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The Michigan Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges

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<h2>Save the Date</h2>  <p>MAA Michigan Section and MichMATYC Annual Meeting Grand Valley State University Grand Rapids, MI April 9-10, 2021</p>	<p>I have the honor of serving as the President of MichMATYC for another year. Let me introduce the team that I am ever grateful for in this year's officers. Julie Gunkelman of Oakland Community College, as President-Elect; Sam Bazzi, as Secretary-Treasurer; and Shanna Simpson-Singleton, as the AMATYC affiliate delegate and <i>The Sum-Times</i> Editor, both at Henry Ford College. I am ever grateful for their outstanding contributions to MichMATYC and look forward to continuing another year to work with each of them!</p> <p>If you are interested in giving back and supporting the work within the organization, there are several opportunities to do so this year. Whether you serve as a campus representative, on a committee, write an article for our newsletter, give a presentation as a webinar, or participate in social media, we greatly appreciate your contributions to help MichMATYC continue to grow and provide professional development for two-year college mathematics faculty around the state and across the region.</p>
<h2>Save the Date</h2>  <p>AMATYC Virtual Conference <i>Virtual Vision for the Future</i> AMATYC Corporate Partner Days November 6 – Hawkes November 13 – McGraw-Hill November 20 – Wiley</p>	<p>One of the more difficult decisions the Executive Board and Lansing Community College (LCC) Conference Planning Team had to make this year was to postpone the 2020 MichMATYC Conference until October 2021 due to the growing uncertainty that we would be able to meet in a larger group on a college campus, and then also to the conflict with the rescheduled MAA Michigan Section and MichMATYC joint annual meeting in early April 2021. We agreed that the MichMATYC Conference to our traditional early October timeframe would be best. We also stated earlier this semester that all active memberships will be extended for an additional year. The lifetime membership option remains \$100 for another year as well. This provides all active members to extend until the 2021 MichMATYC Conference hosted at Lansing Community College. We look forward for you in joining us there!</p>
	<p>Although we are not having an in-person conference this year, the Executive Board has decided to host a series of virtual events throughout the year. This summer we hosted our first webinar and are planning to offer a webinar series for faculty to share their experience on a variety of topics. The next webinar is Tuesday, September 29 from 3:00-5:00 pm Eastern and will discuss experiences teaching and supporting students this semester. In addition, I am happy to announce that MichMATYC has been awarded an AMATYC Virtual Traveling Workshop this year on the topic of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The virtual workshop is scheduled for Friday, October 16 from 1:00-3:00 pm Eastern and we encourage you to register early. Be on the lookout for more virtual events scheduled throughout the year via email blast and on social media (see page 5).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(continued on page 2)</p>

Message from the President

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With the on-set of the novel coronavirus pandemic, it became ever more difficult to receive student applications for the Karen Sharp Student Scholarship or nominations for the MichMATYC Teaching Excellence Award towards the end of spring semester. Although we will not have award winners this year, I know that every student that persevered to complete their courses during this difficult and challenging time receives our highest recognition and praise!

As we look forward, I would strongly encourage you to recommend your students to apply for the [Karen Sharp Student Scholarship](#) this year. Faculty and students can learn more about the scholarship application and eligibility requirements on our [website](#).

Moreover, I think it also goes without saying that all faculty, who increasingly dedicated countless hours in support for their students during these unprecedented times, deserves the Teaching Excellence Award for this year. Nominations to recognize the high quality instruction, instructional effectiveness, and support of students, professional involvement and development activities, and service to department and college are being accepted. Please take this opportunity to nominate your colleagues to receive the [Teaching Excellence Award](#).

I hope you have a great semester, and again to also take care as we all try our best to teach and provide support for our students during this uncertain and challenging academic year. As always, if you have suggestions or ideas to improve MichMATYC, please let me or the Executive Board know at board@michmatyc.org.

AMATYC Update from Midwest Vice President

Jon Oaks

*AMATYC Midwest Regional Vice President
Macomb Community College*

Hi everyone! I'm sure that you're as busy as I am right now, if not busier. And when things are busy, I know it is hard to take time for ourselves and our professional development. But, now more than ever, I believe it is important for us to stay connected and encourage and not become isolated and discouraged. It is ironic that when I used to complain that all of the chitchat in my office distracted me from getting actual work done at the office. But now, it is one of the things that I miss the most. I've learned many great ideas over the years, talking to my colleagues and many of you at MichMATYC and AMATYC Conferences. And so, I'd like to encourage you to stay connected, and here are some ways you can:

- Join myAMATYC, AMATYC's new online community, at my.amatyc.org. Even if you're not currently an AMATYC member, you can sign-up for free access through the end of this year as a "Friend of AMATYC".
- Plan to attend the free AMATYC Virtual Conference this November. In addition to the speakers on November 6, 13, and 20, there will also be several Committee and ANet meetings, position statement input hearings, Ignite!, and the Delegate Assembly. Stay tuned to amatyc.org for more information.

- Take advantage of all of the free AMATYC Professional Development throughout the year, such as the Webinars, as the new Teaching Tip Videos. I'd especially like to encourage you to check out the Teaching Tip Video, "How Do I Hear from Every Student?" by MichMATYC's very own Julie Gunkelman in which she describes two of her favorite free tech tools to hear from all her students.
- Consider running for an AMATYC Executive Board position in the next election. I am not running for a position in the upcoming election, so all positions are available are Midwest Region Vice-President, Secretary, and President-Elect. For me, one of the best parts of being on the AMATYC Executive Board has been expanding my professional network. If you're interested in running, please feel free to contact me with any questions.
- Join the AMATYC Midwest Region Facebook group if you have not already! You can find us at [amatyc.org/midwest](https://www.facebook.com/amatyc.org/midwest).

Again, I know you're likely very busy right now. So, I especially appreciate your commitment to MichMATYC and AMATYC now more than ever. And if you ever need anything at all, please do not ever hesitate to reach out to me and ask.

OCC Faculty Member Elected President of State-Wide Math Association

Marketing & Communications
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Mathematicians are known to be inquisitive, detail-oriented and organized. Math leaders are said to also be creative and good at handling stress. With these traits in hand, it's easy to sum up the leadership choice of Julie Gunkelman as president of the Michigan affiliate of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges, MichMATYC.

"I am honored to serve as the newest MichMATYC president, and look forward to continuing and building upon the legacy of past MichMATYC presidents," said Gunkelman. "I am passionate about professional development, and I'm committed to helping others develop their skills."

Recognized for her leadership and innovation, the OCC mathematics instructor was named a national finalist for the American Association of Community Colleges Faculty Innovation Award in 2018. She prides herself on using a variety of instructional techniques to create an active learning environment for students.

"Our faculty and staff take great pride in ensuring our students succeed and in giving back to the community in a

variety of ways," said Daniel J. Jenuwine, Vice-Chancellor for Advancement. "Julie's contributions to the Michigan Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges and appointment as its new president is an example of her excellence, recognized by her colleagues across the state."

Julie Gunkelman, who joined OCC in the fall of 2007, is the third OCC faculty member to the state-wide leadership post, joining Nany Williams (1985-87) and Gladys Rockind (1997-98) as president of MichMATYC. She becomes the association's twenty-fifth president in its nearly 40-year history. Her term began on June 1, 2020.

Julie has previously served as a MichMATYC Affiliate Delegate, and served three years as the Professional Development Coordinator for AMATYC. MichMATYC awarded Gunkelman a Teaching Excellence Award in 2014. She also served AMATYC as the Math League Coordinator for OCC from 2010 to 2016, a role she has taken again beginning in the Winter 2020 semester.

She earned her Master of Arts in Mathematics from Eastern Michigan University and her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Michigan State University.

Applications Open for MiTEAM Cohort 3

Michael Pemberton
Lansing Community College

The mentoring and professional development initiative for new full-time or adjunct math faculty at two-year colleges in the state continues with the next cohort of **MiTEAM** 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.

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.

If you, or new colleague, are 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 2021 MichMATYC Conference. [Applications](#) and [additional program information](#) may be found on the [website](#). The deadline and review of applications for **Cohort 3** is **April 1, 2021**.

If you have any questions or would like more information concerning the MiTEAM should contact Michael Pemberton, MiTEAM Program Coordinator, at miteam@michmatyc.org.



Campus News

Delta College

Phoebe Lutz

Delta has a new tenure track faculty member in Brad Pretzer. Brad taught for us as an adjunct in the past and joined us from Muskegon Community College. We are working through this fall semester with most classes being offered online, either synchronously or asynchronously. A few math classes (mostly developmental education with limited numbers of people in classrooms) are offered face-to-face.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Jon Stasiuk

Tim Kane retired from Kalamazoo Valley Community College during the past summer. He taught mathematics for 45 years, the last 32 years at KVCC. Although we know he is enjoying retirement, he will be greatly missed by the faculty and students. Thanks Tim, for all your service and leadership over the years.

A message from Tim: In 1975, I moved to the Benton Harbor area where I taught one year at the Benton Harbor 7th and 8th Grade Center and another at the School Age Mothers Program. From there, it was eleven years at Lake Michigan Catholic High School where I was Department Chair and taught a variety of upper level high school courses. I have also taught in a variety of Adult Education programs, including the Berrien County Jail, to supplement my income.

In 1988, I began teaching full-time at KVCC where I spent the next 32 years. At Valley, I was involved with PTK, the Honors Program, Course and Curriculum development, Student Math League, Department Chairperson, and all the things that you and about every community college professor does.

I have been fortunate to have had great colleagues across the state including Anna, Sam, Kathy, Sue, Nancy, Nicole, and many more. I especially want to thank Lisa Winch for loaning me her brain and her time for the past 28 years.

Lansing Community College

Michael Pemberton

The math program is very excited to welcome Mark Severance as a new Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Mark joins us after spending five years teaching both face-to-face and online at several community colleges in the lower part of Michigan and also in Louisiana with courses from developmental math up to and including calculus.

His passion for becoming a math professor started at a young age when he attended a "Take Your Child to Work Day" with his father teaching math at the local community

college. There he experienced firsthand the positive impact his father had on students and knew that he wanted to pursue a career in teaching.

Mark started his college journey at Jackson Community College completing coursework in the pre-engineering program. He then transferred to the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor where he completed a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Afterwards, Mark started teaching math as an adjunct at Jackson Community College, and it through the experience he pursued and completed a master's degree in mathematics at Eastern Michigan University.

The math program was active this summer with several faculty working on the STEM Pathway to Calculus project, which involved the realignment of curriculum beginning with Calculus III and then continuing back to Foundations of Algebra. The goal of the revisions is to ensure that the courses are more streamlined as students' progress from one course to the next along the pathway. One of the significant decisions was to eliminate a year-long sequence of precalculus, and rather have a one-semester precalculus course that prepare students for the calculus sequence.

In terms of the fall semester, the department continues to have bi-weekly program meetings and discussions using Cisco's Webex. This is also true for several math courses, as the college decided in May that the semester would consist of a majority of courses be taught online or remotely with real-time instruction. It also seems that the college will continue with this plan for spring.

Mott Community College

Michael Carr

Just like everyone else, it has been very busy for the past six months. During the summer, all of our courses were completely online. This included several courses that we had never offered in this format. We initially anticipated very low enrollment and planned to offer very few sections. Much to our surprise, enrollment was very high. We were able to add classes and almost double the number of sections.

The high enrollment was a welcome result, but we have reservations and about the long term impacts of teaching almost exclusively online. For the fall semester, we again have the majority of our classes online and this will continue through the winter semester. Enrollment for the fall semester is down about 15% from the previous fall semester. Most of this drop off is in our developmental offerings, a trend we have seen for the last two years.

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After more than 40 years in education, including the last 18 years at Mott Community College, Bernard Cunningham has retired. Bernie was a big supporter of MichMATYC, including serving as President from 2011-2013. Throughout his time at MCC, he was active in numerous areas of our campus and definitely leaves a lasting impact. We will all miss Bernie and wish him well.

Bernie's departure created an opportunity and we welcomed Michael Filipiski to the department. He previously was a faculty member at the University of Buffalo and brings a wide range of experience. We are all happy to have him join our group. Due to the current restrictions, Mike's hiring process was completed online. We look forward to getting together as a group and giving him a proper welcome.

Do you have exciting news, announcements, or updates to share with your colleagues in MichMATYC? Please contact your Campus Representative (see page 6) to include information for the next edition of *The Sum-Times* in February 2021!

Did You Know?

Michael Pemberton
Lansing Community College



Over the previous year, MichMATYC's social media presence has grown into a community where the organization can post news and articles on teaching and learning, announcements, upcoming conferences, and events more easily and frequent than our electronic newsletter. Our ever growing reach into social media platforms extends to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and more recently YouTube.

Our [Facebook page](#) remains a great resource for social networking and communication with friends and colleagues between our annual conferences. You have the opportunity to also share photos, videos, and success stories while teaching during the pandemic. Moreover, if you read an article on teaching and learning, trends or policy in education, or math enrichment, then consider sharing.

Do you have a question that you would like to hear everyone's thoughts on assessment, effective teaching practices, curriculum design, or engaging students in the online environment? Our Facebook page is a great opportunity to start the conversation.

This summer, MichMATYC joined [Twitter](#) verse and participated in a Twitter chat hosted by the Michigan Center for Student Success to discuss math student success around the state. It was great to see many familiar faces interacting and joining in on the conversations! Since the Twitter chat was so successful, be on the lookout for similar opportunities to interact and share with us and colleagues with forthcoming Twitter events.

[LinkedIn](#) is the top online site for professional, social, and career networking. The site primarily functions as an online directory of individual professionals and organizations, which is why MichMATYC has created a page that can facilitate the process of professional networking and share announcements across multiple professional organizations.

With the start of our new webinar series this year, the organization has since created a [YouTube channel](#) to share the recordings of each webinar. This way if you cannot attend the live webinar, you can visit the archive to view recordings of all previous webinars. Although there is not much to look at yet, the channel will be posting webinars soon.

We invite you to like us on [Facebook](#) and follow on [Twitter](#), join our [LinkedIn network](#), and watch us on [YouTube](#) throughout the year!



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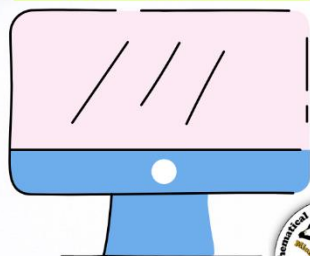
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MICHMATYC MEET-UP AND SHARING SESSION

Tuesday, September 29
3:00 – 5:00 PM EASTERN



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MICHMATYC AND
AMATYC PRESENT

**VIRTUAL TRAVELING
WORKSHOP ON EQUITY,
DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION**

Friday, October 16
1:00 - 3:00 PM EASTERN

Event Calendar

MichMATYC Conference

2021: [Lansing CC, October 8-9](#)
 2022: Southwest Michigan College
 2023: Jackson College
 2024: Grand Rapids CC

NOSSMi Annual Conference

2020: [Virtual Conference, October 8-9](#)

MAA-Michigan Section Annual Meeting

2021: [Grand Valley State University, April 9-10](#)

MAA MathFest

2021: [Sacramento, CA, August 4-7](#)

AMATYC Annual Conference

2020: [Virtual Conference, November 6, 13, & 20](#)
 2021: Phoenix, AZ, October 28-31
 2022: Toronto, ON, November 17-20
 2023: Omaha, NE, November 9-12

NOSS Annual Conference

2021: [Las Vegas, NV, June 15-18](#)

NCTM Annual Meeting & Exposition

2020: [Virtual Conference, November 11-14](#)
 2021: St. Louis, MO, April 21-24
 2021: Atlanta, GA, September 22-25

MAA-AMS Joint Mathematics Meeting

2021: [Virtual Joint Meeting, January 6-9](#)

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