

# SCCTM News September 3, 2020

## Conference News

Dear members, friends, and supporters of SCCTM,

As a team of presidents (past, present, and future), we write to you to share news, excitement, and encouragement. Your SCCTM Board members have been hard at work all summer determining the best course of action for our upcoming conference scheduled for November. In order to be well informed of the preferences of our membership, we gathered data and feedback during virtual coffee chats, from polls and surveys. The results of the data are overwhelmingly supportive of cancelling any in-person events for the fall and even for the spring semester. As such, we have cancelled our event in Greenville, SC that was scheduled for November 19-20, 2020.

During these unprecedented times, we have focused on what we might do to support and inspire our members and would-be conference attendees. As a result, we have committed to the following actions:

Host a series of conversations with leaders in our field to be held from 4pm – 7pm on the second Thursday of each of the following months: October, November, January, February and March with our Annual Business meeting taking place on Friday, November 13th.

Support our members by providing a vast array of real-time presentations, videos, vendor presentations, breakout/chat rooms, and, of course, the ever-popular DOOR PRIZES! (Note: only members will be eligible for door prize drawings)

Make the cost affordable to our members (free to all members and only \$50 for non-members to attend ALL of the online events).

Keep the fee associated with receiving certificates for continuing education credits low.

The start of this school year will be like no other that we've experienced. Know that you are a part of an organization that is devoted to supporting one another – reach out to each other

and stay connected. We wish that all your creativity and problem-solving skills will help make this a wonderful start of the new year.

We often celebrate the “firsts”...first day of school, first birthday, first day of college, first day as a teacher...and we hope, while it may be different, you’ll continue to celebrate this first day. While we could dwell on the crazy spring that we completed; an odd summer which included no vacation time for most of us; or the loss of a conference; instead we focus on celebrating the first ever online non-conference - this year “SCCTM” means: Staying Connected: Conversations with Teachers of Mathematics.

Thank you to all educators and supporters of great educational opportunities. We hope to “SEE” you in October!

Wishing you all the best in learning

Ryan Higgins - President

Alisa Hobgood - President Elect

Marc Drews - Past President and Program Chair

### **Scholarship Deadline Approaching**

The SCCTM **Preservice Scholarship Program** provides financial assistance of \$1,500 to deserving preservice teachers who express their intention to specialize in the teaching of mathematics. Up to three scholarships will be awarded each year depending upon the availability of funds.

**Applications are due on or before September 15.**

Requirements and the Scholarship Application are found in the [Preservice Scholarship document](#).

The SCCTM **Educator's Scholarship**, established in memory of deceased SCCTM members, provides financial assistance of \$1,500 to a teacher pursuing an advanced degree in mathematics, mathematics education, or elementary education with an emphasis in mathematics. One scholarship will be awarded each year depending upon the availability of funds.

**Applications are due on or before September 15.**

Requirements and the Scholarship Application are found in the [Educator Scholarship document](#).

## Awards Deadline Extended

The SCCTM has two awards to recognize the efforts of individuals who have made significant contributions to mathematics education in South Carolina - the Outstanding Contributions to Mathematics Education Award and the Richard W. Riley Award. Both awards celebrate the individual's time, energy, expertise, and commitment towards the improvement of mathematics education in our state. Their efforts have made positive differences for mathematics educators as well as impacted students' learning of mathematics across South Carolina. These awards recognize contributions in curriculum, instruction and/or assessment of mathematics.

Information on criteria and nomination forms are available on the SCCTM website or through this direct link: [here](#).

The deadline for nominating someone for these awards has been extended to November 30.

## Officer Candidates

The following individuals have been nominated for SCCTM office. There were typos in the original announcement in the last e-blast, they have been corrected. Biographies are available on the SCCTM website.

Vice President Secondary: Machell Sprauve, Alva White

Secretary: Brantay Cohens, Debra Runyon

NCTM Representative: Christy Fricks, , Rachael Smilowitz

Vice-President Elementary Savannah Catoe, Amanda Snipe

Links to candidate bios may be found on the SCCTM website main page.

## SCCTM Book Study: Dine and Discuss

The second Dine & Discuss event, originally planned for September 17, 2020, has been postponed indefinitely.

## Resources for virtual/online learning

In light of the announcement for school closings across the state and the movement of virtual learning becoming a necessity, we want to collaborate and share free, developmentally appropriate materials for our colleagues. We have asked for posts of links to these materials on our [Facebook](#) page.

## At Home Math Activities

Transform the home into a math learning lab, using the architecture and everyday items in your home. Sponsored by STEMteachersNYC.

<https://facebook.com/events/s/>