The 2015 SWDSI Outstanding Educator Award recipient is Dr. Victor R. Prybutok who, in recognition of his achievements in research, teaching, and service, holds the appointment of Regents Professor of Decision Sciences in the Information Technology and Decision Sciences Department at the University of North Texas. In addition, he is Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Research in the College of Business. He received his Ph.D. from Drexel University in 1984.

Prior to joining UNT’s faculty in 1991, he was on the faculty of Drexel University and was also a Senior Biostatistician at the Campbell Soup Company Institute for Research and Technology. He is a senior member of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) and active in the American Statistical Association, Decision Sciences Institute as well as Southwest Decision Sciences, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences.

Dr. Prybutok is an ASQ certified quality engineer, certified quality auditor, certified manager of quality / organizational excellence, and served as a Texas Quality Award Examiner in 1993. He was also an accredited professional statistician (PSTAT®) by the American Statistical Association. Dr. Prybutok is the SWDSI Vice President - Student Liaison (2013-2015) and chairs the student track and doctoral student consortium at the SWDSI annual conference.

Dr. Prybutok has pursued teaching excellence and was extensively involved with students through the Professional Leadership Program, grants for teaching enhancement, and by serving as Dissertation Chair on 20 dissertations, both in the College of Business and in the College of Information. All of the students that completed their dissertations with him have published articles in refereed journals. He also developed an undergraduate research program that includes a diverse group of undergraduates, including Honors students, McNair Scholars, and high school students in the Texas Academy of Math and Science.

Dr. Prybutok has authored over 180 journal articles, more than 180 conference presentations / proceedings, and several book chapters in applied and theoretical areas of information systems measurement, quality control, risk assessment, applied statistics, and the instruction of statistics. Journals