

GMATYC NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By: Nikita Patterson,
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Greetings Colleagues! Spring is here and with spring, we start to think about new beginnings. I am excited to be the new President of GMATYC and I am eager to see what we can do together as an organization.

Spring is also a time of growth. I would love to see our organization expand in terms of members and involvement. GMATYC is a great organization of mathematics educators from two-year, four-year, public, and private institutions across the state.

There are many opportunities to become active with GMATYC:

- Volunteer to be the newsletter editor, serve on a committee, or run for an elected position
 - Recruit a full-time or adjunct faculty member to join GMATYC and/or consider the benefits of a lifetime membership.
- Membership information can be found at www.gmatyc.org
- Exchange innovative and effective mathematics classroom ideas with contemporaries around the state.
 - Collaborate with other GMATYC members on mathematics lessons, grants, articles, etc.
 - Share news of awards, promotions, and other achievements with members. Please send member updates to me at npatterson@gsu.edu for possible inclusion in future newsletters.

In addition to the work of GMATYC, we support the national organization AMATYC. The 46th Annual AMATYC Conference will be held November 12-15, 2020, in Spokane, Washington. The theme for this year's conference is "2020 Vision for the Future."

I am sure this particular theme will lead to some stimulating discussions. Many of our GMATYC members will be attending and even presenting at this conference. Be sure to connect with each other to make travel plans, room together, etc. Conferences are wonderful to experience with a colleague.

I look forward to working with all of you in the days to come. Have a successful rest of your semester!

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THE 33RD ANNUAL MATHEMATICS CONFERENCE AT PERIMETER COLLEGE, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

By: Hong Du,
Math Conference Chair

Now in its 33rd year, the annual Perimeter College Mathematics Conference was held on Feb. 7th and Feb. 8th 2020 at Clarkston campus. The theme of this year's conference "Mathemorphosis - It is time for a change" proved inspiring, attracting 125 attendees including faculty members from in and outside of PC, sponsors, and students. The objective of the conference was to explore ways to make changes that can help students succeed in learning mathematics which includes changes in technology, pedagogy, assessment, and teaching style.

Dean Nancy Kropf welcomed the attendees to the Conference. Dean Kropf recognized the challenges we are facing in math education and praised the work faculty members have done to promote student learning. As our invited keynote speaker, Dr. Padmanabhan Seshaiyer, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Science at George Mason University, spoke on "Transforming Institutional Practices through Innovative Approaches in Mathematics Teaching and Research". His inspiring speech infused the audience with enthusiasm for making innovative changes in math education.

The conference had 28 full sessions and 5 mini-sessions on Friday Feb. 7th with a broad range of topics on technology, pedagogy and teaching strategies. Five student presentations were given on Saturday Feb. 8th, as students showcased their research.

We are all looking forward to next year's conference! Our conference planning committee will continue to work together to offer professional development opportunities to math educators.



PROFESSOR BROWN PRESENTED BILL BOMPART AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

By: Kim Bennekin, Perimeter College at Georgia State University

The Bill Bompert Award for teaching excellence was established in 2003 by the membership of GMATYC. The award is named in honor of Dr. Bill Bompert, longtime mathematics professor and administrator at Augusta State University (now Augusta University). The award is presented in every even numbered year. The purpose of the award is to recognize exceptional contributions to the teaching of mathematics by a GMATYC member.

At the annual GMATYC meeting on February 7, 2020, Ms. Keisha Brown became the newest recipient of the Bill Bompert Award. Ms. Brown has embodied the essence of the award by being a dedicated and passionate mathematics professor. She uses technology in innovative ways to increase student motivation and retention. One example would be keeping a library of classroom lectures, tutorial videos, and supplemental material as extra resources for her students. In addition to assisting students, she shares her wealth of knowledge with colleagues in her department. She often shares tips, techniques, and related published articles about the teaching of mathematics. She has been described as showing “an extraordinary commitment to professional development and support for her department and colleagues.” Ms. Brown’s student evaluations support that she is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable teacher who “goes above and beyond for her students.” These comments and her qualifications makes it clear that she is an excellent choice for this year’s award recipient. Professor Brown will be GMATYC’s nomination for AMATYC’s 2020 Teaching Excellence Award.



PERIMETER COLLEGE AT GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBER HONORED WITH EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Andrea Hendricks, Associate Professor of Mathematics at Perimeter College at Georgia State University, was presented with the AMATYC Teaching Excellence Award at the AMATYC Conference last November. AMATYC presents the Teaching Excellence Award to an outstanding teacher every two years. Andrea has been teaching at the college level for 28 years. Andrea exemplifies the characteristics of an extraordinary teacher. Andrea consistently seeks ways to motivate and encourage her students to aim high and achieve their goals. Andrea displays genuine excitement and enthusiasm for her discipline, teaching and learning, and in all her scholarly endeavors. Her interests include developmental math, teaching with technology, and curriculum design. Andrea's deep knowledge and passion for her subject, as well as her ability to build caring relationships with students, make Andrea an outstanding educator.

Congratulations, Andrea, on this well-deserved award!!!!



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NOVEMBER 12-15, 2020
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