



Spring 2016



Spring 2016 NEWSLETTER



Special Dates of Interest

February 26 & 27, 2016
Joint Meeting of
MAA/FTYCMA Florida Section
Saint Leo University
Saint Leo, FL



November 17-20, 2016
42nd AMATYC Annual Conference
Denver, Colorado



National Summit on Developmental Mathematics
Hosted by AMATYC and NADE
March 15 & 16, 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My name is Ryan Kasha and I am the current president of FTYCMA. It is honor to have been the president during our 50th anniversary year.

FTYCMA is the Florida chapter of AMATYC. I am personally looking forward to our retreats where we celebrate, reflect, and discuss the state of college math education in Florida.

A lot has happened with the passing of SB 1720 in 2013. State colleges had to react very quickly to implement the changes made to developmental math education as well as the transition towards pathways. I know that each college developed and implemented a plan of action. Our approach might have been vastly different. However, one aspect holds true: we planned and implemented a plan that put students first. This was evident during our conversation during our last fall retreat in 2015.

In this past Fall's retreat, we focused our conversation on what the future of mathematics looks like in the 21st century. I know that this fall retreat was filled with engaging conversations, presentations, and reflection as we pave the way for the future of college mathematics in Florida. In addition, FTYCMA organized a special lunch on Saturday with a celebratory cake during the retreat. I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

Do not hesitate to contact me and let me know what FTYCMA can do for you! Remember that FTYCMA is the math faculty at Florida State Colleges with a focus on the first two year of mathematics. So, stay engaged and involved with your local AMATYC affiliate in Florida.

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Fall 2015 Retreat Highlights



The discussion format of the retreat was revisited and met with much enthusiasm. All attendants were able to participate in all discussions whether in the break out sessions or when the group met corporately. After the opening sessions, the group broke into three discussion strands, and this was done twice more allowing everyone to share ideas in each of the strands.

While there were some deviations from the topic at hand during the breakout sessions, all were in agreement that the discussions were fruitful and that the organization had enough information and collectible data to draft some kind of white paper on the future of General Education Mathematics. This paper would include what alternatives are working, what students (especially non-STEM students) need to be prepared for their majors or programs of study and what colleges should be prepared to do to accomplish this.

The feedback from participants were very positive and it is the consensus that this format will be utilized in future retreats.

We concluded the celebration of the 50th anniversary of FTYCMA with a luncheon and cake cutting ceremony at the Fall 2015 retreat

Teaching Excellence and Outstanding Services Awards

In even numbered years, FTYCMA presents a Teaching Excellence Award to one of its members who has at least 5 years of teaching experience, has exhibited outstanding teaching ability, and has created or adapted innovative teaching methods or materials. (Special consideration is given by the committee to those who have shared such practices with colleagues.)

The list of past honorees is:

1994 Bill Jordan (Seminole CC)
1996 Frank Ward (Indian River CC)
1998 Lou Cleveland (Chipola College)
2000 Bill Palow (Miami-Dade College)
2002 Martha Goshaw (Seminole CC)
2004 John Salak (Tallahassee CC)
2006 Dennis Runde (Manatee CC)
2008 Steven Grosteffon (Santa Fe College)
2010 Debbie Garrison (Valencia College)
2012 Don Ransford (Edison State College)
2014 Sandy Cohen (St. Petersburg College)

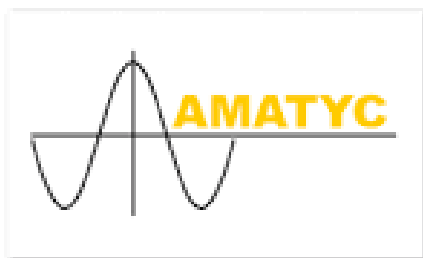
In odd numbered years, FTYCMA presents an Outstanding Service Award to one of its members who has made an exemplary contribution to the teaching profession through length of service, advocacy of mathematics education, and contributions both to the success of FTYCMA and to the progress of others in the field.

The list of past honorees is:

1993 Mike Mears (Manatee CC)
1995 Joan Golliday (Santa Fe CC)
1997 Moana Karsteter (Tallahassee CC)
1999 Glenn Smith (Santa Fe CC)
2001 Guesna Dohrman (Tallahassee CC)
2003 Carl Hensley (Indian River CC)
2005 Cliff Morris (Valencia CC)
2007 Norma Agras (Miami-Dade College)
2009 Janette Campbell (Palm Beach SC)
2011 Byron Dyce (Santa Fe College)
2013 Deepankar Rick Pal (Valencia College)
2015 Bill Hemme (St. Petersburg College)

Each award recipient is recognized at the spring meeting with a plaque and a cash award of \$100; and since the next spring meeting will be in 2015 (an odd-numbered year), it is time to consider a nominee for the Outstanding Service Award.

If you would like to nominate a member of FTYCMA for the Outstanding Service Award, and you are currently a member, then forward the recommended person's name along with supporting documentation to Ryan Kasha at rkasha@valenciacollege.edu .



AMATYC 2018 News

AMATYC 2018 comes to Central Florida in November of 2018 at Disney's Coronado Spring Resort in Orlando, Florida. Our very own Penny Morris, Past President and current board member of FTYCMA, is the local events Coordinator for the conference. Please make plans to attend and support FTYCMA and AMATYC.

AMATYC 2018 Theme and Logo Contest

The Local Events Committee is currently running a theme and logo contest for the 2018 AMATYC conference in Orlando, FL. A \$25 gift certificate will be awarded to each of the top three designs. If you wish to enter, please forward your entries to Penny Morris (pmorris@polk.edu) for consideration. The deadline for entering is May 4, 2016. The prize winning entries will be forwarded to the Conference Coordinator and the AMATYC Planning Council for final approval.



FTYCMA Rewards Outstanding Service

Nominations are now open for Teaching Excellence Award for 2016. If you would like to nominate a member of FTYCMA for the Teaching Excellence Award, and you are currently a member, then forward the recommended person's name along with supporting documentation to Ryan Kasha at rkasha@valenciacollege.edu.

Congratulations, Ryan!

Please join us at FTYCMA in congratulating DR. RYAN KASHA on the completion of his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Modeling and Simulation from the University of Central Florida, in the fall of 2015. His dissertation was "An Exploratory Comparison of a Traditional and an Adaptive Instructional Approach for College Algebra".



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Coming Up...



Joint Meetings of Florida Section of MAA/FTYCMA
February 26-27, 2016
Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, FL

The annual joint meetings of the MAA-Florida Section and FTYCMA will be held on February 26-27, 2016 on the campus of Saint Leo University. We invite talks (either 20 minutes or 45 minutes in duration) and workshops or special topic sessions (105 minutes) from mathematicians in the State University System, the Florida Community College System, and the state's private colleges and universities. Graduate and undergraduate students are also invited to participate. Pre-registration ends on Jan 30, 2016. See our events page <http://scf1.scf.edu/ftycma/html/events.htm> for more details.



42nd AMATYC Annual Conference
November 17–20, 2016
Denver, Colorado

The 42nd Annual conference of the American Mathematical Association for Two Year Colleges will be held on November 17th through the 20th this year in Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel in Denver Colorado. The deadline for Presenter proposals is February 1, 2016. Visit the AMATYC website www.amatyc.org for more information.

National Summit on Developmental Mathematics

Hosted by AMATYC and NADE, March 15 & 16, 2016

AMATYC and NADE are hosting a National Summit on Developmental Mathematics on March 15–16, 2016 in Anaheim, California at the Anaheim Marriott. This one and a half day institute will bring together those in the “front lines” of developmental mathematics education to discuss the different approaches being used across the country. The session will begin on Tuesday, March 15 at 1 p.m., with a panel discussion led by representatives of AMATYC, NADE, the National Center for Developmental Education, Carnegie Foundation, Dana Center and national experts. Concurrent sessions will follow that afternoon and all day on March 16. For more information, please visit <http://www.nade2016.net/math-summit.html>.

FTYCMA Membership Form

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Are you a member of AMATYC ____ Yes ____ No

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 We are not accepting credit card payments at this time.

**The Florida
 Two-Year College
 Mathematics
 Association**

is a non-profit, education association with the expressed purpose:

- 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 education and mathematics-related experiences of students in the first two years of college;
- IV. to promote the professional welfare and development of its members.

Benefits of Membership include:

- ★ Reduced admission to retreat
- ★ Opportunities for service
- ★ Opportunities to contribute to curriculum discussions that could lead to political action.

Benefits of the life membership include:

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

