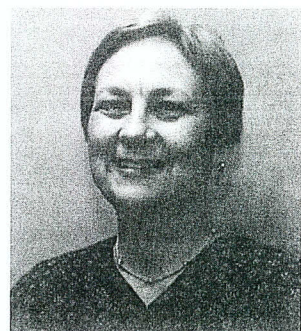


THE RESULTS ARE IN! AMATYC'S NEW JOURNAL— MATHAMATYC EDUCATOR

Do you remember an email asking you to participate in the naming of AMATYC's new journal in November? There was a drop box for entries at the conference in Washington, D.C. A special committee considered the 100 entries and made a recommendation to the Board in January. The winning name is *MathAMATYC Educator*. This name actually blended two entries: *MathAMATYC*s and *The AMATYC Educator*, submitted by Jeannine Dawson (Henry Ford CC) and Barbra Steinhurst (Susquehanna Valley Community Education Project, Inc.). Jeannine and Barbra will each receive a one-year membership to AMATYC for their entries.

In other journal news, Jim Roznowski from Delta College was appointed as the Production Manager for the new journal. He will be working with Peter Wildman who was appointed to the Editor position at the Washington, D.C. conference.

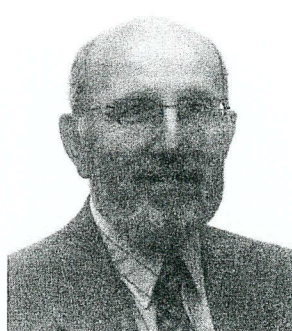
The first issue of *MathAMATYC Educator* is planned for fall 2009.



Jeannine Dawson



Barbra Steinhurst



Jim Roznowski

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The AMATYC election will be held this fall. Only individual, regular members may vote in this upcoming election. Institutional contacts are not voting members of AMATYC unless they are also individual, regular members of AMATYC. Therefore, institutional contacts, adjunct, retired, and student members interested in supporting colleagues in this upcoming election should join as individual, regular members no later than May 31, 2009.

AMATYC CORPORATE PARTNERS PROGRAM

by Gwen Turbeville, Advertising Chair

AMATYC is pleased to announce that Hawkes Learning Systems has renewed its Corporate Partnership for 2009. This is the fifth consecutive year that Hawkes Learning Systems will continue as a Silver Corporate Partner. If you attended the Washington, D.C. conference, you may have noticed their booths at the entrance to the exhibits and their support of our breakfasts! You probably wore one of their flashing blue light pins. Please look for their support and booths at the Las Vegas conference. AMATYC is pleased to have this company, who is one of our original Corporate Partners, continue our mutual working relationship. A big "thank you" goes to Hawkes Learning Systems for all their support!

AMATYC MEMBER RECEIVES DEBORAH AND FRANKLIN TEPPER HAIMO AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED TEACHING OF MATHEMATICS BY THE MAA

In January 2009, AMATYC member Vali Siadat, two-year college faculty member at Daley College (IL), was awarded the Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award of Distinguished Teaching of Mathematics at the AMS/MAA Joint Meetings in Washington, D.C. The prize has never before been given to a community college professor.

An Iranian native, Siadat said early in his career he realized standard teaching methods did not work as well for remedial math students. He developed the "Keystone Method" which focused on letting students learn in small groups, quizzing them frequently about concepts learned and giving them constant feedback on how they are doing in class. The method focuses on developing critical thinking and logical reasoning skills, not just memorizing formulas.

In a study published in August in the math journal *Primus*, Siadat found that students taught using his method scored better on tests and did better in class. In addition, students also did better in subsequent math courses and even did better on reading tests. "I think of the classroom as a learning community," he said. "Everyone should take interest in everyone else's learning." "It's not just moving numbers around," said nursing student Veronica Kapa, 33, a mother of four. "You really have to think and use logic. ... You learn from other people -- and they learn from you."



"Everyone has a role in creating a mathematics community with its core goal of helping all students be successful learners in mathematics."

—Beyond Crossroads, p. 77