

SCCTM News March 2018

[SCCTM Conference 2018](#)

Registration is open for the SCCTM Annual Fall Conference will be held November 14 – 15 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center in Columbia, SC. November 14th will be a special keynote address at 7:00 pm, and the 15th and 16th will be traditional conference days. To register, look for the blue box on the main page of the SCCTM website or follow this link:

<https://scctm.wildapricot.org/event-2804864>

SCCTM is accepting proposals for the 2018 Fall Math Conference being held in Columbia, South Carolina. We especially seek proposals that will enrich participants with practical, imaginative, and innovative applications for teaching, assessment, planning, implementation and highly effective leadership practices.

New approaches, opportunities to learn new skills, and a spotlight on new resources are of high value for the 2018 South Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference. We welcome 60 and 75-minute session proposals and 2 ½ hour work-shop and math trail proposals. We also offer gallery type sessions. Based on attendee feedback from previous conferences, 75-minute time slots are highly encouraged to be interactive learning sessions engaging participants with a facilitated exercise or experiential learning.

To make your proposal submission easy, this year, proposals will be submitted via an online form which will prompt you through your proposal's title, a summary of your presentation's subject and content, as well as its most critical learning objectives and target audiences. A link will soon be shared with our membership, asking for you presentation proposals. Please be working on your proposal ideas and be looking for that email message so that you can get your proposals in and accepted before the summer deadline. Acceptance decisions will be emailed by the end of June 2018.

Online form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpp4YvlqI_CzSMCvEZ_T8MuSE2Na1k3UKtV91Y9Ptcnze67A/viewform?usp=sf_link

[Message from Marc Drews, President-elect](#)

The SCCTM makes grant funds available each year to support SCCTM members interested in implementing projects in mathematics-related areas. Individual grant awards of up to \$1,500 are available by completing the application found by visiting our site at <http://scctm.org/Grant>

One of the highlights of the upcoming NCTM Conference in late-April will be the opportunity to hear Francis Su, past president of the Mathematical Association of America. His work is

inspiring and two recommendations that I'd like to share with members and friends include viewing his short clip found at the first link below and reading an article that captures his story by visiting the second link.

Our work to influence the thinking of our citizens to see mathematics differently needs to be accelerated. As a professional organization, it has become imperative that we inform the public that the teaching and learning of mathematics is far more than the results of an end-of-year test. We teach so much more and our influence is great--our message needs to be heard.

Thanks for being a member of the SCCTM.

1- <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=UitkuhpDUpc>

2- <https://www.quantamagazine.org/math-and-the-best-life-an-interview-with-francis-su-20170202/>

[Educator's Scholarship:](#)

SCCTM wants to help you further your degree with the Educator's Scholarship! Apply by September 15, 2018. This scholarship provides financial assistance of \$1500 to a teacher pursuing an advanced degree in mathematics, mathematics education, or elementary education with an emphasis in mathematics. Eligibility requirements and an application form are available on the SCCTM website at www.scctm.org. You may access the application directly at http://www.scctm.org/resources/Documents/SCCTM%20Educator_2018.pdf. Contact Bridget, the Committee Chair, at BridgetC@usca.edu for more details.

[SCCTM MathMate News](#)

The MathMate is the official journal of the South Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The issues are designed to feature articles about innovative mathematical classroom practices, important and timely educational issues, pedagogical methods, theoretical findings, significant mathematical ideas, and hands-on classroom activities and disseminate this information to students, educators and administrators.

The December 2017 issue of the MathMate is available on the SCCTM website: <http://www.scctm.org>.

[NCTM News](#)

The NCTM Annual Meeting and Exposition is April 25 – 28 in Washington, DC. Early bird registration ends March 23. More registration information can be found here: <https://www.nctm.org/annualreg/>

[Edventure Offerings](#)

EdVenture has its school and group programs posted to its website and would like to encourage teachers and families to check out the changes that we have made, including new programs and a reduced group rate for our school groups. We know that all young people are shaped by special experiences like those provided at EdVenture.

<http://www.edventure.org/programs/school-and-group-programs/>

Another new feature is our offering School Fundraising Nights (also referred to as Family Engagement Nights) this year. (September to May)

Schools may schedule a night by calling 803-400-1150 and share the estimated number of guests so we can arrange for our staffing needs. The event will be from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. All guests over two years old will pay \$3 of which \$2 will be returned to the school. Schools garnering over 100 guests will also earn a free field study for a class of students (up to 30 students and four chaperones)--this serves as a great school-based incentive for schools to encourage participation.