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<h3>Save the Date</h3>  <p>47th AMATYC Annual Conference <i>Fired up for Math!</i> Phoenix, AZ October 28-31, 2021</p>	<p>As I finish serving as MichMATYC President later this month, I would like to thank everyone for their encouragement and support during the previous two years. It has truly been both a difficult and challenging time for everyone. However, if it were not through your continual support of the organization and for our students, we would not have been able to provide professional development during the past year through webinars and workshops. An idea that started as an avenue to bring everyone together to discuss their experiences and share best practices for teaching remotely, blossomed into a webinar series covering a diverse range of topics from diversity, equity, and inclusion; to inquiry-based learning. If you missed a webinar, I encourage you to visit our website or YouTube channel.</p> <p>I also want to personally thank our Executive Board – Julie Gunkelman, Sam Bazzi, and Shanna Simpson-Singleton. Each have been amazing to work with and I greatly appreciate their dedication to serve. I'm really ecstatic and looking forward to Julie's leadership when she becomes the next MichMATYC President in June. Sam does a fantastic job of keeping me informed about MichMATYC's finances and membership, and will continue as the Secretary/Treasurer. I would like to encourage everyone to consider volunteering through any open positions that you can assist within our organization.</p>
<h3>Save the Date</h3>  <p>MichMATYC Conference <i>Mathematics Support and Success: A Vision for the Future</i> Lansing Community College Lansing, MI October 8-9, 2021</p>	<p>During this spring, I attended several virtual conferences, including the MAA Michigan section annual meeting. I particularly enjoyed the educational and pedagogical presentations on standards-based grading, math course revisions, and instructional technology. However, the highlight every year are the student talks presenting their research at their very first math conference. I encourage you to attend next year's conference hosted by Grand Valley State University. One other important news from the conference was that Jon Oaks from Macomb Community College has been elected to serve a one-year term as the Two-Year College Vice Chair. I would like to thank Sang Lee for his service in this important position for the previous two years.</p>
	<p>Our MichMATYC Conference (see page 3) makes its return following a one-year hiatus later this year. The 2021 Conference will be held at Lansing Community College in Lansing, Michigan on October 8-9. This year's conference theme is <i>Mathematics Support and Success: A Vision for the Future</i> and will feature our keynote speaker Patrick Riley from Hopkinsville</p> <p>(continued on page 2)</p>

Message from the President

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Community College in Kentucky. Pat will be sharing with us techniques, benefits, and a few challenges from teaching math with an application based approach.

Rodger Irish and I are working diligently to organize another wonderful conference this year. We are still [accepting proposals](#) for presentations during the four break-out sessions (see pages 4-5). Whether it be a 45-minute session, panel discussion, or Ignite talk, please consider submitting a presentation proposal. The conference promises to be another great opportunity for us to learn and network with our colleagues across the state.

It is never too soon to start making plans for the [47th AMATYC Annual Conference](#) in Phoenix, Arizona on October 28-31. I continue to be impressed at the level of involvement of our MichMATYC members within the national organization and the annual conference. I hope to see another wonderful contingent of Michiganders getting *Fired Up for Math* in Phoenix!

In closing, I want to wish you a restful, relaxing, and wonderful summer! I encourage you to reach out to anyone on the MichMATYC Executive Board if you have suggestions or ideas to implement within the organization. You can either pass them to a member of the Executive Board or by email at board@michmatyc.org.

AMATYC Update from Midwest Vice President

Jon Oaks

*AMATYC Midwest Regional Vice President
Macomb Community College*

I can't believe that summer is already here! The number one thing that I've been asked in the past few months is – What is there to do this summer? So, if you're looking for some suggestions, you're in luck because I've got some!

Attend the **Position Statement Forum: Course Materials for Learning and Instruction** sponsored by the AMATYC Ad-Hoc/Task Force for the Textbook Position Statement on June 3. More information can be found at [this link](#).

Attend the **4th National Math Summit** sponsored by NOSS and AMATYC on June 14-15. More information can be found at [this link](#).

Get ready to vote in the **AMATYC Election!** This year all regular and lifetime AMATYC Midwest Region members as of June 30, 2021, will have the opportunity to vote for three positions in the AMATYC Election for the 2022-23 AMATYC Executive Board – President-Elect, Secretary, and Midwest Vice-President. Information on all candidates will be available on the [AMATYC website](#) this

summer. If you are eligible to vote, I encourage you to do so during the voting period from September 15-30.

Help spread the word about the **new AMATYC Project GAINS!** Although the main goal of Project GAINS is to form communities at the local level, we welcome anyone who is interested in encouraging undergraduate and graduate students to consider a career teaching mathematics at the two-year college level to request to join and participate in our online component: The Project GAINS community on [myAMATYC](#). If you're interested in joining our community, please visit the website www.amatyc.org/projectgains or contact me for more information.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- September 25 – WisMATYC Annual Conference in Racine, Wisconsin
- October 8-9 – MichMATYC Conference at Lansing Community College
- October 28-31 – 47th AMATYC Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. To find out more, visit the [conference website](#).

As always, thank you so much, and if you ever need anything, please reach out to me at jonoaks@amatyc.org. I hope you have a great summer!



MichMATYC Conference Returns This Fall

*Michael Pemberton
Lansing Community College*

Mark your calendars for this year’s MichMATYC Conference hosted by Lansing Community College on October 8-9, 2021. The theme for the conference is *Mathematics Support and Success: A Vision for the Future*, which combines academic and support services that empowers our students to become the next generation of leaders and changemakers!

Following a year hiatus due to the pandemic, we look forward to you joining us for another excellent MichMATYC Conference. [Lansing Community College](#) is excited to host the conference at its [West Campus](#), which will begin on Friday, October 8 until Saturday, October 9. Share the news with your colleagues and bring them along to the conference so that collectively and collaboratively, we may continue to forge forward to help our students attain their educational, career, and personal goals!



LCC’s West Campus is home to the college’s Technical Careers and Community Education and Workforce Development divisions, as well as

the Michigan Technical Education Training Center. The 290,536 square-foot facility features the [Center for Manufacturing Excellence](#), [Mid-Michigan Policy Academy](#), Regional Fire Training Center, and state-of-the-art auditorium and classrooms.

We are delighted to announce that this year’s keynote presenter will be Patrick Riley, Professor of Mathematics

at Hopkinsville Community College in Kentucky, and AMATYC Webinar Coordinator.

Pat’s presentation is *Application Based Teaching – From Iron Man to Buzz Lightyear and Everything in Between* will share techniques, benefits, and a few challenges from teaching math with an application based approach on Saturday, October 9.



As in previous years, Friday will be host to an afternoon of professional development during our annual Friday Workshop. This year’s evening event will be MichMATYC’s inaugural *Ignite!* session with all presenters having exactly five minutes each to present their exciting topic. Be prepared for an enjoyable and fast-paced evening of wonderful presentations!

On Saturday, the conference continues with our keynote presentation, great talks during four break-out sessions from practitioners from around the country, opportunities to visit our conference exhibitors, and the annual business meeting. Although the break-out sessions are filling quickly, it is still not too late to [submit a presentation](#) for this year’s conference. Submissions will be reviewed until all break-out session time slots are filled!

We will be monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic this summer/fall and work with LCC and MichMATYC to ensure that all health and safety guidelines during the conference are followed. Further details regarding the conference and workshop will be announced on the MichMATYC website, email, and *The Sum-Times* newsletter early this fall, including conference registration and website. We look forward in you joining us in Lansing!

Call for Presenters

*Michael Pemberton
Lansing Community College*

Proposals are still being accepted to present during the 2021 MichMATYC Conference until all break-out sessions are filled. This year’s conference is hosted by Lansing Community College on October 8-9 with the theme *Mathematics Support and Success: A Vision for the Future*. What makes each of our conferences great are the wonderful presentations and great host college each year!

There are several presentation formats to choose from regarding your proposal. We have the traditional 45-minute presentation during a break-out session. However, we also have options for presenting a workshop, panel discussion, commercial vendor presentation, or at our inaugural *Ignite!* session.

You may complete a presentation proposal using the link provided below and on our website.

[Presentation Proposal Form](#)

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Call for Presenters

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If you have done one of the following, then you are in a key position to present at this year’s conference:

- Attended a great presentation or workshop,
- Implemented a new course or different version of a course previously taught,
- Used innovative teaching/learning techniques,
- Introducing and evaluating critical thinking in the classroom,
- Participated in discussions/debates related to teaching mathematics,
- Share a topic that will enrich our understanding in a field of mathematics,
- Discuss how you implemented AMATYC Impact Live standards in your classroom.

We are planning to have four 45-minute break-out sessions during the conference. If you are interested in leading a break-out session, we want to hear from you. Some of the ideas for break-out sessions include:

- Math Pathways
- Corequisite Courses
- Critical Thinking in the Classroom
- Student Success Strategies
- Equity and Justice
- Best Practices for Teaching Online

These are ideas for the sessions. If you have other topics you would like to address, please feel free to submit those as well. We would love to hear your ideas!

During this year’s conference, we are also hosting the inaugural Ignite! session with all presenters having exactly five minutes to present their topic. If you have attended AMATYC Ignite!, then you know that it is one of the highlights of the conference.

The review of proposals will continue this summer until all break-out sessions are filled. Letters of invitation to present at the conference are expected to be emailed this summer.

We are looking so forward to seeing everyone at the conference in Lansing later this year!

Campus News

Henry Ford College

Jeanine DiDonato

Henry Ford College has made it through this very interesting year and are assessing what teaching strategies that we want to keep as we start to return to normal. Here are some changes that we have been working on this semester:

- We look forward to offering several Fall sections that will have a portion of their live instruction on campus, with the remainder of their live instruction online.
- We are actively discussing the changes in placement and in our course offerings that may be needed to comply with Michigan Reconnect.
- We worked throughout the Winter semester interviewing via Zoom and are pleased to announce two new full-time instructors beginning Fall 2021:

Nicholas Baran and Eng Hong (Michael) Sin.

- Nicholas Baran earned his B.S. and Ph.D. in Mathematics at Wayne State University and has been a lecturer there since 2014.
- Eng Hong (Michael) Sin earned both his B.S. in Science, Statistics, and Actuarial Science and his M.S. in Mathematics from the University of Central Oklahoma. He has taught at Odessa College in Texas since 2016.

Do you have exciting news and 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 September 2021!



Calling All Adjuncts

Pat Barrientos
 AMATYC Adjunct Faculty Issues Network Leader
 El Paso Community College

Greetings fellow adjuncts!
 My name is Pat Barrientos, Past President and President-Elect of the New Mexico Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (NMMATYC). I was honored this year to be appointed as the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges' (AMATYC) leader of the Adjunct Faculty Issues Network. AMATYC's mission is to "provide high quality professional development, to advocate and collaborate at all levels, and to build communities of learners for all involved in mathematics education in the first two years of college." AMATYC committees, such as the Adjunct Faculty Issues Network are crucial components in fulfilling this mission. This purpose of the Adjunct Faculty Issues Network is to:



- Improve the status of adjunct faculty within two-year colleges,
- Create and provide a supportive network for adjunct faculty within AMATYC membership,
- Discuss and disseminate information on issues that impact adjunct faculty within two-year colleges,

- Increase communication within AMATYC's committees and ANets to enhance professional networking and support systems for adjunct faculty at two-year colleges both within and beyond AMATYC,
- Provide greater professional development opportunities for adjunct faculty at two-year colleges,
- Cultivate and encourage greater participation of adjunct faculty in AMATYC and its affiliates.

To me, the main goal for this Adjunct Faculty Issues Network is to seek solutions to adjunct issues. It is not enough to merely discuss adjunct issues. Solutions need to be sought and achieved; otherwise, change will never be implemented. You are not "just" adjuncts. You are the backbone of colleges and universities nationwide. Let your voices be heard and be advocates for meaningful change.

I'm calling on all adjuncts interested in mathematics to join AMATYC (amatyc.org) and be involved by participating in the Adjunct Faculty Issues Network either at the 2021 AMATYC Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, or participate as a member on myAMATYC (my.amatyc.org), or both!

Take care and be safe,
 Pat Barrientos

Event Calendar

MichMATYC Conference

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

NOSSMi Annual Conference

- 2021: [Schoolcraft College, October 28-29](#)

MAA-Michigan Section Annual Meeting

- 2022: [Grand Valley State University](#)

Math in Action: Making Math Meaningful

- 2021: [Virtual Conference, February 20](#)

MAA MathFest

- 2021: [Sacramento, CA, August 4-7](#)
 2022: Washington, DC, August 3-6

AMATYC Annual Conference

- 2021: [Phoenix, AZ, October 28-31](#)
 2022: Toronto, ON, November 17-20
 2023: Omaha, NE, November 9-12
 2024: Atlanta, GA, November 14-17

NOSS Annual Conference

- 2021: [Virtual Conference, June 15-18](#)
 2022: Atlanta, GA, March 17-20
 2023: Nashville, TN, March 2-5

NCTM Annual Meeting & Exposition

- 2021: [Atlanta, GA, September 22-25](#)
 2022: Los Angeles, CA, September 28-October 1

Joint Mathematics Meetings

- 2022: [Seattle, WA, January 5-8](#)
 2023: Boston, MA, January 4-7

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Thank You, Shanna!	
<p><i>Michael Pemberton</i> <i>Lansing Community College</i></p> <p>After a year of requesting, collecting, organizing, proofreading, and editing countless articles for <i>The MichMATYC Sum-Times</i>, Shanna Simpson-Singleton has decided to step down as the Newsletter Editor. We have been very fortunate as an organization and I appreciate all the hard and tireless work she has</p>	<p>contributed to the newsletter. I have truly enjoyed working with Shanna on the newsletter over the past year to see the electronic newsletter published three times.</p> <p>A successor to Shanna to serve as the next Newsletter Editor is now underway and will remain open until filled. If you are interested in serving the organization in this position, please inform a member of the MichMATYC Executive Board or email at board@michmatyc.org.</p>

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From the Editor

The deadline for articles to be included in the next edition of *The MichMATYC Sum-Times* is **September 10, 2021**.

