

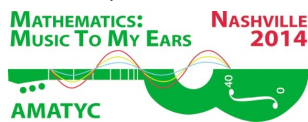


NEWSLETTER Fall 2014



Special Dates of Interest

Nov. 13-16, 2014
**40th AMATYC
Annual Conference**
Nashville, TN



Dec 5, 2014
**Suncoast Regional
Meeting of the Florida
Section of MAA**
USF Sarasota-Manatee



January 23 & 24, 2015
**Joint Meeting of
FTYCMA/MAA Flori-
da Section**
Eckerd College
St. Petersburg, FL



FTYCMA Celebrates 50 Years!

The year 2015 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Florida Two-Year College Mathematics Association, established in 1965. This represents a great milestone for the organization. A special dinner is planned for January 22, 2015 at the Annual Joint Meeting of FTYCMA and the Florida Section of MAA in which past presidents of the association will be honored. A historical overview of FTYCMA will be presented at the joint meeting and at the Fall Retreat.

A Brief History of FTYCMA

Mirroring the tremendous growth in junior/community colleges in Florida, the organization was founded in 1965 as the Florida Junior College Council of Teachers of Mathematics (FJCCTM). The organization met each Spring in association with the Florida Section of the Mathematics Association of America (MAA). Later, it also met in the Fall along with the Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

For many years, the primary focus of the group was on articulation issues with the state universities. Our group then organized a mathematics textbook survey amongst all the public junior colleges and state universities in the state.

In the early 1980s, the organization re-emerged under the new and current name Florida Two Year College Mathematics Association (FTYCMA) to include all professionals interested in mathematics at the two year college level, not just teachers. FTYCMA is the Florida professional affiliate of AMATYC.

The group now represents the two year college mathematics community on state and national committees, and still hosts its annual meeting each Spring jointly with the Florida Section of the MAA. Continuing to evolve, FTYCMA holds its Fall retreats member campuses and sends delegates to the annual AMATYC conference.

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Math in the Sun XII: Best Practices in What was Formerly Known as Developmental Mathematics

There was a great turnout for this year's Math in the Sun Fall Retreat at Florida South-Western State College (formerly known as Edison State College) in Fort Myers on October 10 & 11. Discussed in a panel forum were what the represented colleges were doing to comply with the statutes of SB 1720. Julie Alexander of the Division of Florida Colleges addressed the group by phone and promoted the gathering of data to inform the colleges' decision making processes as well as to help determine if MAT 1033 Intermediate Algebra should remain as a prerequisite for certain mathematics courses.

No standard approach was taken by all the colleges. Some added different options to the schedule making multiple options available to the self-placed student:

- A) accelerated versions of current courses,
- B) late-starting courses for students who realize they were not ready for college level courses,
- C) combined courses, and
- D) modularized courses.

Other colleges created two or more pathways by implementing a prerequisite for non-STEM majors while keeping the Intermediate Algebra as prerequisite for the STEM track.



Many attendees suggested that FTYCMA voice a response to the state regarding SB1720 and its aftermath especially where prerequisites are concerned, after more data is collected.

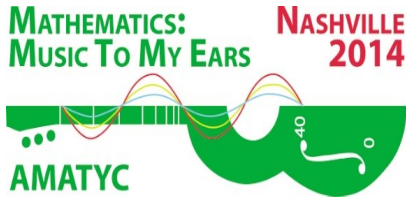
Special thanks to Don Ransford whose diligent efforts over the summer to gather math faculty information from all 28 Florida Colleges resulted in an increased number of advanced registrations and an increase in the number of on-site registrations.

The next Fall Retreat will also be held at Florida SouthWestern State College in Ft. Myers, and will include a historical presentation, and a 50th anniversary celebration. The focus will be on reviewing data on the success rate of students who elect to enter college level mathematics courses without developmental education or without MAT 1033.



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Coming Up...



AMATYC Conference: Nov 13–16, 2014

The 40th Annual AMATYC Conference gets underway in Nashville, TN, on November 13 – 16, 2014. In addition to Thursday's keynote address and Saturday's breakfast presentation, the program includes two outstanding featured speakers, two themed sessions sponsored by the Innovative Teaching and Learning and the Mathematics Intensive Committees, as well as a continuation of the dialogue initiated at the National Summit on Developmental Mathematics held prior to the 2013 conference.

Conference details can be found on the AMATYC website (www.amatyc.org).



Florida Section of MAA: Dec 5, 2014

The 39th Annual Suncoast Regional meeting for the Florida Section of MAA is set for Dec 5, 2014 at the University of South Florida Sarasota—Manatee campus. If anyone wants to present, an abstract must be sent in by Nov 10, 2014. See the website for details (<http://sections.maa.org/florida/>).



Joint Meeting of Florida Section of MAA/FTYCMA: Jan 23–24, 2014

The annual joint meetings of the MAA-Florida Section and FTYCMA will be held on Jan 23 and 24, 2015 on the campus of Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL. Those who wish to attend can pre-register at the MAA website (sections.maa.org/florida) until Jan 1, 2015. Also, anyone who wants to present a workshop or program talk can still send in an abstract by Dec 10, 2014. See the website for more details.

New Lifetime Members 2014

Please welcome new Lifetime Members added to the membership during Fall Retreat 2014:

Sarah Wyatt—Indian River State College
 Carl Clark—Indian River State College
 Michael Schramm—Indian River State College

FTYCMA Membership Form

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Are you a member of AMATYC _____ Yes _____ No

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- I. to encourage the development of effective mathematics programs;
- II. to afford a statewide forum for the sharing of ideas;
- III. to further develop and improve the mathematics curricula;
- IV. To further mathematics-related experiences of students two year colleges;
- V. to promote the professional welfare and development of its members.

LIFETIME MEMBERS OF FTYCMA

Benefits of the life membership include:

- ★ A certificate of lifetime membership
- ★ A laminated wallet-sized membership card
- ★ A FTYCMA lapel pin, and
- ★ A reserved position in the honor roll of life members at the FTYCMA website.

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