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Save the Date



MAA Michigan Section and MichMATYC Annual Meeting
Grand Valley State University
Grand Rapids, MI
April 3-4, 2020

Save the Date



46th Annual AMATYC Conference
2020 Vision for the Future
Spokane, WA
November 12-15, 2020



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Message from the President

Michael Pemberton
Lansing Community College



I hope everyone had a restful winter break and a joyous holiday season with family and friends! The winter semester is well underway in Lansing with many great things happening. As you progress through your semester, I wish you success with your classes and everything that you are planning in support of your students.

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank April Falardeau, Sam Bazzi, Scott Barnett, Jeff Morford, and the entire Henry Ford College conference team for providing a wonderful conference. The overwhelming positive feedback is a testament to your exceptional work in organizing and providing valuable professional development for our organization. I would also like to thank our sponsors for attending and their continued support of our conference each year. To our speakers, I am always motivated after hearing you share knowledge and expertise during presentations. I greatly appreciate you for helping me to become a better educator.

Another conference that I would like to see many of us attend and participate this year is the MAA Michigan and MichMATYC annual joint conference. This year's conference is hosted by Grand Valley State University in the heart of Grand Rapids on April 3-4. [Conference registration](#) and the [call for contributed papers](#) have recently been announced. I have found this conference to be a very good opportunity for community college faculty to network with university math faculty, and the sessions provide a blend of research, mathematics for fun, and classroom ideas.

I would also like to encourage everyone to consider what leadership position you can assist within our organization. To that point, this is an election year and we have two positions on the Executive Board open for nominations: President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer. For these leadership positions, MichMATYC uses a two-year cycle where the term of office for the President is two years and that person serves as President-Elect for one year prior, and Past President for one year following their term. The Secretary/Treasurer office is a two-year term. Past President Anna Cox (coxa@kellogg.edu) is the chair of the Nominations Committee. If you are interested in running for either position, or want to nominate a colleague that might be interested, please contact Anna.

Additionally, we also have several open positions on committees that need to be filled this semester. In particular, the Student Scholarship Committee is chaired by Lisa Winch (lwinch@kvcc.edu) and has a couple of open positions available to review student applications for the Karen Sharp Student Scholarship Award. The scholarship provides a modest monetary award to assist a student as they move onto a university. On the other hand, the Teaching Excellence Award Committee is led by Jon Oaks (jonnyoaks@gmail.com) and has one open position to review nominations for the award during the spring semester. For more information on either of these two committees, please read the articles on pages 3-4) or visit [Awards & Scholarships](#) on the MichMATYC website. If you are interested in serving on any of these three committees, please let either the committee chair or myself know before March 1.

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Message from the President

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Mark your calendars! The 2020 MichMATYC Conference will be held at Lansing Community College on October 2-3. Maria Johnson and colleagues are working diligently to organize another wonderful conference and the call for presenters is now open. Whether it be a 45-minute session, workshop, round-table discussion, or Ignite talk, please consider submitting a [presentation proposal](#) for this year’s conference by April 30! The conference promises to be another great opportunity for us to learn and network with our colleagues from across the state.

This past fall, it was great to see a large contingent from Michigan attend the AMATYC Conference in Milwaukee.

I continue to be impressed at the level of involvement of our MichMATYC members at the national conference. In November 2020, the AMATYC Conference will be held in Spokane, Washington with the theme *2020 Vision for the Future*. I hope this will fit into your conference plans.

In addition to conferences, there are many avenues for us to stay connected throughout the academic year. MichMATYC is on Facebook and has a dedicated “Post Topic” within the [AMATYC Midwest Regional Group](#). We use Facebook for informal sharing and brief reminders; however, you can use it for questions as well.

I hope you have a great semester, and please say hello when you see me at the conference in Grand Rapids, and if you have suggestions or ideas to implement, please pass them to me in person or by email at info@michmatyc.org.

AMATYC Update from Midwest Vice President

Jon Oaks

*AMATYC Midwest Regional Vice President
Macomb Community College*

As we turned the page not only into the new year, I hope that you were able to find some time to reflect on the past as well as look forward to the new decade. In January, the new AMATYC Executive Board, along with the Academic Committee Chairs and ANet Leaders, did just that as we came together for our Strategic Planning and Orientation Meeting. During this time, we reviewed what the organization has done in the past. We also brainstormed action items for our vision for the future. I want to share some things from that meeting with you.

MyAMATYC

AMATYC has launched a new member website at my.amatyc.org. Here you can stay up to date with the latest news and activities from AMATYC’s Committees and ANets. You can also connect with other members, have discussions about relevant topics, and find resources. As we refine this site, I encourage you to pass along any issues that arise while using the site so we can resolve them promptly.

Student Research League

I encourage you to get a team of students together to participate in the Student Research League. The deadline to sign up is March 15, and you can find more information on the AMATYC website. Maybe your students will be the ones to bring the first-place prize to the Midwest Region again this year!

Webinars

Please consider attending an upcoming AMATYC webinar. This year there are already webinars planned by the Equity Committee, Statistics Committee, AMATYC Conference Committee, and International Mathematics ANet. You can see the current webinar schedule and watch recordings of past webinars on the AMATYC website by visiting <http://bit.ly/amatyc-webinars>.

Traveling Workshops

If you are looking for a way to bring Professional Development to your campus, consider hosting an AMATYC Traveling Workshop. This year there are several grant opportunities to help defray the costs, including one through a partnership with the Academy of Inquiry-Based Learning. For more information, please visit the AMATYC website.

Save the Date!

This year’s AMATYC Annual Conference is November 12-15 in Spokane, WA. I hope to see many of you there!

AMATYC Midwest Regional Group on Facebook

As always, if you would like to see more updates like this, along with other news and interesting articles, please join the AMATYC Midwest Regional Facebook Group at <http://bit.ly/amatycmidwest>. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the information above. I look forward to serving as the Midwest Vice President for another term. Thank you for this opportunity!

AMATYC Student Mathematics League

First Round Results 2019-2020

Team Results

Team	Place in State	Place in Midwest	Place in Nation	Score
Schoolcraft College	1	1	3	139.5
Oakland CC	2	3	32	83.0
Henry Ford College	3	9	80	52.5
Bay College	4	10	82	51.5
Delta College	5	11	85	51.0

Notable Individuals from the State

Name and School	Place in Midwest	Place in State	Score
Srihari Ganesh, Schoolcraft College	2	1	37.5
Sujit Lakshmikanth, Schoolcraft College	3	2	30.0
Abhishek Vangipuram, Schoolcraft College	4	3	29.0
Timothy Sullivan, Oakland CC	5	4	26.0
James Chen, Schoolcraft College	11	5	21.5

MichMATYC Teaching Excellence Award

Laura Wicklund

Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills

The 2019 Teaching Excellence Award was awarded during the MichMATYC Conference to **Anna Cox (Kellogg Community College)** for her long-term dedication to her students, college, colleagues, and the field of mathematics.



Laura Wicklund presenting the Teaching Excellence Award to Anna at the 2019 MichMATYC Conference

In letters of support, Anna was described as an educator who truly cares for her students, creating an atmosphere within her classroom that allows students to reach their full potential. She is innovative, willing to experiment with new technology and teaching methods, and appreciated by her students for her interactive teaching style.

As noted by her colleagues, Anna’s involvement extends far beyond the classroom. She regularly supports student organizations and events, is active in campus committees and the Faculty Association, and has been active in numerous math organizations both at the state and national level for a number of years. Anna is an educator that leads with her heart and inspires and touches everyone she comes into contact with.

2020 Teaching Excellence Award Information

Nominations are now being accepted for this year’s Teaching Excellence Award to recognize the high quality of instruction occurring at Michigan’s two-year colleges. The selection criteria include instructional effectiveness and support of students, professional involvement and professional development activities, interaction with colleagues, and service to department and college.

The deadline for this year’s nominations is **May 15, 2020**. For more information on the Teaching Excellence Award, please visit [MichMATYC Awards](#).

Selection Committee members are Jon Oaks, Chair (Macomb CC), Sam Bazzi (Henry Ford College), Laura Wicklund (Oakland CC, Auburn Hills), and Deb Zopf (Henry Ford College).

Karen Sharp Student Scholarship Award

Lisa Winch
Kalamazoo Valley Community College

The Karen Sharp Student Scholarship Award is presented annually to a current or former Michigan community college student who excels in mathematics. During the 2019 MichMATYC Conference, we recognized two students for their outstanding achievements in mathematics during the previous academic year.

Joshua Adair (Kellogg Community College)
David Hampshire (Oakland Community College)



2018-19 Karen Sharp Scholarship Award recipients Joshua Adair and David Hampshire with their respective instructors Anna Cox and Laura Wicklund.

Each student scholarship winner received a \$500 scholarship in support of their continuing education.

2019-20 Karen Scholarship Award Information

Who will be the next recipients of the Karen Sharp Student Scholarship Award this academic year?

Here's how you can help! Please inform your amazing students of the eligibility and application requirements, and also assist in their scholarship application with a letter of recommendation.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible a student must have:

- Completed a minimum of 12 credit hours, with 6 hours from any of the member colleges of the Michigan Community College Association;

- Completed at least three of the following courses at a MCCA member college: Statistics, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus I, Calculus II, or above Calculus II;
- Maintained at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA in all math courses at a MCCA member college;
- Enrolled in and attended an MCCA member college after January 1, 2020.

Application Requirements

- Completed [Scholarship Award Application](#).
- Typed personal statement describing why the student feels they should receive a scholarship from a mathematics organization and how receiving the scholarship will help them to achieve their goals. In addition, the personal statement should indicate how the student hopes to use mathematics in the future;
- Two signed letters of recommendation, at least one from a mathematics instructor from a MCCA member college and on a college letterhead;
- Official college academic transcript(s).

All application materials must be received by **May 31, 2020** with sealed official transcripts mailed to:

MichMATYC Student Scholarship Committee
 Kalamazoo Valley Community College
 ATTN: Lisa Winch
 6767 West O Ave
 Kalamazoo, MI 49009

For more information on the Karen Sharp Student Scholarship Award, please visit [MichMATYC Awards](#).

Selection Committee members are Lisa Winch, Chair (Kalamazoo Valley CC), Brianne Lodholtz (Montcalm CC), and Maria Johnson (Lansing CC).



Edfinity Grant Recipient

Sam Bazzi
Henry Ford College

During our MichMATYC annual conference last year, we announced an opportunity of a grant offered by Edfinity. This is an ongoing, annual award of \$300 given to a MichMATYC educator who has made substantial efforts to further the cause of equitable access to high quality homework and /or course materials in mathematics. The produced materials should be promising or proven alternative to commercial offerings.

We received applications from educators who are devoted at providing affordable and quality course materials to their students. We had to choose only one recipient.

The MichMATYC Executive Board is pleased to announce that **Mr. Brad Stetson (Schoolcraft College)** is the recipient of the grant this year. We would like to congratulate Brad and thank the other candidates for their applications and commitment to their students.

For more information and how to apply for the [Edfinity grant](#) be on the lookout for announcements in The Sum-Times newsletter and on the [MichMATYC website](#).

Apply for MiTEAM Cohort 3

Michael Pemberton
Lansing Community College

The second cohort of MichMATYC MiTEAM presented their results from projects implemented and evaluated at their college in the previous year during the 2019 MichMATYC Conference at Henry Ford College. Shanna Simpson-Singleton was recognized with a certificate for completion of the MiTEAM program during the conference’s business meeting.



Shanna Simpson-Singleton was presented with a certificate for her completion of the MiTEAM Program.

The mentoring and professional development initiative for new full-time or adjunct math faculty at two-year colleges in the state continues with MiTEAM Cohort 3 next year and is now accepting applications.

The program’s goal is to provide experiences that will help new faculty at two-year colleges become more effective teachers and active members of MichMATYC, as well as the broader mathematical community.

MiTEAM also provides knowledge of the culture and mission of the two-year college and its students, familiarity with the scholarship of teaching, and a commitment for continued growth in mathematics.

Program Activities and Benefits

Participants will attend two consecutive MichMATYC Conferences where they will complete a program developed for new faculty, including regular conference activities. In the intervening year, participants will be required to develop, implement, and evaluate a project at their home institution. In addition to learning and networking opportunities, participants will receive a one-year membership in MichMATYC for each year and a certificate of completion.

Application Information

If you, or a colleague, or new-hire, will be in the first four years of teaching full- or part-time at a community college during the 2020-21 academic year, please consider applying for Cohort 3 that will meet for the first time at the 2020 MichMATYC Conference. Applications and additional information may be found at [MichMATYC MiTEAM](#).

The deadline for applications is **September 1, 2020**.

If you have any questions or would like more information concerning the MiTEAM should contact Michael Pemberton, MiTEAM Program Coordinator, at pembertm@lcc.edu or call (517) 483-1536.

MAA Michigan and MichMATYC Annual Meeting

Amy Shell-Gellasch
Eastern Michigan University

Plans are well underway for the spring 2020 meeting of the Michigan section of the Mathematical Association of America. Grand Valley State University is hosting us this year Friday and Saturday, April 3-4 at the downtown Grand Rapids Camus of GVSU in the DeVos Center. This is a lovely classroom and meeting space that should work perfectly for our meeting. It is in the heart of Grand Rapids with hotels and restaurants within walking distance. So those coming in from out of town can leave their cars at the hotel. For more local attendees, we will have free parking in one of the nearby campus lots.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in mathematics and its teaching. The [MAA](#) caters to high school and college mathematics instructors, but there are offerings for anyone, including students, with an interest in math.

The meeting kicks off with a free workshop on diversity by Sandra Crispo of Michigan State University during the day on Friday. The official start of the meeting will be mid-afternoon Friday with an opening speaker and a short session of contributed talks. The evening will include our annual banquet and plenary speaker renowned historian of mathematics Bill Dunham of Bryn Mawr talking about the work of Euler.

During the day Saturday we will have several invited speakers to include our section teaching award winner Yunus Zeytuncu, as well as contributed paper sessions, poster sessions for students, our section business meeting, and other events. The day will include two more plenary speakers, Carrie Diaz Eaton of Bates College, and our MAA Polya lecturer Charles Hadlock of Bentley University. The day will wrap up by 5:00.

Registration and hotel information will be available on the meeting website after the New Year. The call for papers will go out via the website mid-winter, followed by a tentative program. The [website](#) for the meeting is will also be available from the [section website](#).

We would like to increase our offerings at the meeting for students, but in the past, we have not had enough student attendees to make specific events for them viable. Please encourage your students (undergraduate and graduate) to attend and give a talk or poster. Prizes are awarded for best student talk and poster. If you are interested in helping judge posters or talks, or to help in any way with the meeting, we can always use extra hands. Please contact Amy.

For more information, please contact the section Four-Year Vice Chair and Meeting Program Chair, Amy Shell-Gellasch at ashellge@emich.edu, or our Two-Year Vice Chair, Sang Lee at sanglee@grcc.edu

Campus News

Henry Ford College

Jeanine DiDonato

We are pleased to announce that Shanna Simpson-Singleton has been hired as a temporary full-time faculty member. Shanna has been an active adjunct faculty member at Henry Ford College, working tirelessly to help with the planning and hosting of the MichMATYC conference at Henry Ford College in October 2019. Shanna also participated in the second cohort of MiTEAM during the 2018-19 academic year.

Kellogg Community College

Anna Cox

In a continuing effort to save our students money at Kellogg Community College (KCC), David Tannor, Marcus Anderson, and Emily Patterson are piloting and/or planning to pilot several different courses using OER materials. Graham Smith presented at AMATYC this year. Pat Kopf has officially retired and is missed. Her students talk about her passion and love of teaching and mathematics.

Sue Stetler and Emily Patterson have been extremely committed to reviewing Course Level Outcome language for all syllabi of all courses on campus. We are continuing to create our pathways and updating our course outcomes across all curriculum at KCC. Anna Cox is club adviser for Magic: The Gathering and her club members are talking about how Magic is Turing Complete. See [this article](#) for more information.

Lansing Community College

Maria Johnson

Jack Rotman was a faculty member of Lansing Community College for the last 46 years. He retired last month. It is impossible to detail all the ways in which Jack made significant and lasting contributions to mathematics education and student success. We will attempt to highlight some of immense contributions he's made in recent years.

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Campus News

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Jack’s driving force in every aspect of his professional life is student success and best serving students’ needs. He spearheaded the creation of LCC’s Quantitative Reasoning course. This course currently serves approximately 1000 students, in completing their college level math requirements. Jack’s last year in the department was spent actively working with both of our co-support development groups and working to update our developmental algebra course.

Jack also campaigned tirelessly for educators to rethink the teaching philosophy utilized in STEM mathematics courses, in today’s world of technology, both at LCC and in the higher education community at large. Jack championed an application based approach where rigor is maintained by students learning and applying concepts in real world context, not solely in the traditionally abstract world of mathematical processes – his last presentation at the 2018 MichMATYC Conference.

Jack was also presented with the MichMATYC Teaching Excellence Award at this conference, to add to a large list of awards & honors he’s received over his career. Jack worked tirelessly throughout his career to improve students’ knowledge and to give them the ability to pursue their goals. He was a selfless educator and passionate advocate for continuous improvement in education. We wish Jack happiness and much enjoyment as this new phase of life begins.

Montcalm Community College

Brianne Lodholtz

Montcalm Community College has a new Math Lab that is starting this spring semester. The center will offer group tutoring and have math coaches. This first semester is a time for the lab to be developed more and we expect full functionality in the fall.

Oakland Community College - Orchard Ridge

Julie Gunkelman

Dr. Leah Aggison joined the administration at Oakland Community College in October. She is the new Associate Academic Dean of Mathematics and Sciences. Dr. Aggison earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a concentration in Mathematics from Stillman College. She also earned a Doctor of Philosophy

in Molecular and Cellular Biology from University of Massachusetts – Amherst. Dr. Aggison has served as a faculty member at Wiley College and an adjunct faculty member at University of Detroit Mercy. She comes to Oakland Community College after most recently working as a Student Success Specialist for ReBuildDetroit.

Schoolcraft College

Michael McCoy

On December 12, 2019, a student team from Schoolcraft led by Mustapha Baltaji, Joseph Choma, Kevin Bak, and Jayson Fitzpatrick, competed in the third annual Bayer National Alka-Rocket Challenge. At the time, Baltaji was Vice-President of the Schoolcraft Math & Physics club. Schoolcraft was the only community college to qualify. The other finalists included the University of Minnesota, Brigham Young University, California Polytechnic University, and the University of Georgia. Students designed, built, and launched a rocket powered by the carbon dioxide gas released in the reaction between crushed Alka-Seltzer effervescent tablets and water. The Schoolcraft Rocket was able to achieve an impressive launch pressure of 350 psi! We are extremely proud of these students’ accomplishments and hope to continue building on their progress so that we can continue to compete for years to come.

Congratulations to Audrey Mingela, who has been named to receive a League Excellence Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College. Professor Mingela has been a full-time faculty member at Schoolcraft since 2000 and has served as department chair since 2015.

Congratulations also to Brad Stetson for receiving an Edfinity Award for technology-enabled innovation in improving student access to quality learning. Professor Stetson has worked extensively with MyOpenMath, creating and compiling learning activities for numerous courses here at Schoolcraft, both online and traditional.

Do you have exciting news and updates to share with your colleagues in MichMATYC? Please contact your Campus Representative (see page 8) to include information for the next edition of The Sum-Times in May 2020!



Did You Know?

Michael Pemberton
Lansing Community College

Did you know that our MichMATYC website has a [Job Board](#)? MichMATYC is happy to post positions from its member institutions and from institutions within neighboring states related to mathematics education in the first two years of college.

Appropriate positions would include instructor, department chair, dean, or learning center professional in

the fields of mathematics and computer science. Advertisements for positions requiring knowledge of mathematics education will also be accepted and posted.

The posting must include an electronic copy of the vacancy notice, a link to the institution's website, location of the position, date the position starts, and closing date for the job posting.

If you wish to have your position posted on the Job Board, with the list of required information, please send an email to info@michmatyc.org.

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Upcoming Events	
<p>MichMATYC Conference 2020: Lansing CC, October 2-3 2021: Southwestern Michigan College 2022: Jackson College 2023: Grand Rapids CC</p> <p>NOSSMi Annual Conference 2020: Schoolcraft College, October 8-9</p> <p>MiCTM Conference and Institute 2020: Grand Valley State University, July 28-30</p> <p>MAA-Michigan Section Annual Meeting 2020: Grand Valley State University, April 3-4 2021: Alma College</p>	<p>AMATYC Annual Conference 2020: Spokane, WA, November 12-15 2021: Phoenix, AZ, October 28-31 2022: Toronto, ON, November 17-20 2023: Omaha, NE, November 9-12</p> <p>NOSS Annual Conference 2020: Nashville, TN, March 4-7</p> <p>NCTM Annual Meeting & Exposition 2020: Chicago, IL, April 1-4 2020: St. Louis, MO, October 21-24</p> <p>MAA MathFest 2020: Philadelphia, PA, July 29-August 1 2021: Sacramento, CA, August 4-7</p> <p>MAA-AMS Joint Mathematics Meeting 2021: Washington, DC, January 6-9</p>

