

Arizona

The spring 2006 ArizMATYC Conference will be held jointly with the Southwest Section of the MAA. The two day conference will feature many informative sessions by faculty and students alike. The conference will also include a Traveling Workshop and informative session put on by MAC³, AMATYC's Mathematics Across the Community College Curriculum project.

California

This past December, California Mathematics Council of Community Colleges (CMC³) held its annual fall conference in Monterey, CA. It was considered another great event by all who attended. At the end of conference the following new officers began their term: president, **Rob Knight**; past president, **Rick Hough**; president elect, **Larry Green**; secretary, **Janet Tarjan**; and treasurer, **Jim Spencer**.

The California Mathematics Council of Community Colleges-South (CMC³-South) held its 21st Annual Conference, "Winning at Math," on March 3-4, 2006, in Anaheim, CA. The keynote speaker was **Gary Lorden**, Caltech mathematics department chair who consults for the television show *NUMB3RS*. The Friday night event included a juggling display by **Dan Bennett**, a UCLA PH.D candidate and world champion juggler with a Guinness record for a ten-ball juggle. **Rich Zuker** the current president-elect will assume the office of president as the current president, **Ignacio Alarcon**, will step down after a very successful term in office.

Florida

The 2006 FTYCMA Award for Outstanding Teaching and Commitment to Education was presented to **Dennis Runde** of Manatee CC at the February 17 conference.

Georgia

GMATYC's 19th Annual Meeting was held on February 17, 2006, at the Lawrenceville Campus of Georgia Perimeter College in conjunction with the annual Georgia Perimeter College Mathematics Conference. **Jessica Craig** of Georgia Perimeter College is GMATYC's new president and **Donna Saye** is now past president. We were very pleased to have **Robert Kimball**, Vice President of

AMATYC's Southeast Region and Chair of the Mathematics and Physics Department at Wake Technical CC in Raleigh, NC, as our keynote speaker at this year's conference.

Illinois

Vali Siadat has been selected as the 2005 Illinois Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The ceremonies were held in Washington, D.C., on November 17, 2005. Vali's current position is distinguished professor and mathematics department chair at Richard J. Daley College, Chicago.

Minnesota

On April 20, a day before the MinnMATYC spring conference, MinnMATYC members are invited to gather at Lake Superior College in Duluth to view demonstrations of software designed for use in the mathematics classroom. **Ed Bender**, Century College, was the recipient of the 2005 MinnMATYC Distinguished Teaching Award.

Nebraska

NEBMATYC is conducting a survey among its members concerning student success in college algebra. The results of the survey will be presented at the spring NEBMATYC conference. If you are interested in participating in this survey, contact **Frank Weidenfeller**, Metropolitan CC, at fweidenfeller@mccneb.edu

New Jersey

Jorge Sarmiento has received a grant from the Business, Mathematics, Engineering, and Technology Division at County College of Morris for a PC-Tablet computer and Camtasia software. He will be using the equipment to deliver lectures for his online classes.

The Galileo Scholars Program continues at Raritan Valley CC, with **Patti Hulsen** as coordinator. The Program provides scholarships, academic support, and professional opportunities to selected students who are majoring in mathematics, computer science, engineering, technology, biology, chemistry, physics, and any of the life sciences majors. Funding for the Program comes from both RVCC's Foundation, and also from the NSF CSEMS grant, which has entered its

third year. Fifteen RVCC faculty members from the disciplines named above serve as faculty advisors. Galileo Advisors from the mathematics department for this year are: **Siham Alfred**, **Youngjun Choi**, **Jaki Fesq**, **Rosemarie Gorini**, **Tomas Kovarik**, **Lynne Kowski**, and **Jennifer Szczesniak**.

New Mexico

This year's annual conference will be held from May 18-20, 2006, in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The theme is *Mathematics: Mild, Medium or HOT!* Highlights of the conference include workshops by **Richard Aufmann** and **Ted Stanford**, and a keynote address by **Anne Dudley**. Conference information is available at the NMMATYC website.

North Carolina

Jan Mays of Elon Univ takes over as president of NCMATYC on May 1, replacing **Chuckie Hairston**. Jan and her new board will lead NCMATYC until May 2008.

Pacific Islands

Speakers for the Pacific Islands Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (π MATYC) include **John Hornsby** who will speak on *The Fibonacci Sequence and The Golden Ratio and Math Class Goes to Hollywood*. **Emily Omlor** will present a session on *How to Motivate Students by Using Software* followed by **Jessica Elbern** who will speak on *Technology and Assessment*. **Jan Ford** will get conference attendees ready for the Cincinnati roll-out of *Beyond Crossroads* with a session on *AMATYC-Beyond Crossroads and More!* For more information about the conference contact Gigi Drent at 808.822.9731 or gdrent@hawaii.edu.

Tennessee

TMATYC will present its first Teaching Excellence Award at its 2006 Annual Conference which will be held April 21-22 at Nashville State CC. The award will be given every even year to recognize outstanding TMATYC members across the state for their excellence in community college teaching. For more information, please contact President **Angela Everett** at angela.everett@chattanoogaastate.edu.

Virginia

Several colleges around the state, including Danville CC and Northern Virginia CC, are developing classes as