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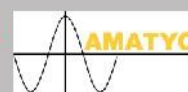
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Notes from the President

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Hello to all the VMATYC Newsletter readers! I hope your fall is off to a good start. It has been hot here in Virginia and I am ready for a change. Good thing I want change because, as we all know, a lot is changing in teaching math at a VCCS college!

All four of our regions (Central, Eastern, Northern, and Western) will have regional fall conferences at the end of October or beginning of November. You can read about them in the newsletter below. I have heard of some interesting and relevant talks already—including presentations on teaching the new Quantitative Reasoning class.

I hope that you will be able to attend the annual VMATYC conference later this spring. We are currently still ironing out the details of where and when, so keep tuned! I will send an email to all VCCS math faculty through the Blackboard site once we know more. Last year's conference at the Loudoun Campus of NVCC was a huge success! You can read a report later on in the newsletter.

I know that all of you are anticipating the changes coming our way with new classes in place by Fall 2018. VMATYC and the meetings we attend can be great ways to have a conversation with colleagues across the commonwealth. Feel free to write me anytime.

Bruce

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Treasurer's Report

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As of September 11, 2017, VMATYC has total assets of \$39,757.56

\$17,400.44 in checking
\$ 9,386.19 in savings
\$ 4,395.99 in the Scholarship Fund.
\$ 8,574.94 in CDs

Membership Report

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VMATYC has 120 current members as of 9/14/2017:

Central: 5 members
Eastern: 48 members
Northern: 55 members
Western: 11 members
Other: 1 member

VMATYC membership dues are \$25 per year. Membership is on an annual, calendar basis from Jan 1 – Dec 31. The 2018 Membership Application can be found on the website under the VMATYC information tab. Your membership fee may be paid online through PayPal or by check, payable to VMATYC (Federal ID 54-1394373).

2017 VMATYC Conference Report

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On March 31 and April 1, 2017, over 140 faculty, students and staff were “Embracing Change” at the Loudoun Campus of Northern Virginia Community College during our 31st Annual VMATYC Conference.

Students from the Loudoun Math Club and the Honors Calculus class served as volunteers to help visitors with registration and navigation around the campus. The students were easily recognized in their burgundy “Volunteer” t-shirts which they designed for the Conference. That design was featured on the conference totes that all attendees received.



Embracing Change

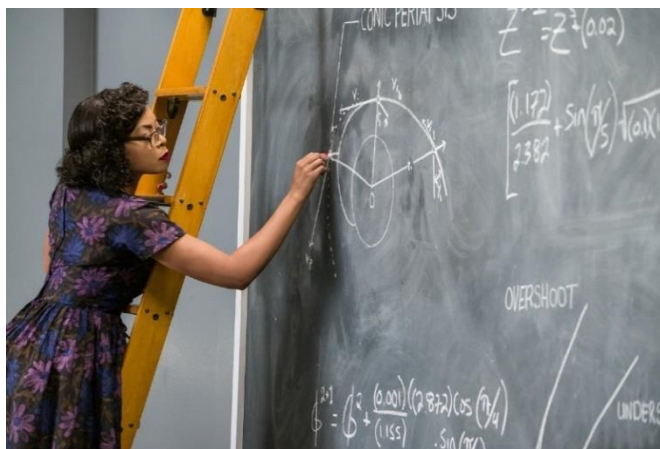
VMATYC Spring Conference > March 31 – April 1, 2017

A pre-conference workshop on Friday morning covering the latest theories and practices for Developmental Education was well-attended. After the opening lunch on Friday, our keynote speaker, Amy Getz from the Dana Center at the University of Texas--Austin, spoke on “Math Pathways: Reflecting Back and Looking Forward.” She presented data on which the pathways are structured and resources we can all use to move forward.

(You can find some of those resources at: <https://dcmathpathways.org/?q=%2F>.)

On Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, we had over 30 presentations during six concurrent sessions. The talks were varied—the VCCS Math Pathways initiative, teaching techniques, and vendor presentations. Two of the talks came from students in math classes at the Loudoun Campus—both impressive!

On Friday evening, we had a catered reception followed by a showing of “Hidden Figures” in the theater on campus. What a fun night to be able to share a math-themed movie with math colleagues. Many of us had seen the movie before, but what a thrill to be able to share that experience with other people who love math!



Student Thoang Tran is congratulated by Professor Kate Yan on winning the Glenn Fox scholarship

We finished our conference with a lunch and the annual VMATYC Business Meeting on Saturday. A highlight of that meeting was the presentation of the Glenn Fox Scholarship Plaque to Thoang Tran of NVCC. Her faculty mentor was Kate Yan, who was a scholarship recipient herself in 2008!

On behalf of VMATYC we would like to thank Dr. Barbara Canfield, Dean of Natural and Applied Sciences, and Dr. Julie Leidig, Provost, both of the Loudoun Campus of NVCC for their support of this conference. A special thanks goes to our faculty colleagues at Loudoun, and especially to the student volunteers, who helped host our 31st Annual Conference.

VMATYC Logo Contest

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Students across the VCCS are invited to design a logo for VMATYC. Submissions are due on April 1st. A committee will choose the best design and the winner will receive a \$500 scholarship. More details are coming soon. Please pass this on to your students.

2018 VMATYC Conference Information

Wes Crumpler

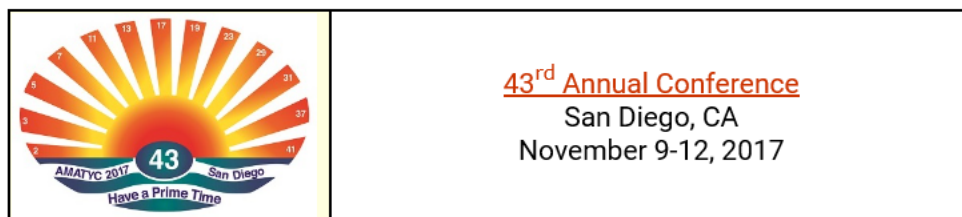
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We are currently working to finalize a location and date for the Spring 2018 VMATYC Conference. Once finalized, we will send the updated information by email via the VMATYC listserv. The VCCS is no longer hosting our bi-annual Math and Computer Science Peer Group meeting. Moving forward, VMATYC will host the annual spring conference. Plan ahead to request travel funds from your college. Please look for an additional email from VMATYC in January, 2018 on conference details including presentation proposals, registration, and hotel information.

2017 AMATYC Conference Information

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This year's AMATYC conference is in beautiful San Diego, CA on November 9-12. Registration is now open for the 2017 AMATYC Conference! Register online, completing a fillable PDF form.

The Miniprogram for the 2017 Conference is now available, and also contains a link to the registration form.

Make hotel reservations for the 43rd Annual AMATYC Conference! While the headquarter hotel will be the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, AMATYC has also booked a block of rooms at the Hilton San Diego Airport/Harbor Island hotel. The Hilton is a beautiful 10-minute walk from the Sheraton along the San Diego harbor. Check out the website: <http://www.amatyc.org/> for more information on room availability and updates on the conference.





Glenn Fox VMATYC Mathematics and Computer Science Scholarship Report

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KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE LOOKOUT !!!

As you work with students during the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semester keep your eyes open for a student who would be an eligible recipient of the VMATYC Fox Scholarship.



The recipient of the scholarship receives \$500 each semester for one academic year. The \$500 is distributed directly to the student, as opposed to other scholarships that are sent directly to the school, to be used to support them on their educational journey.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must:

- 1) Intend to major in mathematics, computer science, or mathematics education and demonstrate potential for success in any of these areas.
- 2) Demonstrate ability, determination, and motivation necessary for successful academic performance.
- 3) Have completed at least 12 semester hours of college-level courses, including 3 hours of transfer mathematics at a Virginia community college, by the end of the spring semester with a GPA of 3.2 or higher.
- 4) Continue for two semesters (fall-spring of the award year) at a Virginia community college and enroll in at least 6 semester hours of college-level courses, including a transfer-level mathematics course, for each semester the scholarship is received. Preference is given to those candidates who intend to teach mathematics or computer science.



The application is available online at www.vmatyc.org. Applicants complete the online application and upload the required documents:

- 1) An unofficial transcript
- 2) Three letters of recommendation
 - a) One from the VMATYC member making the nomination
 - b) One from another member of your community college: faculty, staff or administration
 - c) One from a member of the community, not a family member

COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS are due no later than June 5, 2018.

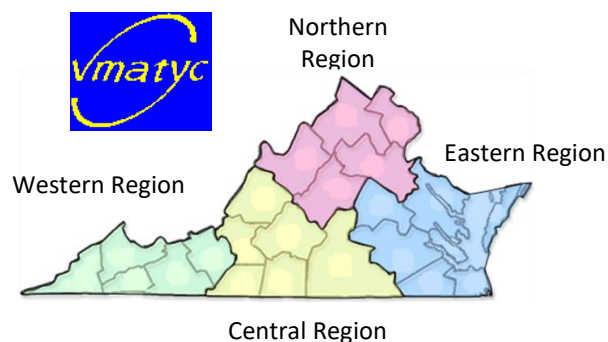
A committee composed of the VMATYC past president and a representative from each region will review the applications and award the scholarship by June 15, 2018.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Susan Evans,
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Fall Regional Meetings

- There is no cost to attend a regional meeting; lunch is provided at each meeting.
- VMATYC membership is not required to attend.
- Registration for each meeting is available at the website <http://vmatyc.org>
- Please contact your regional Vice President if you have any questions or need further information.



Central Region Fall Meeting -- October 27, 2017

Vice President Christy Lowery-Carter
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The central region meeting will be Friday, October 27 from 9-1 at the John H. Daniel Campus (Southside CC) in room 55. It will consist of qr code use in the classroom and a roundtable on the math pathways. Register online at www.vmatyc.org under the VMATYC Regions tab.

Western Region Fall Meeting -- October 27, 2017

Vice President Jason Lachniet
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The Western Regional Meeting will be held at Virginia Highlands Community College in Abingdon on Friday, October 27. Registration begins at 11:30 and the meeting and program will be from 12:00 to 3:00. Lunch will be provided and there is no cost to attend. Register online at www.vmatyc.org under the VMATYC Regions tab. If you have any questions, please contact Jason at the email given above.

Eastern Region Fall Meeting -- October 27, 2017

Vice President Brian Burns
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The Eastern Regional Conference will be at Thomas Nelson CC – Historic Triangle Campus on Friday, October 27, starting with lunch from 12:00 – 1:00, followed by the meeting. Register online at www.vmatyc.org under the VMATYC Regions tab.

Northern Region Fall Meeting -- November 4, 2017

Vice President Joe Agnich

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The Northern Region will hold its Fall meeting at Piedmont Virginia Community College on Saturday, November 4, from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Our colleagues at PVCC are planning an enjoyable and informative half-day for us. We'll start with registration and a light breakfast before the meeting and we'll conclude with a brief discussion of business matters over lunch.

This is a great opportunity to meet with your colleagues from around the Northern Region and talk about issues of mutual concern. Big changes are underway with our curriculum so there's much to discuss. Patricia Parker will be on hand to provide an update on Math Pathways, and many other colleagues from the region will be making presentations, too.

Consider making a presentation yourself and sharing your expertise and views with others. There will be a link posted in the VMATYC Regions area of the VMATYC website with the registration link. You can also contact Joe Agnich directly at the email given above.

The drive through Virginia's countryside should be beautiful at that time of the year, so join us, please!

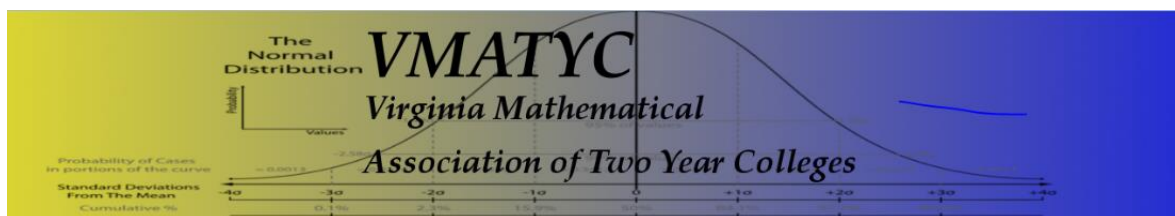
VMATYC Website

Libby Watts works diligently to maintain and enhance our website at <http://vmatyc.org/>

You can

- find information on our organization
- renew your membership
- cast your ballot for officers
- learn about our conferences
- register for a conference
- and... more great stuff!

Check it out!



VMATYC Campus Contacts

In order to help facilitate communication, the following people have agreed to be the local contact for VMATYC at their school/campus. Please contact Harriette Roadman at hroadman@nr.edu if there are any corrections to this list.

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Colleges in the VMATYC Geographic Regions

<u>Western</u>	<u>Northern</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Eastern</u>
Mountain Empire	Blue Ridge	Central Virginia	Eastern Shore
New River	Germanna	Dabney S Lancaster	J Sargent Reynolds
Southwest Virginia	Lord Fairfax	Danville	John Tyler
Virginia Highlands	Northern Virginia	Patrick Henry	Paul D Camp
Wytheville	Piedmont Virginia	Southside Virginia	Tidewater
		Virginia Western	Thomas Nelson
			Rappahannock