



The American Association of Variable Star Observers

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Michael Hotka

Dear Michael,

It is a pleasure to inform you that, acknowledging your invaluable contribution of over 1,000 Charge-Coupled Device variable star observations to the AAVSO International Database (AID) through September 30, 2020, you are the recipient of an AAVSO Observer Award. Congratulations!

The Observer Awards were announced during the 109th Annual Meeting of the AAVSO, held virtually November 13–15, 2020. This year, Observer Awards are being sent electronically; your award accompanies this letter.

We are grateful to you for the wealth of variable star behaviors captured by your data, and for your hard work and dedication to the AAVSO. Your data may be key in understanding unknown mechanics in various star behaviors and can lead to unveiling unknown aspects of their nature.

If you are an experienced observer and not currently involved in the mentorship program, we encourage you to please consider becoming a mentor (<https://www.aavso.org/mentor-program#volunteer>).

If you are interested in contributing observations to any observing campaigns and are not already subscribed to campaign forums in your AAVSO profile, we highly recommend doing so!

Again, congratulations for reaching this milestone in your observing career and thank you for your valuable astronomical contributions to the AID. I wish you continued enjoyment with variable stars, and look forward to continuing to receive your observations in the future.

Best wishes - Clear skies!

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