



Fall 2017 Edition

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Maryland Mathematics Association
of Two Year Colleges.

2017 AMATYC is nearly here!

We hope to see you at in San Diego next month, November 9 – 12.

NEWLY ADDED FEATURES to this year’s conference are the:

- 1) **CHAT & CHEW: Thursday, 11/12, 8:00 – 8:50 am**
Enjoy the presentations of your colleagues while enjoying coffee, tea, pastries and other breakfast treats.
- 2) **CAMPS AND CLUBS SHOWCASE: Thursday, 11/12, 8:00 – 8:50 am**
Summer and after school are perfect opportunities to educate the youth in your community.

ALSO, mark your calendars for THE MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL BREAKFAST, Friday, 11/13, 7:15 – 9:15 am.

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GO DOWN
DEEP ENOUGH INTO
ANYTHING AND
YOU WILL FIND
Mathematics.
Dean Schliester

MMATYC SPRING CONFERENCE RECAP:

Thanks to the Lisa Feinman and Christine Mirbaha for all of their hard work in planning the 2017 Spring MMATYC conference which was held June 1-2, 2017 at The Community College of Baltimore County's Owings Mills Center. The theme for the conference was Mathletes and Manipulatives: Active Learning for the 21st Century. The special daylong session on Friday investigated the mathematics behind games. In Friday's keynote address, Rick Cleary, from Babson College in Wellesley MA, tied the use of probability and statistics to his love of sports. Thanks to everyone who presented sessions at the conference including Jennifer Greenwood, Scott Sinex, Ted Chambers, Jerry Tuttle, Steve Krevisky, Mike Long, Peter Joyce, Carol Howald, Greta Holtackers Cannon, Jenny Penniman, and others.

Quotable

MATH.

The only place where people can buy 64 watermelons and no one wonders why...

MMATYC Website

<http://www.mmatyc.org/>

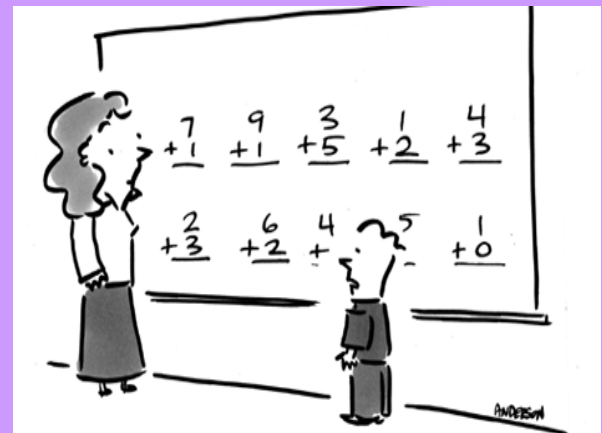
Visit the website for links to the MMATYC's Facebook, Twitter, and Google+ pages.

MMATYC's Mission

Our purpose is to:

1. Encourage an active interest in mathematics and its teaching and to work towards the improvement of mathematics education.
2. Provide a medium of exchange of views and information about mathematics and the teaching of mathematics on the two-year college level.
3. Provide a voice and means of influencing the mathematics curriculum in the two-year college.
4. Enhance the prestige of the profession of mathematics teaching.

Fun from the Files



"All I'm saying is we plug these into Excel, let it do its thing, and then we can all play until lunch!"

News from the Statewide Math Group (SMG):

The first SMG meeting of the year happened on October 13, 2017 led by the Denny Gilluck and arranged by Bernie Sandruck.

- There was a long, vibrant discussion about **math placement issues**, in particular about the coming new format of Accuplacer, and the merits of ALEKS Placement and Preparation. John Beyers, Bernie Sandruck, Maria Burness were all on the agenda to speak on the topic. Jean Ashby was on the agenda to report statistics from the **successful CCBC ALEKS Summer 2017 Pilot**.
- There was a report that there has been an issue with some developmental courses at some four year Maryland institutions being numbered 1xx, against current COMAR regulations. This issue is being investigated.
- There was a brief discussion regarding **Pathway Courses**.
- There was a brief discussion of the grade inflation in some Maryland school districts. There was no vote on the proposed draft statement from SMG regarding grade inflation.



Upcoming Math Related Professional Development Events Around Maryland

- **Developmental Education Association of Maryland (DEAM):** Friday, October 27, 2017, Catonsville Public Library. 10:00-1:00
- **The League STEMTech Conference 2017:** Oct 29 – Nov 1st, New York City.
- **MD-DC-VA Section of Mathematics Association of America (MAA):** Christopher Newport University, Nov 17-18.
- **AMATYC:** Nov 9 – 12, San Diego, CA.
- **Association of Faculties for the Advancement of Community College Teaching. (AFFACT)** January 11 –12, at Anne Arundel Community College. Proposal Deadline October 31st.
- **League for Innovation in the Community College Annual Conference:** Mar 18 – 21, National Harbor, MD.
- **MMATYC Spring 2018 Conference:** May 31 – June 1, Wor-Wic Community College.
- **Conference on Acceleration in Developmental Education (CADE)** Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington DC , June 14 – 16th, 2018

Please send information about other upcoming events to Sarah Miller at smiller10@ccbcmd.edu for inclusion into future MMATYC Newsletters.

AMATYC Reminders

1) Consider participation in PROJECT SLOPE!

Project SLOPE is a research and professional development initiative for two-year college mathematics faculty. The goals of Project SLOPE are to build understandings of classroom based research opportunities and challenges and to design and implement a pilot Research Associate Program within AMATYC for two-year college mathematics faculty engaged in classroom based research. Six AMATYC Research Associates and two AMATYC Research Mentors will participate in the pilot program. It is anticipated that the Research Associate Program Pilot application period will occur late fall 2018 and the pilot will begin in Spring 2019 and conclude in Spring 2020. Email Megan Breit-Goodwin at Megan.Breit-Goodwin@anokaramsey.edu for more information.

2) **Nominate an Outstanding Math Educator!** The AMATYC Mathematics Excellence (ME) Award is intended for educators who have made outstanding contributions to mathematics or mathematics education at the two-year college. ME Awardees are honored in even-numbered years. Nominations for the 2018 AMATYC Mathematics Excellence Award are now open. Deadline for nominations is November 1, 2017. The 2018 AMATYC Mathematics Excellence Award is to be presented during the 2018 AMATYC Conference in Orlando, Florida. See the AMATYC Website for more details.

3) **AMATYC offers other awards too...** including the Margie Hobbs award, the Peskoff Award and the Teaching Excellence Award. See the AMATYC website for more details.

AMATYC STUDENT MATH LEAGUE COMPETITION:

- Round 1: October 13, 2017 to November 4, 2017
- Round 2 : February 9, 2018 to March 3, 2018

AMATYC Webinar

AMATYC 101 - Planning for a Prime Time in San Diego.

10/25/2017

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

If you are new to AMATYC conferences, this is the webinar for you! Hear from experienced participants and Conference Committee members about ways to plan for using your time wisely. Also get the inside information on some new features in San Diego.