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President's Message

Greetings from the cold southwest of Illinois. The second week of February is almost over and you have likely completed your first set of exams of the semester. I hope you are planning to attend the IMACC annual meeting at Allerton Conference Center, March 25 – 27, 2004. The program is almost complete and will include three main speakers, all of whom are authors whose books you may currently be using. Our Friday morning speakers include Elayn Martin-Gay, who will speak about "New Ways to Motivate Students (and Instructors) to Succeed in Developmental Mathematics." Among the motivational tools all of us can use, she will present "a powerful teaching technique that helps students learn how to organize and retain important mathematical concepts from the first day of a developmental mathematics course to the last." Also on Friday we will also have the opportunity to hear Ron Larson's talk, "Lies My Graphing Calculator Told Me." The thesis of his presentation is that graphing calculators are wonderful tools, but they can produce deceiving graphs. Through the use of several examples, his talk stresses the importance of mathematical reasoning when analyzing graphs.

On Saturday, Michael Sullivan III will present the talk he gave last fall at the 29th AMATYC annual conference in Salt Lake City. Titled "Using Simulation to Enhance Understanding of Statistical Concepts," Michael will discuss calculator and computer simulations that can be used in an Introductory Statistics class which lead to better understanding of such concepts as probability, the Central Limit Theorem, confidence intervals, and Type I errors. I attended this presentation in November and it was terrific. Also, you need not be a Statistics teacher to get something valuable from this talk.

There will additionally be many break-out sessions, covering a variety of topics, for you to attend. New this year we plan to have a section of the Friday afternoon program during which some of the IMACC committees will host sessions so that you can find out what they do and how you can participate. (I should probably let the committee chairs know before this is printed.) There are still some spaces left in the program for those of you who wish to speak at the conference. I invite and encourage (request?) your participation. Please contact me soon with a title and a couple of sentences of description for your presentation. Who knows, your career as a nationally known speaker could start in the safe and welcoming environs of Allerton House.

Registration forms for the conference are included in this issue of the Connexion and the agenda will be available online at www.imacc.org. This year Brenda Alberico is your point of contact for conference registration. She has worked very hard as the new conference coordinator, so thank her when you see her.

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President's Message cont.

IMACC was well represented by officers, board members, speakers, delegates, and other members at the AMATYC meeting in Salt Lake City last November. Despite the uncongenial weather, we had a good time, attended many thought-provoking sessions, and, for those at the Grand or Little America, were lodged in palatial accommodations. AMATYC Midwest Vice President Jim Roznowski of Delta College in Michigan will be attending the Allerton conference this year. If you see him, please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome. Jim was the AMATYC website coordinator before election to his current position. Jim will share information with us about current AMATYC projects and his goals as Vice President of the Midwest Region.

Now is the time to send nominations to Angie Gum and the Scholarship committee for the student IMACC Memorial Fund scholarships. Also, Kim Martin and the Awards committee await your nominations of mathematics colleagues for the annual IMACC James Armstrong, Distinguished Service, and Lifetime Membership awards. Forms and instructions for applications are included in this newsletter as well as online at the IMACC web site.

President-elect and Nominations chair Beth Beno will be sending biographical information on the new slate of candidates and the ballot for election this year. Much thanks everyone who is willing to serve IMACC as an officer, board member and/or committee member. Since the conference is so early this year, please fill out and return your ballot soon after you get it.

Additionally, I remind you about the IMACC Teacher Education Workshop, scheduled for June 10 – 12, 2004, to be held at Judson College in Elgin. Board member Cathy Moushon (cmoushon@elgin.edu) has organized this workshop. The workshop is limited to 30 participants and will focus on topics of mathematics education for teachers.

Please invite new and adjunct members of your department to join IMACC and attend the annual meeting. Both this issue and the website (www.imacc.org) have membership application forms. Also, please check in this issue to see if your institution has a current membership. Lastly, the mailing label on this issue should show the expiration date of your own membership.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to have served as your president this past year. It has been an honor and a privilege. I wish you all a wonderful spring semester and look forward to seeing you at Allerton.

Tim Grant, President

Institutional Members

Institutional membership is an important source of support for IMACC. If the year after your college's name is 2003 rather than 2004, your college needs to renew. If your college is not listed, you need to join! Talk to your department head or coordinator and make sure your college renews or joins.

You will find the combined Individual and Institutional membership forms at the end of this issue.

College	Expires
Black Hawk College	2004
Carl Sandburg College	2004
College of DuPage	2003
College of Lake County	2004
Elgin Community College	2004
Harper College	2003
Illinois Central College	2004
Illinois State University	2003
John A. Logan College	2004
Kaskaskia College	2004
Kishwaukee College	2004
Lewis and Clark Community College	2003
Lincoln Land Community College	2003
McHenry County College	2003
Morton College	2003
Oakton Community College	2004
Olney Central College	2003
Parkland College	2004
Prairie State College	2003
Richland Community College	2004
Rock Valley College	2004
Saint Xavier University	2003
South Suburban Community College	2004
Southwestern Illinois College	2004
Waubensee Community College	2003

Deadline for Submissions

Summer 2004 Issue—May 15, 2004

Fall 2004 Issue—October 1, 2004

Winter 2005 Issue—January 31, 2005

The following Windows-based formats are most easily used:

Text: MS Word or Rich Text File formats
Spreadsheet: Excel format

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AMATYC Student Mathematics League Round One 2003-2004

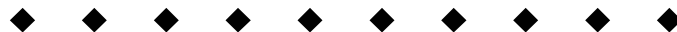
The first round of the AMATYC Student Mathematics League (SML) Contest was recently completed. Illinois has two community colleges in the top forty nationally; William Rainey Harper College is currently ranked 7th and Parkland Community College is currently ranked 22nd. Two students from Illinois ranked in the top 10: Bryan Gillis (4th) from William Rainey Harper College and Richard Van Note (7th) from Parkland College.

In the Mid-West Region, Illinois is well represented. Seven community colleges ranked in the top 10, with eleven colleges among the top 21. Illinois community college students performed very well regionally: seven of the top 10 students and 14 of the top 20 students in our region came from Illinois community colleges.

Special commendation goes to William Rainey Harper College and Parkland College for their excellent teams and students. Congratulations to all participants in Round 1 of SML 2003-2004 Round 2 will be from Friday, February 20, 2004 through Saturday, March 13, 2004.

For more information go to: <http://www.amatyc.org/SML/SML.html>

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Nominations Requested

The **James Armstrong Award** was established in 1978 to honor the late University of Illinois professor James Armstrong, whose leadership fostered a spirit of cooperation between two-year college mathematics teachers and the mathematics faculties at four-year colleges and universities. The Award is to be given annually to a four-year college or university professor who continues this tradition of cooperation and assistance with the two-year colleges.

The **Distinguished Service Award** is to honor one of our members for a career of outstanding service to IMACC. This award may be given annually under the conditions that the nominee must:

- a) Be an active member who has participated in IMACC for at least 10 years (retired members are eligible).
- b) have held an elected office (President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Director) in IMACC.
- c) have served at least 4 years in some combination of elected offices, committee appointments, ConneXion Editor, or conference coordinator.
- d) have the recommendation of an IMACC member familiar with the nominee's qualifications.

For the **Life Membership Award**, (IMACC members who are retiring) the recipient must have:

- a) been a member of IMACC for at least 10 years (not necessarily in a row)
- b) been a regular attendee at the IMACC conference or have other significant contributions to the organization.

These will be awarded at the Allerton conference. Please take time now to submit the name of your nominee, their position and school, with a supporting letter by February 2004 for the committee's consideration to:

Kim Martin
 Department of Mathematics
 Southeastern Illinois College
 3575 College Road
 Harrisburg, IL 62946

IMACC LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD			
(Supporting letter not required)			
Name:		College:	
Home Address:		College Address:	
City:		City:	
State:	Zip:	State:	Zip:
E-mail Address:			
IMACC Member Since:		I have been active (circle one): Yes No	

Scholarship Committee

Please consider nominating a deserving student from your institution for the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship. Complete information about this award is provided on the faculty information form included in this issue of The Math ConneXion. Also included are the faculty nomination form and the student information form.

For a student to be considered, the faculty nomination form, the student information form, and the student's supporting materials must be completed and received by the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship Committee Chairperson Angie Gum no later than March 5, 2004.

**IMACC MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP
FACULTY INFORMATION FORM**

Philosophy: The IMACC Scholarship is awarded annually to a student attending an Illinois two-year or four-year college meeting all of the eligibility criteria stated below and selected by the IMACC Scholarship Committee. The scholarship is awarded in memory of James Armstrong, a University of Illinois Professor until his death. Mr. Armstrong was instrumental in establishing the Allerton Conferences and in fostering better relations between two-year and senior colleges.

The scholarship provides approximately \$750 or more to the selected recipient to help defray the costs encountered at an institution of higher education. The money may be used for whatever purpose the recipient deems necessary.

Eligibility Criteria: Students meeting all of the criteria may apply for the IMACC Scholarship. If, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no bonafide candidate, the scholarship will not be awarded that year. The IMACC Board may elect at the spring meeting to carry over the funds to the next year. The decision of the Committee is final.

1. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States. The individual must have a cumulative grade point average of B or better; he/she must be pursuing an education at some institution of higher learning in the State of Illinois with a high demonstrated potential to complete the program and must have earned at least 40 semester hours at a community college.
2. An applicant must be intending to complete a degree in mathematics education (preferred), or mathematics.
3. Each applicant must be nominated by a current member of IMACC or faculty from an institutional member who must submit a statement of his/her rationale for nominating the applicant. This written statement must be sent to the Chair of the Selection Committee under separate cover from that of the student application. The written nomination must not exceed one double-spaced typewritten page. Four copies are required. It is emphasized that the person nominating a student shall not assist the student in the writing of his/her personal statement.
4. The applicant must submit a written application and transcript of courses and grades. Details concerning career objectives, work experiences, financial need, general philosophy of education, and other information that is felt to be helpful in assisting the Selection Committee should be included. The written application must not be longer than five double-spaced standard typewritten pages. Four copies are required. These copies must be sent under separate cover to the Chair of the Selection Committee.
5. The deadline for receiving applications is March 5th of the school year.
6. The scholarship will be awarded to selected applicants after receiving a written verification from the college records office that the applicant has enrolled in an institution of higher education in the State of Illinois as a full-time student. Full-time student status shall be decided by the institution requirements. Failure to do this will result in the disqualification of the applicant and the next eligible applicant may be awarded the scholarship.
7. The scholarship will be awarded to an individual student only once. The student may, however, have his/her name submitted a maximum of two times.

**ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
THE IMACC MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP
REQUIRED FACULTY NOMINATION FORM**

I hereby nominate _____ for the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship.
My nomination is supported by the following comments. (Please continue on an additional sheet if necessary.)

Please check one of the following:

_____ I am currently a member of IMACC.

_____ I am NOT a member but the college of my employment is an institutional member.

Date _____

Your name printed _____

Position _____

College or University _____

Signature _____

IMACC MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP
STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

1. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
2. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of B or better. Only the first 2 years of college mathematics as approved by the ICCB will be considered in the application process. He/she must be pursuing an education at some institution of higher learning in the State of Illinois with a high demonstrated potential to complete the program and must have earned at least 40 semester hours at the Community College.

Please complete the following:

Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City, State & Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____
Semester hours of completed community college courses: _____
Cumulative grade point average: _____
Semester hours of completed mathematics courses: _____

3. An applicant must be intending to complete a degree in mathematics education or mathematics.
4. Please complete the following:
Degree pursued: _____
Illinois institution to which applicant intends to transfer, enroll as a full-time student, and complete a degree: _____
5. The scholarship will be awarded to selected applicants after receiving a written verification from the college records office that the applicant has enrolled in an institute of higher education in the State of Illinois as a full-time student. Full-time status shall be decided by the institution requirements. Failure to do this will result in the disqualification of the applicant, and the next eligible applicant may be awarded the scholarship.
6. Applicant must submit a written application not longer than five double-spaced standard typewritten pages. Details concerning the following must be addressed: a) career objectives, b) work experience, c) financial conditions and need for scholarship, d) general philosophy of education, and e) other information felt to be helpful. Applicants must follow the above order and label each area addressed.
7. Applicant must submit to the chair of the Selection Committee, one copy of an official transcript of courses and grades to meet the March 5th deadline. The official transcript must show at least 40 hours completed at the Community College. Four copies of this information form and the written application are required and must be sent to the following address:

Angie Gum, Math Department
Lincoln Land Community College
5250 Shepherd Road, P.O. Box 19256
Springfield, IL 62794-9256

8. The forms, application, and a transcript must reach this office not later than March 5th of the school year. Allow five days for delivery. Grades for the courses you are taking this semester must be on the official transcript if these courses are to be considered as part of the evaluation process. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1.

Upcoming Conferences

<u>Year</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
2004	T ³ Int'l. Conf.	March 12 – 14	New Orleans, LA
2004	IMACC	March 25 – 27	Monticello, IL
2004	ISMAA	April 1 – 3	Schaumburg, IL
2004	MOMATYC	April 1 – 3	Lake of the Ozarks, MO
2004	NCTM	April 21 – 24	Philadelphia, PA
2004	AMS Fall Central Sec. Mtg.	October 23 – 24	Evanston, IL
2004	AMATYC	Nov. 18 – 21	Orlando, FL
2005	IMACC	April 14 – 16	Monticello, IL
2005	AMATYC	Nov. 10 – 13	San Diego, CA
2006	AMATYC	Nov. 2 – 5	Cincinnati, OH
2007	AMATYC	Nov. 15 – 18	New Orleans, LA

Delegates and Representatives

AMATYC Delegates		Representatives to Other Mathematics Organizations	
<u>Affiliate Delegates</u>		<u>ISMAA</u>	
Tim Grant	Southwestern Illinois College	Sandra Cox	Kaskaskia College
Ruth Anne Hartman	Black Hawk College		
Mary Beth Beno	South Suburban College		
<i>Alternate:</i>		<u>MOMATYC</u>	
Vern Kays	Richland Community College	Tim Grant	Southwestern Illinois College
<u>State Delegates</u>		<u>NCTM</u>	
Jim Trefzger	Parkland College	Betty Truit	Black Hawk College
Judy Marwick	Moraine Valley Community College	<i>Alternate:</i>	
		Tim Grant	Southwestern Illinois College

IMACC News and Notes from the Membership

Elgin Community College welcomes Dan Kernler and Nicole Scherger as new math faculty. Dan was previously teaching at the University of Minnesota in Duluth, where he received his Secondary Math Teaching B.S. and Master's Degree in Applied and Computational Math. Nicole was previously teaching at Loyola University and at Bureau Valley High School in Manlius Illinois. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Mathematics from Loyola and is presently a member of the AMS.



Black Hawk College is proud to announce the hiring of two new math faculty this year: John Sullivan and Ken Nickels.

IMACC Committees 2003-2004

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IMACC Summer Workshop on Preparing Future Teachers June 10 – 12 hosted by Elgin Community College

This workshop is designed for community college Mathematics faculty in Illinois, full-time or adjunct, who teach or have an interest in mathematics for elementary school teacher preparation. The three facilitators for the workshop will be Brenda Alberico (College of DuPage), Brian Garant (Morton College), and Terra Stamps (Prairie State College), each of whom was a participant in the in 2002 and/or 2003 AMATYC Summer Institutes on Teacher Preparation as well as other national conferences.

The workshops will be held in the Lindner Conference Facility of Judson College in Elgin, 40 miles west of Chicago (1151 N. State Street, Elgin, IL, 60123). The conference center includes double occupancy rooms with private bath, a community kitchenette, lounge, and classrooms in one building. <http://www.bca-arch.com/projects/education/university/lindnercenter.htm>

Housing, conference materials and most meals will be provided. Participants will be responsible for travel costs, some meals, and incidentals. The workshop will be held to a minimum of 20 and maximum of 30 participants. For more information: <http://www.imacc.org> or cmoushon@elgin.edu or Catherine at (847) 214-7500

Tentative Schedule:

Thursday, June 10

8:00 a.m. Check-in / Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Workshop Sessions
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 4:30 p.m. Workshop Sessions
Thursday evening meal – (on your own)

Friday, June 11

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 12 noon Workshop Sessions
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 4:30 p.m. Workshop Sessions
Friday evening meal at ECC

Saturday, June 12

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Workshop Sessions
Check out, Lunch - (on your own)

SEND TO:

**Catherine Moushon
Elgin Community College, Mathematics
1700 Spartan Drive
Elgin, IL 60123-7193**

Detach the portion below to register, an e-mail will be sent to confirm receipt of registration materials

.....
Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

e-mail addresses(s): _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone or Cell Phone: _____

I am a member of IMACC

I would like to receive IMACC membership information

Please make check payable to *IMACC*

\$160 Early Bird Special, postmarked by April 5, 2004

\$175 Registration fee, after April 5, 2004

Notice: The workshop will be held to a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 30 participants. If necessary, cancellation notice will be distributed by May 10.

2004 IMACC CONFERENCE
 Allerton House – March 25, 26, 27
 Return to Brenda Alberico by March 19, 2004

Registration Information

 First Name Last Name

 Street Address City State Zip

 School Name Email address

 School Address City State Zip

 Home Phone School Phone

Please check all that apply:

- ____ I am a graduate student.
- ____ I am attending for the first time.
- ____ I am retiring this year.
- ____ I will stay in town and make my own arrangements.
- ____ I will arrive at Allerton House after 11 p.m.

Accommodations and Food

Which night (s) will you be staying at Allerton House? _____ Thursday _____ Friday

Roommates: _____

Housing (indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices)

- ____ Main House _____ Gatehouse _____ Evergreen Lodge
- _____ Little House in the Woods

Meals (check all meals you will eat at the conference):

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|--------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Friday | _____ Breakfast | Saturday | _____ Breakfast |
| | _____ Lunch | | _____ Lunch |
| | _____ Dinner | | |

Dinner Preference (circle one) Prime Rib Stuffed Chicken Breast Vegetable Lasagna

Special Needs? Contact Brenda Alberico at 815-467-5748 or email at: Alberico@cbcast.com

- Please circle the appropriate dollar amount depending upon your specific situation.
- Make check payable to: **IMACC**
- “Members” must have paid dues for 2003 -2004.

	Member	Non-Member	Graduate Student	Institutional Representative
Entire Conference	\$275	\$325	\$200	N/C
Registration Thurs. Lodging, Fri. Meals	\$180	\$200	\$130	N/C
Registration Fri Lodging, Fri. & Sat. Meals	\$200	\$225	\$145	N/C
Registration Fri. & Sat. Meals	\$140	\$160	\$100	N/C
Registration Fri. Meals	\$95	\$120	\$70	N/C
Registration Sat. Meals	\$85	\$100	\$60	N/C
Registration Only No Lodging or Meals	\$70	\$90	\$50	N/C

Late (postmarked after March 19, 2004) and on-site registration – add \$25.

Refund Policy:

- Those canceling before or on March 19 will receive a full refund
- Those canceling after March 19 should not expect a refund, but may appeal their circumstances to the IMACC Board for consideration. Appeals must be in writing and sent to the IMACC President.

Confirmation:

Those requesting confirmation of, or receipt from, conference registration should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your registration form and check.

Please send all registration materials
(Including check made payable to **IMACC**) to:

Brenda Alberico
208 Beechwood Dr.
Minooka, IL. 60447

Email: Alberico@cbcast.com
or Alberico@cdnet.cod.edu
Phone: 815-467-5748 or 630-942-3035

Directions to Robert Allerton Park and Conference Center

From the Champaign-Urbana Airport:

1. Turn right to go south on Route 45 after leaving the airport.
2. Follow Route 45 and turn right again onto Monticello Road.
3. Follow the Monticello Road for about 18 miles (you will cross over the interstate) into Monticello. You will be on Washington St.
4. Follow Washington St. until you reach the second stop sign and turn left onto Allerton Road. This takes you out of town. It's about 2 miles to the entrance of Allerton Park and Conference Center. It will be on the right. Watch for the sign, it's easy to miss especially after dark.

From Champaign-Urbana: If you are staying at a hotel on Interstate 74:

1. Take I74 west to I57.
2. Take the I57 South exit. Follow I57 to the Monticello Road exit;
3. Go west to Monticello. When you get to Monticello, the road becomes Washington St. Follow Washington St. until you reach the second stop sign and turn left onto Allerton Road. This takes you out of town. It's about 2 miles to the entrance of Allerton Park and Conference Center. It will be on the right. Watch for the sign, it's easy to miss, especially after dark.

From Interstate 72- Exit 164:

1. Turn off the interstate at Monticello Exit 164 onto Bridge St. which will take you into Monticello.
2. Turn right at the first stop sign onto Market Street.
3. Follow Market St. to the stop sign at Marion Street and turn right.
4. Follow Marion St. to the next stop sign and turn left onto Allerton Road. This takes you out of town. It's about 2 miles to the entrance of Allerton Park and Conference Center. It will be on the right. Watch for the sign, it's easy to miss, especially after dark.

From other areas of Illinois north of Champaign:

1. Take Interstate 57 south to Champaign.
2. Take Decatur West exit on Interstate 72.
3. You will drive about 25 miles.
4. Turn off the interstate at Monticello Exit 164 onto Bridge St. which will take you into Monticello.
5. Turn right at the first stop sign onto Market Street.
6. Follow Market St. to the stop sign at Marion Street and turn right.
7. Follow Marion St. to the next stop sign and turn left onto Allerton Road. This takes you out of town. It's about 2 miles to the entrance of Allerton Park and Conference Center. It will be on the right. Watch for the sign, it's easy to miss, especially after dark.

From other areas of Illinois south of Champaign:

1. Take Interstate 57 north to the Monticello Road exit.
2. Turn west on Monticello Road and cross over the interstate. Follow this road into Monticello. You will be on Washington St.
3. Follow Washington St. until you reach the second stop sign and turn left onto Allerton Road. This takes you out of town. It's about 2 miles to the entrance of Allerton Park and Conference Center. It will be on the right. Watch for the sign, it's easy to miss especially after dark.

Country Road Directions from Exit 164:

1. Take exit 164 from I72. Turn left at the end of the exit and stop sign to go south back over the interstate to the first stop sign (about 0.5mile).
2. Turn right onto Route 47 (there is a brown Allerton sign nearby).
3. After about a mile watch for another Allerton sign, and as it indicates turn left (south). This is a very rough country road.
4. Follow this road until it becomes a T (about 1 mile).
5. Turn right at the T. There should be another Allerton sign there.
6. After about 0.5 mile you will turn left in the Allerton entrance road between two large brick pillars. Follow the road about 1.5 miles into the Allerton property. If you have never tried this route, I do not recommend trying it in the dark, because the brown signs are sometimes missing from year to year and you must watch for deer and potholes.

Allerton House History and Information

Allerton House is the site of the IMACC Annual Conference. Built as a private home by Robert Allerton in 1900, it was developed into a conference center in 1946. It is located just west of Monticello, IL and is part of the University of Illinois system. More information, and maps, can be found at <http://www.continuinged.uiuc.edu/allerton/>.

The Conference Center, which consists of the main house and three additional lodging facilities, is surrounded by a 1500 acre forest designated as a National Nature Landmark. Adjacent to the Conference Center are formal gardens, decorative ornaments and museum-quality sculptures. Miles of hiking trails are maintained in the woodlands, and the Sangamon River winds its way through the middle of the park. The Conference Center is designed as a place to get away from the pressures and responsibilities of everyday life to focus on teaching and learning mathematics, and to interact with colleagues from across the state. Plan on joining us **March 25- 27th**, you will not be disappointed in the experience.

Lodging rooms for the annual IMACC Conference are located in the Main House, the Evergreen Lodge, the Gate House and the Little House in the Woods. Most rooms are double occupancy with two single beds, but some are dormitory style (4 – 10 beds) with limited bathroom space. In keeping with the educational atmosphere and rustic setting, rooms are not equipped with telephones or televisions. A variety of recreational activities is available including pool and ping pong. You may even be able to find a card game or board game going on! Quarters are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. There is very limited space for spouses, and the conference is not designed for, nor do the facilities adequately accommodate children.

Conference meals are preplanned by the Conference Coordinator and deliciously prepared from scratch by the Allerton staff. Special dietary needs can be accommodated if you contact the Conference Coordinator in advance. Snacks are served throughout the day and evening, and publishers are present with textbooks on display for your perusal. Publishers also usually donate towards our evening social hours. All amenities are included in the registration fee.

In years past, when the number of registrants exceeds Allerton's capacity, the overflow has been housed at either Foster's Plaza or the Best Western, both in downtown Monticello. If you prefer to stay off-site, you must make your own reservations from among tour block of rooms at one of these two facilities. Please do so early as hotel rooms may be scarce due to scheduled events at U. of I. Please, indicate, "no lodging" on your reservation form. Questions or concerns regarding Allerton House should be directed to Brenda Alberico at College of Du Page by phone, 630-942-3035 or by email at: Alberico@cdnet.cod.edu

Hope to see you in Allerton.
Brenda Alberico
Conference Coordinator



News Bytes

Myprojectpages.com is a collection of internet projects that teachers have developed and made available for other teachers to utilize. The site provides templates for teachers to use in creating web projects of various styles. Many of the projects are in the areas math and science and are available through a searchable database to provide easy access for both teachers and students. You can search the projects without registering, but to create and post new items you will need to complete a simple (and free) registration form. Check them out at <http://www.myprojectpages.com>.



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