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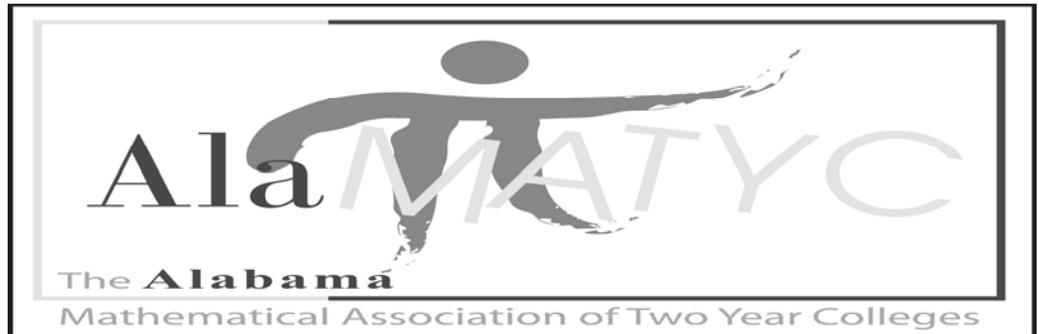
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Resurrection of AlaMATYC a Success Despite Weather

“Phenomenal!”
“Incredible.”
“Fantastic!”

These are a few of the comments overheard or shared at the AlaMATYC Revitalization Conference on February 12th. The conference was held on the campus of Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa. Although the snowy weather prevented many from attending, the conference was a success. This affiliate of AMATYC is alive and well again after being inactive for many years.

Pat McKeague, the keynote speaker, was inspiring and informative. Attendees in the

breakout sessions had plenty of one-on-one time with the presenters. The vendors were very accommodating and supplied some fabulous door prizes. Lunch included some hilarious entertainment and a delicious meal.

Donna Saye, Southeast Regional Vice-President, and Margie Hobbs, AMATYC member extraordinaire, assisted with conducting the business meeting. The AlaMATYC By-Laws were edited and adopted and officers were elected. (See page 3.)

Terrific interest has been shown from across the state of

Alabama with almost 60 members already joining the organization. Plans for next year's conference are already under way. It will be held at Lawson State during the spring term. More details will be coming this fall.



CONNECTIONS conference attendees chat before keynote address

An Opportunity to Serve... Yes, You!

We need you! If you have an interest in writing or creating a newsletter, we are looking for a member of AlaMATYC to serve as our **Publications Coordinator**. This person would be responsible for publishing a newsletter to email to our membership. Articles and information will be supplied by the Executive Board as well as from the members. We would like to have a newsletter

produced in the spring, fall and winter.

We also need four members of AlaMATYC to serve on the **Nominating Committee**. This group shall select a slate of nominees with at least one candidate for each office to be filled. Nominations and self-nominations must be submitted to the nominating committee no later than

60 days prior to the annual business meeting held each spring. Members of the nominating committee are ineligible to serve as officers during their term on the nominating committee.

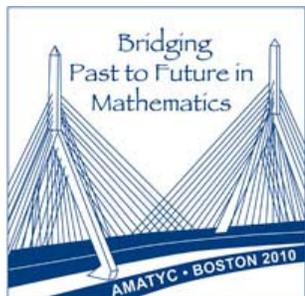
Interested? Feel the need to contribute? Email Annette Cook at acook@sheltonstate.edu to get more information or volunteer!



If any Alabama instructors applied and are selected for Cohort 7 of Project ACCESS, please inform AlaMATYC President, Annette Cook ASAP at acook@sheltonstate.edu

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Pat McKeague



AMATYC's 36th Annual National Conference in Boston
November 11-14

www.amatyc.org

Project ACCESS Worth the Effort!

ACCESS...Yes, it has three Cs. This acronym stands for Advancing Community College Careers: Education, Scholarship, and Service.

"Project ACCESS is a mentoring and professional development initiative for two-year college mathematics faculty. The project's goal is to provide experiences that will help new faculty become more effective

teachers and active members of the broader mathematical community."

WHO is eligible? Teachers who are in their first, second, or third year as a full-time instructor at a two-year college.

WHAT is involved in the application process? Letters of support from your institution, the application itself, a vita,

and other documentation.

The deadline for applications for Cohort 7 was **May 21st**. If **anybody from Alabama applied, please be sure to let Annette Cook know if you are selected!**

As a graduate of Cohort 5, Annette Cook states, "This program is most definitely worth the effort."

CONNECTIONS Keynote Speaker Enjoys Visit to Alabama

Pat McKeague, author of 16 mathematics textbooks, was an integral part of the resurrection of AlaMATYC. McKeague is very active in the mathematics community and is a frequent presenter at conferences. In 2007, he was awarded the AMATYC Presidential Award for his service to the two-year college mathematics community. After the conference,

McKeague wrote the following in an email to conference organizers. "Thank you for making my visit to Alabama so wonderful. I have been wearing the Alabama National Championship t-shirt for the whole week I have been home. Everything about your conference was first class...from the registration area, to lunch, to the dinner at Dreamland. And the room for

the first talk was really nice, along with the technical help. You did an excellent job on everything. It was one of the best organized conferences I have been to (and I have been to lots of them). Thanks for inviting me. I had a great time."

LOGO Contest Winner Named!

Congratulations to Rip Ellis, an art instructor at Wallace-Dothan, who is the winner of our AlaMATYC logo contest. Mr. Ellis created the logo you see as the newsletter title and on the right.



AlaMATYC Officers Elected for 2010-2011

The Executive Board of each affiliate of AMATYC consists of the Past-President, President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. At the CONNECTIONS conference held on February 12th, these officers were elected.



President,
Annette Cook
Shelton State



Secretary,
Calvin Briggs
Lawson State

Note: The last known President of AlaMATYC, Jere Strickland, has agreed to serve as Past-President via email and telephone as he is now retired.

President-Elect, Jim Gleason, University of Alabama



Treasurer, Candace Gibbons of Ingram State Technical College

(Photo not available)

Why was the revitalization conference entitled CONNECTIONS?

Making connections was the primary goal of the conference held in February.

- We wanted to connect with something we heard from our keynote speaker.
- We wanted to connect with shared ideas that we could take back and use in the classroom.

- We wanted to connect with each other as we strengthen our ties as mathematics instructors in the state of Alabama.
- We wanted to connect with our parent organization, AMATYC, as a valuable resource to enrich our instruction and professional development.

We wanted to make as many connections as possible to increase our effectiveness as instructors, which will result in stronger connections between us, our students, and mathematics.

CONNECTIONS...that's what it's all about. We look forward to making more connections at future gatherings.

Alabama Community Colleges with AlaMATYC Members

Alabama Southern	Faulkner State	NorthWest-Shoals
Bevill State	Ingram State	Shelton State
Bishop State	Lawson State	Southern Union
Calhoun	Jefferson State	Wallace-Dothan
Gadsden State	Marion Military	Wallace-Hanceville

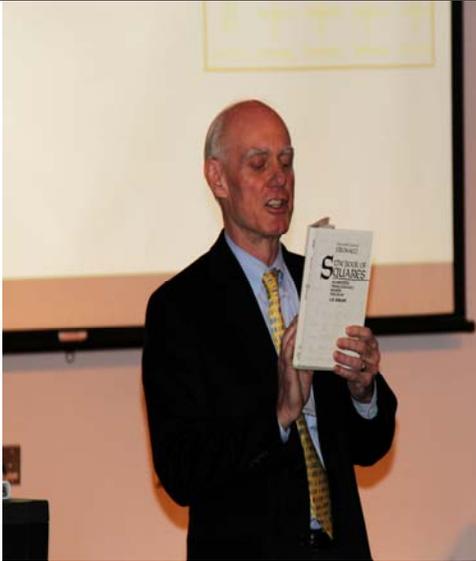
Smile...

What is a math teacher's favorite dessert?

" π "

"...make as many connections as possible to increase our effectiveness as instructors, which will result in stronger connections between us, our students, and mathematics."

Want to join AlaMATYC? The annual membership fee is only \$10! Contact Annette Cook at 205.391.3982 or reply to this email for information.



Clockwise from upper left: Pat McKeague, meet & greet, vendors, breakout session, lunch & fun, snowy outside, Dr. Allen Mallory (entertainment), registration

