

### [SCCTM Conference News:](#)

From Bill Whitmire, program chair:

Hope all of you are having a wonderful summer: relaxing in the cool mountains or swimming in the ocean. I know some of you are taking summer courses or attending workshops. Teaching and/or learning mathematics never seems to take a day off. But that is why we teach math. It is not too early to make plans to attend the Fall 2017 conference on November 16-17 in Greenville.

The Conference will begin with an Opening Session with Dr. Ed Burger as the Keynote speaker. If you have not heard Dr. Burger, you are in for a mathematical treat. Following the Opening Session, we will have our usual workshops, sessions, and keynote speakers and end the day on Thursday with our annual business meeting. Plan to attend all. In the business meeting, you will meet the new and old officers, renew ties with colleagues, and make new acquaintances. Sometime the best ideas come from fellow teachers and the business meeting is a great way to meet each other. Be sure to attend the closing session on Friday, we will have with Jon Wolf from Big Ideas Learning, LLC and give away fabulous door prizes.

Those of us who have attended the conference in past know how much mathematics there is to have learned and, in turn, shared with our students. We all share a common goal to provide the best mathematical experiences for our students.

Our goal this year is to have at least 1000 in attendance. So now go to <http://www.scctm.org> and register. To make the conference even better, ask a fellow teacher to come with you. If we all invited at least one new person to attend the conference and to become a member of SCCTM, we could make this organization one of the best in the nation.

### [SCCTM Scholarships:](#)

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](#).

### [Teacher Grants:](#)

The SCCTM Grants Committee would like to congratulate Debra Otap, Masha Neal, and Christi Fricks on being awarded a SCCTM Teacher Grant. Debra Otap is a teacher at Wando High School. Funds from her proposal, DRIVENedu, will help her purchase technology to support 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in investigating a variety of statistical methods. Marsha Neal teaches 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Hardeeville-Ridgeland Middle School. Funds from her proposal, Let's Mix it All Up!, will help her purchase books, aligned to standards, which will help students realize the real-life application of the mathematics they learn in school. Christi Fricks teaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Riverside Middle School. Mrs. Frick's will use grant funds for her proposal, Repairing the "I'm Bad at Math" Attitude, to purchase various materials that will help her "design and sustain a discourse-rich, inquiry-based environment in the classroom that promotes individual engagement, small-group interaction, and whole-class discussions."

SCCTM is pleased to announce that four SCCTM Teacher Grants will be awarded next year. Please consider submitting a grant proposal!

[Pre-service Affiliates:](#)

This August is a great time to begin a pre-service math teacher organization. Pre-service teachers who are members of a NCTM affiliate organization are given a free one-year NCTM membership and are linked with other student affiliate groups across the nation. It's never too late to begin a pre-service math teacher organization! To begin a pre-service math teacher organization and become a NCTM affiliate, simply follow the directions at this link: <https://www.nctm.org/Affiliates/Join/Starting-a-Student-Affiliate/> To become a SCCTM affiliate, contact SCCTM's President, Morondo Lewis.

[Notes from the NCTM Representative:](#)

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