SCCTM News November 8, 2020

Voting

Voting for SCCTM Officers is open!

The following individuals have been nominated for SCCTM office. 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 and the voting link may be found on the SCCTM website main page. You must be logged in to vote.

You may also access the ballot here: **VOTE HERE** but you will need to log in with your sectm username and password to get to the ballot.

Voting closes at noon on November 12.

Conference News

Please Register for the event November 12 if you have not yet done so

The next virtual event of our 2020-2021 offerings is planned for Thursday, November 12, 2020. Our keynote speaker will be Francis Su, who will speak on Mathematics for Human Flourishing. The SCCTM Annual Business Meeting will immediately follow the event.

To see details and schedules for all the planned events, visit <u>http://scctm.org/</u>"

Although there is no fee for this event for members, we are accepting donations. Follow this link to donate to SCCTM.

Fundraisers for SCCTM

As many of you know, the annual in person conference that SCCTM has held each year for decades helps SCCTM earn the funds in order to support the scholarship and grants programs. SCCTM has always been able to keep membership and conference registration fees low due to the support from the vendors who reserve exhibit hall booths and so generously make donations toward the coffee breaks and reception for our members. Without the conference and its exhibit booth sales, our finance committee has had to rework and rethink what is now a very constricted budget.

Several of our board members have already made large donations to SCCTM recently. If you are able to help support SCCTM at this time, you may donate online at: <u>scctm.org/donations</u> or you may mail a check made out to SCCTM, 6 Sandalwood Lane, Sumter, South Carolina 29154.

T-shirt Fundraiser

Please show you math teacher pride and help SCCTM support scholarships and grants for mathematics educators in South Carolina by ordering a tshirt at: .<u>https://www.bonfire.com/scctm/</u>

When you order a tshirt, it will be mailed to your home and it will arrive prior to Christmas. SCCTM will recieve about 25% of the proceeds.

MathMate

The September 2020 Issue of the MathMate is available on the SCCTM webpage or via this link:

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: <u>http://scctm.org/Awards</u>

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

Join or Renew NCTM membership

We encourage you to join NCTM. When you join or renew please use the following affiliate code SCCTMLC20

Opportunity from SCDE CTE

Interactive Career Awareness Toolbox

SC CTE EDUCATORS: Introduce Students to Math Skills as they Relate to STEM and Computer Science Careers in Learning Blade $^{(m)}$

The South Carolina Department of Education Office of Career Technical Education (CTE) is providing Learning Blade to schools in SC. Receive your school's free

account by registering at www.learningblade.com/SC

Learning Blade exposes students to high-demand STEM and Computer Science careers through 200+ hours of interactive STEM and Computer Science activities aligned to mathematics standards for Grades 5-9.

Request free virtual PD/training or ask questions by emailing info@learningblade.com

Submissions for the e-blast

The SCCTM sends out a monthly news blast. The format for submissions is a short (less than 250 words) description paragraph and links to any flyers or forms on the originating organization's website/storage. This format avoids us housing other organization's documents/flyers on our server or sending out attachment files to thousands of contacts. All submissions must also meet our mission as stated on our website:

"The South Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics acts to support quality mathematics teaching by advocating at the state level for South Carolina educators and students; providing opportunities for leadership, professional development, and networking; and encouraging the creation of research-based curriculum, instruction, and assessment."