

SCCTM News May 2017

SCCTM Fall Conference:

From SCCTM Conference Program Chair Bill Whitmire:

Hope all of you are having a good year teaching Mathematics and are making plans to attend the Fall 2017 conference on November 16-17 in Greenville. If you have a great mathematics lesson that you have used with your students, how about sharing it with your fellow teachers by presenting present a session or workshop. Go to www.scctm.org and fill out a speaker proposal.

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 Awards:

The SCCTM has two awards to recognize the efforts of individuals who have made significant contributions to the 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.

The SCCTM Outstanding Contribution to Mathematics Award nominations may be submitted annually to SCCTM to honor, if selected, one or more mathematics educators. Recipients may be recognized for their contributions in one or more of the following areas:

Contribution to SCCTM and other professional organizations;

Classroom teaching, instruction, and/or assessment;

Curriculum design, presentations, and program development;

Authorship and/or research.

The SCCTM Richard W. Riley Award was established to pay tribute to those whose work has advanced mathematics education in South Carolina even though they are not mathematics educators.

To find specific information about each of the awards, lists of past awardees, and to nominate a deserving individual, please go to www.scctm.org hover over Scholarships & Grants in the black bar near the top of the page and then click Awards.

Nominations are due by July 15.

SCCTM Educator's Scholarship:

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. Check it out on <http://www.scctm.org> . Contact the Scholarship Committee Chair, Bridget Coleman at BridgetC@usca.edu with questions or for more details.

Notes from the NCTM Representative:

Enhance Your Professional Development with NCTM Membership

Resources, research, an extensive network of peers, and exclusive member savings

As a mathematics educator or researcher, your passion is ensuring that all students receive the highest quality math education possible. Membership in NCTM means access to the resources you need to turn your passion into measurable student learning outcomes.

In addition to exclusive resources and the latest research, membership in NCTM connects you to a network of over 60,000 fellow math educators who share your commitment to student success. Enhance your teaching expertise when you exchange solutions and first-hand insights with this extensive network.

Join NCTM today to get TONS of resources and professional development!

Go to the following link to become a member: <http://www.nctm.org/Membership/>

Have you ever considered attending a conference to gain CCUs or just for networking and ideas? You might consider one of these or attending the NCTM Annual Conference in Washington, DC next April!

The National Math Club Gold and Silver Level Schools:

Source: <https://www.mathcounts.org/programs/math-club/2017goldandsilver>:

The following schools in SC achieved the Gold Level in The National Math Club:

Schofield Middle School in Aiken. Leader: Elaind Gaumer

Dent Middle School in Columbia. Leader: Cathy Stinson

Dutchman Creek Middle School in Rock Hill. Leader: James Anderson

John W. Moore Middle School in Florence. Leader: Shelly Flud

These schools achieved the Silver Level:

Sandy Run K-8 in Swansea. Leader: Randy Walker

Southeast Middle School in Hopkins. Leader: Marife Empleo

The Torus Club in Clemson. Leader: Dania Zantout

SCDE News:

The South Carolina Department of Education is accepting applications for an Elementary Mathematics Education Association position. Information can be found [here](#):

http://agency.governmentjobs.com/sc/default.cfm?action=viewJob&jobID=1735227&hit_count=yes&headerFooter=1&promo=0&transfer=0&WDDXJobSearchParams=%3CwddxPacket%20version%3D%271%2E0%27%3E%3Cheader%2F%3E%3Cdata%3E%3Cstruct%3E%3Cvar%20name%3D%27TRANSFER%27%3E%3Cstring%3E0%3C%2Fstring%3E%3C%2Fvar%3E%3Cvar%20name%3D%27CATEGORYID%27%3E%3Cstring%3E-1%3C%2Fstring%3E%3C%2Fvar%3E%3Cvar%20name%3D%27FIND_KEYWORD%27%3E%3Cstring%3E%3C%2Fstring%3E%3C%2Fvar%3E%3Cvar%20name%3D%27PROMOTIONALJOBS%27%3E%3Cstring%3E0%3C%2Fstring%3E%3C%2Fvar%3E%3C%2Fstruct%3E%3C%2Fdata%3E%3C%2FwddxPacket%3E

Applications are due May 30th.

News from our Partners:

Greetings from EdVenture

EdVenture's 2017-18 school and group program is online and hard copies (remember those?) will be mailed out before the end of the school. For an copy, please visit

<http://edventure.org/media/2077/edventure-school-program-guide.pdf>

We are ready to book our programs for next year. Please take note of a special fundraising opportunity where schools can use EdVenture for their family engagement nights and earn money at the same time. Details can be found in the guide.

We have added new programs based on feedback from our teachers and we have adjusted the prices to make the experience the best bargain around for schools and their families.

Please let me know if there is any way we can enhance the work you do to inspire the joy of learning every day.

Here's to making a difference in the lives of young people and their families.

Thanks to some kind supporters, prices have been dropped to encourage more participation from our school groups-- especially, using the visit as a common experience for all children that is used as a springboard for instruction.

We also have family engagement opportunities that include a fundraising opportunity, as well a free school group program for participating schools. More information can be found on page 17 of the brochure.

<http://www.edventure.org/media/2077/edventure-school-program-guide.pdf>

EdVenture is grateful for the ongoing partnership with the organization and its members' interest and support of our work to inspire the joy of learning, directing our efforts to improve early literacy, health and nutrition, STEAM education, and the importance of youth/workforce development.