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32nd Annual NMMATYC Conference

Due to the pandemic, NMMATYC is considering hosting a virtual conference in Spring 2021. We will be asking you for your feedback through the election voting which will be sent to you soon.

Thank you for being a member of NMMATYC!

Message from the NMMATYC President

Greetings NMMATYC Members,

I hope everyone is well and staying safe. My last president's letter to you all, unfortunately, ended on a very unhappy note with the cancelling of the 2020 NMMATYC conference caused by a global pandemic that continues to wreak havoc on humanity. In my hometown of El Paso, Texas, the number of COVID-19 cases has risen to an all-time high with 717 new cases reported in one day resulting in new restrictions. This is not the "new-normal." There is nothing normal about the loss of lives of millions of people world-wide, wearing masks, keeping six feet apart in public establishments, and avoiding family gatherings. It's not normal for schools, colleges, and universities to all but shut down and resort to almost all instruction being done virtually. It's not normal to hear the terms "low enrollment" in conjunction with "reduction in workforce." Many adjuncts did not have jobs this fall semester, and full-time faculty may suffer the same fate as the pandemic continues to rage unfettered and enrollment decreases with each semester.



Beyond the NMMATYC conference being cancelled, NMMATYC was affected by the pandemic in other ways. The elections were postponed and will be held this fall. Neither president-elect Elizabeth Gamboa nor I felt the elections should have been held in the spring due to the overwhelming transition faculty had

to make in preparing for online instruction. On behalf of the NMMATYC executive board, we would like to thank you for your patience and understanding in these extraordinary times. I wish Liz all the best when she assumes the role of NMMATYC president!

Moving forward, AMATYC is hosting a free virtual conference this year; however, you do need to register in advance (<https://amatyc.org/page/2020ConfHome>). The conference will be held on three consecutive Fridays in November. November 6, 13 and 20, so don't miss out and register! More details on the conference can be found in this newsletter. NMMATYC is also contemplating a virtual conference. A survey will be sent out to receive member feedback.

Also, in this newsletter, you will find the biographies of the NMMATY executive board candidates for president, myself, Patricia Barrientos, for treasurer, Veronica Murga, and for secretary, Miguel Mendoza. Please be on the alert for the ballot coming soon via email. Included on the ballot is an opportunity to vote for or against approving NMMATYC's board membership to include NMMATYC Historian, to be appointed by the president. The role of historian is, in my opinion, essential to preserving NMMATYC's history, some of which, lamentably, has been lost. As NMMATYC president, one of my goals was to give our website a fresh, new look, thanks to the efforts of Jeremy Ramirez, NMMATYC newsletter editor, who worked above and beyond the scope of his duties and used his technology skills to make my visions of what I wanted our website to look like a reality. We were able to update the scholarship winners, and the Student Math League winners and create an Archive link that includes NMMATYC newsletters, conference programs, meeting minutes and agendas, and for transparency, the treasurer reports. A Photos link was also included as well as a tribute to Michelle Jimenez, Vicki Froehlich, and David Lovelock. I'd also like to thank Dr. Joanne Peeples for sharing programs and photos to add to the website. Acquiring and organizing this information was no easy task, and now we need a NMMATYC historian to ensure NMMATYC's history will continue to be updated and maintained.

In closing, I have to say I was highly disappointed that the NMMATYC 2020 conference was cancelled. It was a tremendous amount of work, and I was so looking forward to meeting Dr. Ken Ono! I want to again thank Adrian Delgado for his efforts as co-chair of the conference. Finally, it has been a privilege and honor to serve all the NMMATYC members as president for the past two years. I am a candidate for the NMMATYC presidency once again because I do not feel I had time to accomplish all the goals I envisioned; however, I feel that many of them came into fruition. Our website has a great new look with improved features, our founding members and others who have contributed to the association were honored, our newsletter was the best I've ever seen, the conference link was up and running in record time, and the conference -that -never-was would have been spectacular! Also, beginning this summer, I was honored to serve as a member of the AMATYC Adjunct/Retiree Rate Taskforce alongside former AMATYC president Jim Ham, current president Kate Kozak, April Strom and Jon Oaks among others. The goal is to revise the bylaws so that adjuncts and retirees can be members of the AMATYC executive board and serve on leadership positions without having to forego their discounted membership rate in order to become a Regular member which would then enable them to hold those positions. I heartily applaud AMATYC for its continued support for adjuncts!

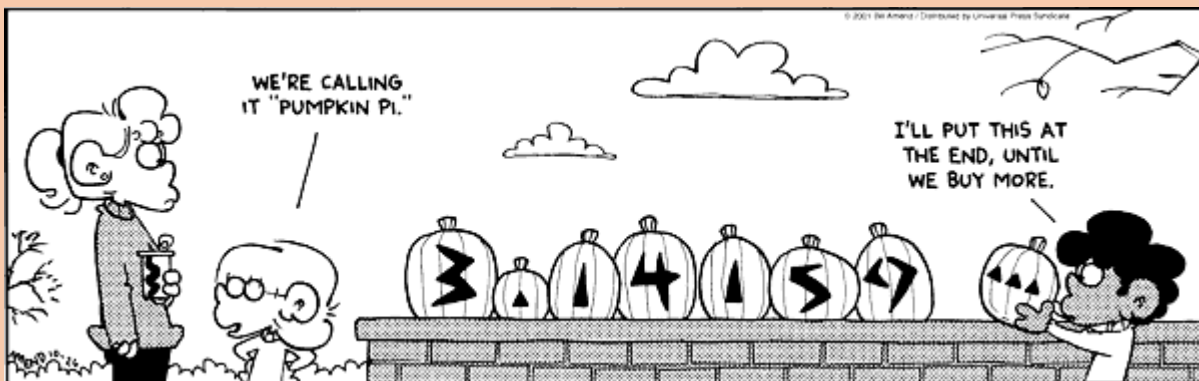
Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who helped and supported me these past two years. In particular, I'd like to thank, once again, our newsletter editor, Jeremy Ramirez who wore so many hats! Thanks so very much Jeremy; you're awesome!

And again, thank you all as well, and I hope to have the conference-that-never was in two years!

Stay safe and be well,

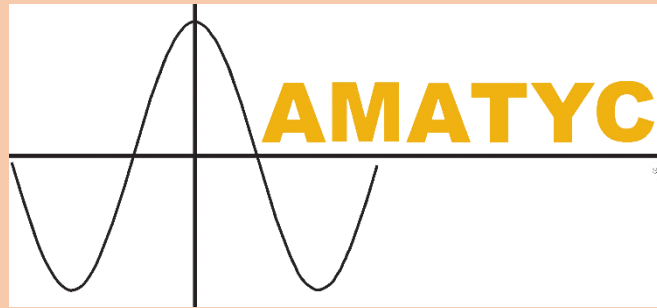
Pat Barrientos

NMMATYC President



2020 AMATYC Virtual Conference

From AMATYC:



Registration is open for the 2020 AMATYC Virtual Conference! The conference will be held on **November 6, 13, and 20**, with each Friday's events beginning at **11:00 am Eastern**. The conference is free for everyone, thanks to the generous support of our Corporate Sponsors. To join in on the fun, you must go to the AMATYC website and register.

[Register here!](#)

Check out this sample of outstanding sessions that will be offered!

November 6 - Hosted by Hawkes Learning

Faculty Ownership of Equity: Is Your Vision Really 2020?
Collaboration and Mindsets in a Virtual Mathematics Experience
Saving Future Teachers Money Through OER and Virtual Manipulatives
Removing Barriers for Students of Color in the STEM Math Pathway
Analyzing Movie and TV Scenes Using Math

November 13 - Hosted by McGraw-Hill

Chances of a Fair World: Equity Topics for Probability & Statistics
New Research and Practice Frontiers in the Two-Year College Landscape
PIC Math: Industry Projects For Ownership, Engagement, and Proficiency
Is a Corequisite Class in Your Future? Come See What's Inside!
Calculus 1 & 2 Models: Wedding Bells, Nerf Guns, & Duct Tape

November 20 - Hosted by Wiley

Improving Engagement & Interaction in Online Discussions
Flip into Active Learning
Culturally Responsive Teaching in Collegiate Mathematics
Teaching Statistical Thinking
Communication, Connections, and Conceptual Clarity

Other conference activities include the Virtual Ignite 2020! event on November 14, the Delegate Assembly on November 21, and AMATYC Committee and ANet meetings being held throughout November.

Although you don't have to be a member to attend the conference, we encourage everyone to consider becoming a member of AMATYC. We also encourage our current members to extend their memberships so that you'll be ready for Phoenix 2021!

[Become a Member of AMATYC!](#)

The AMATYC Foundation is launching a fundraising drive. The popular Dot Campaign is occurring again this year. To donate to the AMATYC Foundation and participate in the Dot Campaign, please visit this link.

[Dot Campaign](#)

Click this image to go to the 2020 AMATYC Virtual Conference website for more details about the conference!



The banner features a green background with a white border. On the left is the AMATYC Spokane 2020 Vision logo, which includes a stylized building and the text "AMATYC SPOKANE 2020 VISION FOR THE FUTURE". To the right of the logo is a starburst graphic containing the word "FREE" and the text "2020 AMATYC Virtual Conference". Below these elements is a horizontal line. Underneath the line are three white boxes, each containing a logo and hosting information: Hawkes Learning (Hosting: November 6), Mc Graw Hill ALEKS (Hosting: November 13), and Wiley (Hosting: November 20). At the bottom of the banner, a black text box contains the registration details: "Registration details can be found at www.amatyc.org/2020ConfHome."

2020 Scholarship Winners

We would like to honor the 2020 scholarship winners!

Michelle Jimenez Scholarship Winner

Wendy Puche Umbarita

New Mexico State University



Vicki Froehlich Scholarship Winner
Gage Zacharzuk
University of New Mexico – Valencia Campus



NMMATYC Executive Board Nominees

Nominee for President-Elect

Pat Barrientos

El Paso Community College

Hi NMMATYC members! My name is Pat Barrientos from El Paso Community College. I would like to run for President-Elect of NMMATYC. It was an honor and privilege to have served as your president for the past two years. I feel I was successful in accomplishing many of my goals as president of NMMATYC. Our website has a great new look with improved features, our founding members and others who have contributed to the association were honored, our newsletter was the best I've ever seen, the conference link was up and running in record time, and I secured the internationally acclaimed and recognized Dr. Ken Ono to speak at our 2020 conference. I also endeavored to complete NMMATYC's history on our website and add the role of historian to the board. I would like to accomplish the rest of my goals for our organization as president which include increasing NMMATYC and AMATYC membership and acquiring funds to increase scholarships and secure internationally known speakers.



I am a math instructor at El Paso Community College, Transmountain campus in El Paso, Texas. I have worked at EPCC for 16 years. I have been a NMMATYC member since 2008 and have served on the board for the past four years. I am an AMATYC delegate and an active member of AMATYC's ANET's Adjunct Faculty Issues. As part of this group, I contributed to the AMATYC position statement titled "Best Practices in Employment of Adjunct Faculty." I am the newly elected Vice-President of Adjuncts on EPCC's Faculty Senate. I have been a member of EPCC's Hispanic Heritage Committee from 2016 to the present. I organized a walking tour of the Transmountain campus a year ago in order to identify areas where improved access for the disabled could be implemented. I have been fortunate to have been honored with several EPCC awards which include the TM Faculty of the Month Award in 2012, the Adjunct Faculty Achievement Award in 2009 and 2015, and the EPCC Diamond Award in 2016.

Please consider voting for me as your next President-Elect. It will be my pleasure to serve you and our organization once again!

Thank you,
Pat Barrientos

Nominee for Treasurer

Verónica Murga

Doña Ana Community College

Verónica is running for treasurer. She looks forward to fulfilling her duties as treasurer by keeping accurate financial records, collecting membership dues, paying bills in accordance to the annual budget approved by the executive board and president, and providing financial reports at each meeting. As an officer and member of the executive board, she looks forward to working with its other members in carrying out NMMATYC's objectives.

Verónica was born in El Paso, Texas. She graduated from The University of Texas at El Paso in May 2007 with a Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics. She has taught at the community college level for 10 years, courses ranging from developmental mathematics to business calculus. She currently teaches College Algebra, Integrated Algebra Skills/Intermediate Algebra, and Statistics. Her passion is to instill in her students the relevance of mathematics by utilizing projects as part of her teaching. As part of keeping her students engaged, she also likes to incorporate new technology in the classroom. During her personal time, she enjoys traveling, watching movies, and spending quality time with her husband and three children.



Nominee for Secretary

Miguel Mendoza

El Paso Community College

I recently attended my first MAA MathFest in Ohio and it has inspired me to get more involved in our regional Mathematics groups. I especially like the idea of presenting/understanding mathematical topics through the lens of subjects that lend themselves to certain math concepts, such as gaming and art. I would like to help foster this type of atmosphere within the NMMATYC organization and conferences.

Miguel Mendoza is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at El Paso Community College. Mr. Mendoza has been at EPCC for 5 years teaching STEM and prospective-teacher mathematics courses. He has a Master's in Teaching Mathematics from the University of Texas at El Paso and has previously presented twice at the Psychology for Mathematics Education North American Conference with Dr. Kien Lim (UTEP) on analytic versus impulsive learning dispositions. Mr. Mendoza has also presented at a previous NMMATYC conference and a New Mexico Mathematics Summit on what it is like to teach a Dana Center course.



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Articles for the Next Newsletter?

If you want to share any exciting news going on in your college, interesting presentation, best practices in the classroom, or events happening in the world of mathematics, have it published in the next NMMATYC Newsletter! Submit your articles to Jeremy Ramirez at newsletter@nmmatyc.com

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