



GMATYC News

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President's Corner

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As I begin my presidency of GMATYC, I want to thank all of you who are working so hard for this organization! I especially want to express the thanks that I know we all feel to Donna Saye! She has done an outstanding job as president of GMATYC. I hope to be able to follow in her footsteps and the footsteps of all the wonderful presidents we have been so lucky to have at GMATYC.

I took over the presidency at the annual GMATYC meeting February 16 at the 19th Annual Georgia Perimeter College Mathematics Conference. At this meeting Carolyn Spillman announced the winners of the 2006 elections. Alice Pierce will continue another term as treasurer and voting coordinator, and I am so grateful to her for agreeing to do so. Lisa Yocco will take over as secretary. They join the executive committee along with Alvina Atkinson, the publications chair, Calandra Davis, the webmaster, Donna Saye, the past president, and myself. Maggie Ehrlich joins the nominating committee and Ann Hardy will continue on this committee for another term. Thank you all for agreeing to join our elite group of hard working members who do so much for our organization.

At this meeting Dennis Russell became our newest Bill Bompart Teaching Excellence Award winner. We congratulate him!! The next Bill Bompart Teaching Excellence award will be given in the year 2008. Be thinking about who you would like to nominate for this award. I also want to add my congratulations to the many that I am sure Virginia Parks has received. Virginia is the 2005 AMATYC

Teaching Excellence Award winner for the Southeast region. I am so glad that she is being recognized for all of her hard work. She contributes a great deal to mathematics education and she truly deserves this award.

Because not everyone can come to the GPC Mathematics Conference in February and because our annual membership drive takes place at this conference, some of you may not have paid your dues for the 2006. If you have not yet paid your dues, please contact Alice Pierce at apierc2@gpc.edu or visit the website <http://www.gmatyc.org>. Recall that the annual dues are now \$10.00. Also, encourage your colleagues to join this worthwhile organization. We need the support of Georgia's entire community of two year mathematics teachers, including those who teach in two year colleges, technical schools, and universities.

I want to encourage everyone to read the Beyond Crossroads document. As mathematics instructors at the two year college level, we are all committed to improving mathematics education. The Beyond Crossroads document encourages us to examine the basic principles set forth in Crossroads, and it gives us ideas that we can use to implement changes that will help our students meet the many challenges of the future. GMATYC is one of the affiliates who are proud to be on the list of endorsers of this document.

Calandra Davis has been working hard on the GMATYC

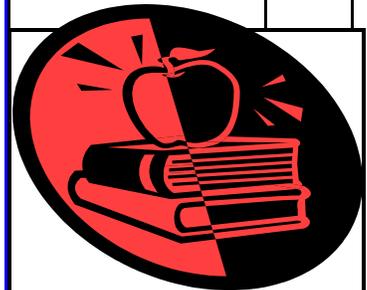
website, www.gmatyc.org. Not only does she have links to useful information such as past news letters, committee members, and upcoming conferences, she also has a link to the Beyond Crossroads document and other AMATYC initiatives. She is also adding a BLOG to this site at which members can contribute thoughts, ideas and questions that they would like to share with the rest of GMATYC. We are excited to be able to offer this forum. I particularly want to encourage you to contribute ways that you incorporate the Beyond Crossroads document in your classroom. How has this document changed the way you teach? I also would like to see suggestions on ways to improve student retention rates in mathematics classes. I know that this is on the minds of most of us these days. This could include, but is not limited to, ways that you establish a sense of community in the classroom, ways that you encourage active learning, or useful webquests that you have found or created. I hope you will watch for this feature at the GMATYC website. We hope to have this up and running by summer.

Finally, I want to say how excited I am for the opportunity to be GMATYC's new president. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and I am sure that I will learn a great deal from you. You are all such wonderful and dedicated teachers and I am privileged to be the newest president of this organization.

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns about GMATYC, please don't hesitate to contact me. My email address is jcraig@gpc.edu.

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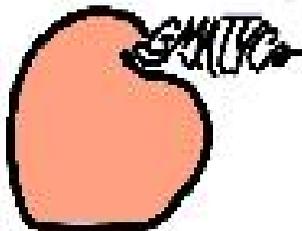
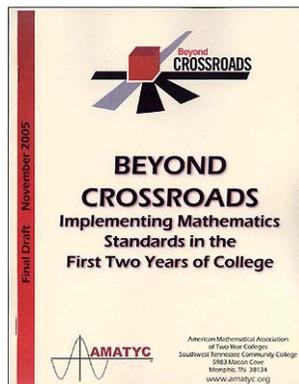
The next Bill Bompart Teaching Excellence Award will be given in 2008. It is never too early to start considering who would make a good candidate. You could be the next recipient. Find more details at :

www.gmatyc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

GMATYC has endorsed the
BEYOND CROSSROADS
document.

There is a link to this document at our website.
Check it out at www.gmatyc.org



The next GMATYC meeting will be held during
the
20th Annual
Georgia Perimeter College Mathematics
Conference,
February 16 and 17, 2007
at the Lawrenceville Campus.
Please make plans to attend.

GMATYC Congratulates...

- Marwan Zabdowi signed a contract with the community education at Gordon College to teach three Math courses in the summer of 2006. They are: SAT Math Review, Introduction to College Algebra, and Introduction to Trigonometry.

News from your AMATYC Vice-President

Rob Kimball, AMATYC Southeast vice-president, Wake Tech Community College

In November, I began my third term as your regional Vice President. Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your help and support. Members from our region have always played major roles in the organization. This is due, at least in part, to the strong affiliates we have but also to your dedication to our profession.

This fall, the 2006 AMATYC Annual Conference will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. The conference mini-program, including registration materials, will be out in late summer. I hope to see you all in Cincinnati in November. Next fall, 2007, the conference returns to the southeast region – New Orleans. Orlando was a great conference and we know New Orleans will be as well, even with all the hurdles that have been and will be overcome.

One of the highlights of the Cincinnati conference will be the roll-out of *Beyond Crossroads* – the document and the electronic resources. All conference attendees will receive their copy of the document in Cincinnati. Special conference activities and sessions related to *Beyond Crossroads* are being

planned. One activity is a Friday evening celebration at the Freedom Center, a museum dedicated to the Underground Railroad.

Project ACCESS (Advancing Community College Careers: Education, Scholarship, and Service) will be looking for fellows for its third cohort. The deadline for applications is July 1, 2006. This is a great program for new faculty and is helping to build the future of our organization. I hope you'll encourage qualified candidates to apply.

I would also encourage you to get together with a non-math colleague and apply to be part of AMATYC's Mathematics Across the Community College Curriculum (MAC³). The summer institute will be held in August in Leavenworth, Washington. The facilitators are great, the setting is restful, and the food is amazing. Another institute will be held early next year in Florida. The project is funded by an NSF grant.

AMATYC is also in the process of accepting nominations for its Teaching Excellence Award. In the past, the awards were given out

by region. Starting with this nomination cycle, a maximum of eight awards will be given out nationally. In the last cycle, Virginia W Parks from Georgia Perimeter College was the regional awardee.

You might also consider nominating yourself or a colleague for the AMATYC Executive Board. Nominations are being accepted for the position of: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Southeast Regional Vice President. If you have questions about the responsibilities for any of the positions, please contact me. More information on how to make a nomination or about any of the projects and awards I mentioned can be found at the AMATYC web site, www.amatyc.org.

I have enjoyed working on your behalf as VP. During my tenure, I've had the good fortune to attend several of your meetings during the GPC Conference. Thank you for your hospitality and kindness. If you have questions related to anything AMATYC, please contact me at rob_kimball@waketech.edu.

Rob



Gainesville College Mathematics Tournament

The 12th Annual Gainesville State College Math Tournament was held in Gainesville, Georgia on April 8th, 2006.

Seventy students from eight colleges across Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina participated in this one day event. Students were challenged by a morning individual round involving calculus and an afternoon team round involve algebra, geometry, logic, and other precalculus topics.

This year's overall college competition winner was Catawba Valley Community College of Hickory, NC. The afternoon team round was also won by Catawba Valley. The top individual round was posted by Jackson Tanis of Georgia Perimeter College—Dunwoody Campus. Jackson posted the second place score in the 2005 tournament.

Students earned cash prizes up to \$400 for placing in the top three in the individual round and gift cards up to \$35 for being a member of one of the top three teams. All students were eligible to receive partial scholarships to attend Mercer University with the top students receiving offers of up to \$12,000 per year renewable for three years.

Overall winners were:

Alex Cibotarica, Kory Green, Marcus Nuetzi

1st Place:

Catawba Valley Community College, NC

2nd Place:

Gainesville State College, GA
Jong Kim, Kris Manley, Emily Pham, Ashley Stapleton

2nd Place:

Wake Technical Community College, NC

3rd Place:

Wake Technical Community College, NC

3rd Place:

Georgia Perimeter College, GA

Justin Farmer, Karen Im, Sean Lee, Jinhyeok Yang

The individual round winners were:

Participating Colleges:

1st Place:

Jackson Tanis,
Georgia Perimeter College—
Dunwoody Campus, GA

Catawba Valley Community
College of Hickory, NC

Dalton State College of Dalton,
GA

Durham Technical Community
College of Durham, NC

2nd Place:

Jong Kim,
Gainesville State College, GA

Gainesville State College of
Gainesville, GA

Gordon College of Barnesville,
GA

3rd Place:

Robert Ward,
Dalton State College, GA

Georgia Perimeter College of
Clarkston, Decatur,
Dunwoody, and
Lawrenceville, GA

Hiwassee College of
Madisonville, TN

The team round winners were:

Wake Technical Community
College of Raleigh, NC

1st Place:

Catawba Valley Community
College, NC

Gainesville College Mathematics Tournament (continued)

Catawba Valley:

Catawba Valley students were successful throughout the tournament; Marcus Nuetzi and Kory Green each placed in the individual top ten while both afternoon teams placed in the top seven out of the twenty teams participating.

Dalton State:

Robert Ward of Dalton State placed third in the individual round which earned him a \$100 cash prize along with a \$10,000 annual scholarship offer to Mercer University in Macon. The Dalton State teams of Byung Cho, Miguel Guerrero, and James Hills and Natasha Bishop, Isaac Lockman, and Robert Ward each placed in the top half of the afternoon round.

Durham Tech:

Durham Technical Community College, the 2004 overall college winner, saw two of its students post in the individual top ten: Gene Goldstein-Plesser placed in a tie for fourth and Jonathan Heartly placed in a tie for sixth. In the afternoon round, the Durham Tech team placed sixth out of twenty competing teams.

Gainesville State:

Jong Kim of GSC narrowly missed winning the individual

round by one question to place second. He received \$200 in cash for his individual achievement. The GSC afternoon team of Jong Kim, Kris Manley, Emily Pham, and Ashley Stapleton finished second in the team competition earning \$25 gift cards each along with scholarship offers of \$11,000 to attend Mercer University in Macon.

Georgia Perimeter College:

Georgia Perimeter College, the 2005 overall college winner, saw its Dunwoody Campus team of Sangheon Kim, David Konzen, and Jackson Tanis narrowly miss out on a top three place by finishing in a tie for fourth. Students from all four GPC campuses finished in the top half of the individual round; Jackson Tanis from the Dunwoody campus took first place in the individual competition. Nguyen Phouc was the top individual from the Lawrenceville Campus, Gi Soung was the top individual from the Clarkston Campus, and Paul Chandler and El Hadj Bah were the top individuals from the Decatur Campus.

Gordon College:

Vuerosue Uzeri of Gordon College finished the individual round in a tie for 22nd and the Gordon team of Sweta Patel, Justin Pollock, David Seaman, and Vuerosue Uzeri finished a

very respectable 11th in the team round out of twenty teams. Gordon College, making its first appearance in the tournament in nine years, was one of the six colleges that competed in the first GSC math tournament in 1995.

Hiwassee College:

Bruce Lance of Hiwassee College successfully placed in the top ten of the individual competition. The Hiwassee College team of Derek Boring, Josh Debity, Bruce Lance, and Shun Ogawa finished a very respectable 12th in the team round out of twenty teams. This was Hiwassee's third consecutive year competing in the tournament.

Wake Tech:

Wake Technical Community College, participating in the tournament for a second consecutive year, finished second in the overall college competition. The afternoon team of Justin Farmer, Karen Im, Sean Le, and Jinhyeok Yang placed third out of twenty teams. For their third place finish, each student received a \$10 gift card, a medal, and a \$10,000 annual scholarship offer to Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. Two Wake Tech students, Justin Farmer and Qarouach Otmane, finished in a tie for fourth in the individual round.

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