

# The MichMATYC Sum-Times

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## Message from the President

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This summer has been busy for our executive board and year's conference is quickly approaching. We will have added importance during this year's business meeting with a vote on two proposals regarding membership (see page 6).

The second area in which I would like to focus this year is professional membership. As a group, we tend to only hold a membership in MichMATYC if we attend the conference in a given year. I believe that all full-time faculty and most adjunct faculty should belong to our

organization on a continuing basis. Being a professional has a basis in membership to state professional organizations. To assist in this goal, the executive board has created a membership brochure at [http://bit.ly/michmatyc\\_membership](http://bit.ly/michmatyc_membership). Please encourage your full- and part-time colleagues to join MichMATYC!

I hope you have a great semester, and please say hello when you see me at the conferences in Dearborn and Milwaukee, and if you have suggestions or ideas to implement, please pass them to me in person or by email at [michmatyc@gmail.com](mailto:michmatyc@gmail.com).

## AMATYC Update from Midwest Vice President

*Jon Oaks*

*AMATYC Midwest Regional Vice President  
Macomb Community College*

The fall semester is well underway along with my least favorite season of the year – Pumpkin Spice Latte season. Although you might disagree with me, I hope that you won't disagree with me that the AMATYC Annual Conference this November in Milwaukee will be an excellent opportunity to learn some great ideas to take back to your classroom. If you are planning to attend, please remember that the Early Registration Deadline is a September 30 postmark if registering by mail and October 7 if registering online or by fax using a credit card.

### Pictures Wanted!

During this year's Midwest Regional Lunch in Milwaukee, I would like to highlight activities going on at your campus. If you have any pictures of campus events that you would like to share with the entire region, please send them to me at [jonnyoaks@gmail.com](mailto:jonnyoaks@gmail.com) by November 1. Photos from college-wide events, student activities, mathematics awareness, award winners, etc. are all welcome!

### Professional Development Opportunity Available

AMATYC's professional development programs have grown significantly over the past decade with the addition of the AMATYC Webinar Series and the increase in

AMATYC Traveling Workshops. Consider applying to be AMATYC's next Professional Development Coordinator! For more details, please visit [www.amatyc.org](http://www.amatyc.org) and look for 'Get Involved.' Every Professional Development Coordinator ever has been from Michigan – let's keep this tradition alive!

### ICME-14 in 2020

Save the date now for ICME-14 in Shanghai, China, July 12-19, 2020. This event offers a unique opportunity for mathematics educators from the United States to discuss issues related to mathematics education with international leaders from developed and developing countries. Travel Grants for ICME-14, funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation (PD# 35281), are now available. The application deadline is October 15, 2019, and the grants will be awarded by February 1, 2020. More information about the grants is available at <http://www.nctm.org/icme14>.

### 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>.

Thanks so much; I hope you have a great rest of the semester, and I hope to see you soon in Milwaukee at the AMATYC Annual Conference!



## SIMIODE

*Greg Thull*  
*Grand Valley State University*

SIMIODE ([simiode.org](https://www.simiode.org)) is a free professional organization that promotes the use of modeling in the teaching of mathematics. Their website provides many resources and projects for use in the classroom. They also organize the SIMIODE challenge using differential equation modeling (SCUDEM).

This year the challenge will take place November 1<sup>st</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup> with teams creating models for one of three modeling scenarios. On Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> teams will gather at a local host site to present their models in a positive supportive environment.

The local host will have additional activities planned for the student teams on that day as well as professional development activities for team coaches.

For additional information or to register for the challenge visit <https://www.simiode.org/scudem/2019>. Please consider recruiting a team for your school and supporting your students' mathematical development. Registration deadline is October 25, 2019.

For SCUDEM IV there are three local host in Michigan for you to consider joining.

- Grand Valley State University, Allendale MI
- Lawrence Technological University, Southfield MI
- Michigan Technological University, Houghton MI

Please contact Greg Thull ([thullg@gvsu.edu](mailto:thullg@gvsu.edu)) if you have any questions.

## AMATYC Affiliate Scholarship

*Julie Gunkelman*  
*Oakland Community College*

As an AMATYC affiliate, we have the opportunity to award a scholarship for someone to attend the annual AMATYC Conference this year in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 14-17, 2019. The scholarship covers the cost of early registration (\$360).

Preference will be given to someone who will be attending their first AMATYC conference, but **everyone is eligible**. Complete the [Affiliate Scholarship for the AMATYC Conference Form](#) by 11:59 PM on Friday, September 27.

Please send an email to either Julie Gunkelman ([jagunkel@oaklandcc.edu](mailto:jagunkel@oaklandcc.edu)) or Shanna Simpson-Singleton ([msrsimpson@hfcc.edu](mailto:msrsimpson@hfcc.edu)) if you have any questions.

## Karen Sharp Student Scholarship Award

*Lisa Winch*  
*Kalamazoo Valley Community College*

The Karen Sharp Student Scholarship Committee would like to give a big congratulations to the winners of this year's award:

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

Each student will receive a \$500 scholarship in support of their continuing education at this year's MichMATYC Conference at Henry Ford College on October 12.

I would also like to thank the members of the scholarship committee, Brianne Lodholtz and Maria Johnson for their work reading and evaluating applications, and making thoughtful recommendations.

Also, a very special thank you to the faculty for writing letters of recommendation to support their students who apply for this scholarship.

Remember that next year's application for the Karen Sharp Student Scholarship will be **April 30, 2020**.



## Campus News

### Alpena Community College

*Dan Rothe*

The fall semester has begun here at ACC. We are happy to report that our enrollment is up 4.71% in headcount and 4.32% in credit hours. Dual enrollment and early college programs continue to play a role in our positive numbers. In addition to our online Intermediate Algebra, we are also offering a section via VCS (Video Conferencing), which allows students from several of the smaller outlying high schools to be a part of the class. These are students from schools that would be too small to have their own section and too far away from dual enrollment students to commute for one class.

Sigma Zeta Math/Science Honor Society inducted seven new members in the spring. The group assisted with events at the Regional Science Olympiad Tournament. We had a majority of our members graduating in May, so we are in the member search phase to start the next year. We will once again be proving coat check and valet parking at the Military Ball at the Phelps Collins Air National Guard Base here in Alpena. New officers for the 2019-2020 school year are: Jozie Appelgren, President; Alexis Mutschler, Vice President; Laurie Smith, Secretary; and Oscar Montaña, Treasurer.

### Henry Ford College

*Jeanine DiDonato*

Here at Henry Ford College we are busy preparing to host the MichMATYC conference on October 11-12, 2019. Please register and pay by October 1<sup>st</sup> before the price increases! Check out our conference website at ([michmatyc2019.org](http://michmatyc2019.org)) to see the schedule and the variety of sessions that are planned. Consider attending the Friday workshop and/or our Friday social event as well.

#### Other News:

- Our pilot accelerated path to Calculus course (MATH 165), which combines College Algebra and Precalculus is going very well.
- Henry Ford College is very proud of our student Najwa Aboudaye, who was ranked as the top female student in the Midwest region in the Student Math League Competition for the 2018-19 academic year. Michael Zalzali has worked very hard to encourage our busy students to participate in the competition.

### Kalamazoo Valley Community College

*Jon Stasiuk*

This fall, we welcomed new tenure-track instructor of mathematics Daniel Stevens. Daniel grew up around the Athens, MI area. He initially went to Kettering University for Electrical engineering, but after a year-long internship at Eaton, switched to teaching. He graduated from Western Michigan University with a master's in Mathematics Education in 2011. Daniel taught high school for Portage Public Schools for twelve years, mostly in AP and International baccalaureate mathematics. After spending a year as an adjunct instructor for Kalamazoo Valley Community College, he is happy to be a full-time instructor.

We are using the G2C initiative to redesign our Intermediate Algebra to raise the equity of completion rates in this course. We had tested several different assessment and post-assessment techniques and have also focused on being more intentional about how we build the class culture. Based on this work we are piloting this redesign in a few of the Intermediate Algebra classes this Fall and Winter semesters. This project is headed up by instructors Chris Cockerel and Nicole Newman.

### Kellogg Community College

*Anna Cox*

We are excited to add David Tannor as a new tenure-track professor at Kellogg Community College. We are also excited to have Jenn O'Brien for one semester as Marcus Anderson continues his sabbatical. We are also wishing Pat Kopf well in her retirement that will begin the end of this semester.

### Lansing Community College

*Leslie Mohnke*

A team of three Lansing Community College instructors with extensive knowledge in calculus and rich math teaching experience developed open educational resource materials for our Calculus with Applications course. In Fall 2019, the new and customized textbook and online homework assignments are implemented in the course sections.

*"In addition to mathematical facts from calculus topics, the textbook presents how new knowledge is applied in various domains such as business and economics, physics, life sciences, and social sciences."* – from the authors' description of the textbook posted on Lulu.com.

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In addition, a Lumen OHM course was created; it has eText access, instructional videos, and homework assignments. If you have any questions about the newly created materials, please contact Math 141 Coordinator Maria Johnson ([johns257@star.lcc.edu](mailto:johns257@star.lcc.edu)).

A second major project for this fall was to implement a co-requisite course for Stat 170 (Intro to Statistics) and Math 119 (Quantitative Reasoning). This two-credit embedded support course incorporates mathematics skills and applications across many disciplines with big conceptual questions that will engage students throughout. The course aligns with intellectual and practical skills, specifically including inquiry and analysis, critical and creative thinking, written and oral communication, teamwork and problem solving.

The course is a co-mingled model combining two different college-level courses that will support students so that they will be able to successfully complete their college-level math course in one semester by building foundations and practicing skills for life-long learning. If you are interested in more information, please contact Leslie Mohnke ([mohnkel@star.lcc.edu](mailto:mohnkel@star.lcc.edu)) or Dawn Hardin ([hardind@star.lcc.edu](mailto:hardind@star.lcc.edu)).

Lansing Community College would like to welcome four new full-time faculty members to our team.

- Jordan Gill graduated from Spring Arbor University in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and a focus in secondary education. He taught high school for 3 years at Neuse Charter School in North Carolina. In the fall of 2013, he moved back to Michigan to pursue a Ph.D. from Central Michigan University. He is planning on defending his dissertation this fall and graduating with a Ph.D. in Mathematics with a concentration in Collegiate Mathematics Education. When not working on lessons or mathematics problems, Jordan enjoys spending time with his wife Nicole and two beautiful daughters, June (2 years old) and Nina (4 months old).
- Mathew Kerns spent 13 years as an over-the-road truck driver before returning to college to complete his degrees. He has a BS in Pure Mathematics, MS in Pure Mathematics, and an M.Ed. in Mathematics Education.

Mat spent two years teaching high school in Ohio and then four years teaching at Fulton-Montgomery Community College in upstate New York. He is a member of NCTM, MAA, and NYSMATYC.

- Kristen Meck was a high school teacher for 17 years and taught part-time at the community college level for 10 years before accepting this full-time position. She has a BS in Mathematics, a master's in secondary mathematics education and was pursuing a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction with a focus in secondary mathematics education with a minor in pure mathematics.
- Lillian Ryall previously taught mathematics courses at the University of Michigan, Washtenaw Community College, Schoolcraft College, and Madonna University. She holds a BS in Mathematics and Chemistry from Madonna University, a master's in mathematics from the University of Texas and a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University. Lillian is very excited to be a new member of the LCC mathematics department.

### Macomb Community College, South Campus

*Gary Kaplan*

At the end of the Winter 2019 semester, our colleague Zak Musallam retired. We wish him well in his retirement. This semester Denis Johnson is serving in a temporary full-time capacity until we search for a permanent replacement.

We have three adjunct faculty teaching at our South Campus for the first time this semester – Melissa Jones, David Grant, and Md Bashar. We welcome them to our incredible team of instructors and are happy to have them on board with us!

Our colleague Jon Oaks is on a sabbatical this semester. As part of his leave, he is visiting math museums around the world, including the Seocho Math Museum in Seoul, Korea. Although we miss him this semester, we look forward to seeing the results from his sabbatical upon his return.

### Mid-Michigan College

*David Kedrowski*

At Mid-Michigan College we have two sections of Basic Algebra that will run for 8-weeks this semester, followed by 8-week versions of Intermediate Algebra. In the winter we'll try the same using Basic Algebra and Mathematical Reasoning.

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We find that we have students who need these developmental courses as a refresher and can therefore work through them more quickly than others. That's the theory, anyway.

Our program review from this past winter was well received. We were able to show changes we've made to our developmental courses over the last five years have resulted in noticeably improved learning for students. Early indications appear to show moving away from Accuplacer and using multiple measures placement has had a neutral to slightly positive impact on student placement and success. This was mandated by our president, so our main hope was we wouldn't see a negative impact. Our two-year class size study for developmental courses will finish this year and we are anxious to see the results. We have argued that moving to a more active pedagogy requires smaller class sizes for maximum impact.

### Schoolcraft College

*Michael McCoy*

We are thrilled to announce that the Schoolcraft math department has added two new full-time faculty members: Katy Shields and Heather House. Both Katy and Heather have been teaching at Schoolcraft since 2014. They will officially begin their full-time positions in the winter 2020 semester.

Katy Shields earned an associate degree from Oakland Community College, followed by a B.S. and M.A. from Eastern Michigan University. She has taught a wide range of courses at Schoolcraft, from Basic College Mathematics to Differential Equations. She recently became credentialed to teach and develop online courses for our distance learning department as well.

Heather House earned a B.S. degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and M.A. from Oakland University. She has been teaching Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus on a regular basis for the past few years at Schoolcraft. She also worked in the insurance industry in addition to working part-time at Schoolcraft.

## Voting Ballot Information

*Michael Pemberton*

*Lansing Community College*

We will be having two important proposals upon which we will be voting during the business meeting at this year's MichMATYC Conference at Henry Ford College.

1. The first proposal on the ballot is an increase in annual individual membership dues.
  - According to the [MichMATYC Constitution and By-Laws](#), the current individual membership dues are set at \$5 annually.
  - After research and conversations with AMATYC Affiliate Presidents, an increase in the individual membership to \$10 annually will place the organization in-line with state affiliates within the Midwest Region of American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC).
  - The annual individual membership dues increase will not take effect until September 1, 2020.

If approved, the MichMATYC Executive Board supports using the additional funds from annual membership dues to help fund a MichMATYC member to attend the AMATYC national conference each year.

2. The second proposal on the ballot is the creation of a life-time MichMATYC individual membership.

- The idea of a life-time individual membership was introduced and discussed during last year's business meeting.
- A life-time individual membership carries all benefits and privileges of an active individual membership in effect at the time of joining, or in the future if new professional benefits are added.

If approved, MichMATYC will begin offering the following two types of membership:

1. Annual Individual Membership
2. Life-Time Individual Membership
  - One-time payment of \$100 until August 31, 2020
  - One-time payment of \$150 beginning September 1, 2020

Keep in mind that all regular MichMATYC members are eligible to vote in the election. A current MichMATYC individual membership begins each year on September 1. If you have questions, concerns, or comments on either proposal, please email the Executive Board at [michmatyc@gmail.com](mailto:michmatyc@gmail.com).

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## Did You Know?

*Michael Pemberton*  
*Lansing Community College*

Did you know that our MichMATYC website (<http://michmatyc.org>) has undergone a significant refresh and contains a redesigned layout?

The website is a great way for you to keep up-to-date with what is going on in MichMATYC between newsletter issues and each year at our conference. The main page will continue to contain recent announcements and a list of upcoming events.

However, there is so much more information about our organization provided on the website, including membership information; contact information for officers, staff, and campus representatives; outstanding teaching award and student scholarship information; conference information, MiTEAM program; a job board, and previous editions of The Sum-Times newsletter.

Do you have an announcement or an idea for the website to share with colleagues? If so, please contact send your information to [michmatyc@gmail.com](mailto:michmatyc@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

**MichMATYC Conference**

2019: [Henry Ford College, October 11-12](#)  
 2020: Lansing CC, October 2-3  
 2021: Southwest Michigan College  
 2022: Jackson College

**MDEC Annual Conference**

2019: [Lansing CC, October 31-November 1](#)

**Joint MCTM and MCEC Conference**

2019: [Lansing CC, October 28](#)

**Michigan Section-MAA Annual Meeting**

2020: Grand Valley State University, April 3-4

**MAA-AMS Joint Mathematics Meeting**

2020: [Denver, CO, January 15-18](#)

**AMATYC Annual Conference**

2019: [Milwaukee, WI, November 14-17](#)  
 2020: Spokane, WA, November 12-15  
 2021: Phoenix, AZ, October 28-31  
 2022: Toronto, ON, November 17-20

**NOSS Annual Conference**

2020: [Nashville, TN, March 4-7](#)

**NCTM Annual Meeting & Exposition**

2020: [Chicago, IL, April 1-4](#)

**MAA MathFest**

2020: Philadelphia, PA, July 29-August 1

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