continued supporting the Modeling the Future Challenge and the Expect the Unexpected with Math® series developed with educational partner Scholastic. She became especially interested in the Scholastic resources while teaching her young granddaughters saying, “The Foundation’s materials are creative and engaging learning tools. They help kids to understand math concepts and to be less afraid of math. In fact, many students decide that math can be a lot of fun.”

Helen was an inspirational leader in her profession and in the insurance industry, a dedicated volunteer and steadfast supporter of The Actuarial Foundation. It is an honor to recognize Helen and the extraordinary legacy she leaves for the Foundation, the actuarial profession and all those we serve. We are committed to continuing and commemorating Helen Galt’s active legacy for years to come.

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