

The American Association of Variable Star Observers

The eleventh **AAVSO William Tyler Olcott Distinguished Service Award** is presented to

Tim Crawford

“for his many years of patiently mentoring observers, giving inspirational talks to astronomy clubs and societies, and his tireless creation of comparison star sequences for observers.”

Embodying the true spirit of William Tyler Olcott, Tim is a tireless advocate of the organization and has been an inspirational mentor as well as an over-achieving volunteer.

Tim has spent many years teaching others about astronomy, stars, and variable stars as well as how to observe them using today's modern methods and techniques. As a member of the AAVSO Speakers Bureau, he has given inspirational talks to astronomy clubs and societies as well as created PowerPoint presentations that can be used by anyone to teach variable star observing. As a member of the AAVSO Charts and Sequences Team, he not only produces comparison star sequences for the AAVSO, but has taught other team members how to do the same work. As a mentor in the AAVSO's Mentor program, Tim has no peers. He has guided more new CCD observers up the learning curve than anyone else in the history of the program. He is an excellent communicator and a patient teacher with a good sense of humor. These are the reasons Tim has such a high success rate, with most of his students going on to become happy, proficient, and productive AAVSO observers.

If asked, Tim is always available for a reasoned opinion and guidance on AAVSO matters. I value him as a personal friend.

It gives us great pleasure to present the eleventh AAVSO William Tyler Olcott Distinguished Service Award to Tim Crawford.

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