At the start of the spring semester each year, one of the key events I look forward to is the IMACC annual conference at Allerton, held on April 2 – 4, 2020. This year is no exception. In fact, the anticipation is enhanced as I organize the tentative schedule, collect the information from speakers and presenters, and gather the supplies and donations for the Memorial Fund Scholarship raffle. It is my extreme pleasure to announce that one of the keynote speakers is Dr. Arthur Benjamin from Harvey Mudd College. Dr. Benjamin earned his B.S. with highest honors in Applied Mathematics from Carnegie-Mellon University and his M.S.E. and Ph.D. degrees from Johns Hopkins University. He has earned numerous awards and has given over 314 talks, including 3 TED talks. He is also known as a mathemagician. I am confident you will be amazed by his mental math capabilities and you will find his presentation very enlightening. In addition, there is a wide variety of presentations for the concurrent breakout sessions. Looking at the tentative schedule, I am already having difficulty deciding which ones to attend. In this issue of the ConneXion, you will find the tentative schedule and the registration form. Make sure you send your registration in early, so you have a better chance of getting your first lodging choice. If you plan on staying off site, you are responsible for making your own reservations. The IMACC conference weekend coincides with other events at UIUC and the hotel rooms will probably go fast.

IMACC will again be offering five registration fee waivers for the Allerton conference. The intent of these waivers is to support current IMACC members who wish to attend both days of the conference, but whose institutions do not provide financial support. Applicants must submit a completed conference registration form along with a signed statement affirming that their colleges are not providing adequate financial support. The registration form and the letter must be received by the conference coordinator, Rodger Hergert, by February 15. The five recipients will be randomly selected from the applications received.

While you are filling out the registration, consider putting together a nomination for the IMACC Teaching Excellence Award, the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship, the Distinguished Service Award, or the Life Membership Award. The due date for these (continued on page 2)
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awards is March 1 and you can find the specifics about each award/scholarship on the IMACC website, imacc.org. Last year there were no nominations received for the Teaching Excellence Award nor the IMMAC Memorial Fund Scholarship. Let’s make sure this year the awards are given out to deserving members and students.

The spring also brings elections for the IMACC officers and board members. This year there are a couple of seats open on the board and IMACC members interested in running should contact Mike Caparula at mcaparula@kcc.edu. Also, watch for the email announcing the elections and be sure to cast your vote.

In mid-October the Curriculum Committee and the IMACC board met at Heartland Community College. Jeremy McClure graciously hosted the meetings so we could meet in a more centrally located venue. One of the topics discussed at the meeting was Senate Joint Resolution 41. This resolution was formed in response to concerns raised about bill SB446 which would mandate placement policies and co-requisite models. It took some work, but IMACC is now represented on the council. I would like to thank Michael Caparula for all his help in keeping us up to date on the formation of the council. As of Friday, November 1, I have officially been voted on as a member of the council as the IMACC representative and have been asked to lead the Approaches/Models Design Team. One of our charges is to create an inventory of approaches and models of developmental mathematics initiatives in the state. I ask that you email me at d.koenig@rockvalleycollege.edu and let me know what you are doing at your school so I can include it in the inventory. I would like to take the most comprehensive list possible to the council’s next meeting in March.

Please take a moment to verify your membership status and that your email address is correct on IMACC’s website. It is also a good time to encourage your fellow mathematics faculty to join IMACC if they aren’t already a member. Share with them the benefits of being an IMACC member and invite them to attend the conference.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at d.koenig@rockvalleycollege.edu. Have a wonderful spring semester and I look forward to seeing you at Allerton April 2, 3, and 4th.

Diane Koenig, IMACC President
In an effort to cut down on the unnecessary mailing of paper copies, IMACC members wishing to continue receiving the *ConneXion* in hardcopy format, must email Jeremy Chamberlain at jchamber@harpercollege.edu by March 1, 2020.

Please note, you must send an email to opt in and continue receiving a paper copy if that is the format you prefer. Any member who does not send an email stating they would like to continue receiving paper copies will receive future issues of the *ConneXion* in electronic form via an email with a link. If you have had any change to your address or email address, please email the IMACC Membership Chair, Christopher Riola, at riolac@morainevalley.edu with your updated information.

Consider nominating a deserving student for the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship (deadline March 1), a deserving colleague for the Distinguished Service Award or the Excellence in Teaching Award (deadlines March 1), or retiring members meeting the qualifications for the Life Membership Award. More information about these awards can be found at [www.imacc.org](http://www.imacc.org).

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**Annual Conference Registration Fee Waiver Opportunity**

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The Curriculum Committee met on October 12th to discuss current developments affecting community college math departments. Here's the highlights of that meeting:

1. **Articulation Guide:** The next phase of updating curriculum standards will focus on pre-calculus courses (college algebra, trigonometry, etc.). A task force has been appointed (Jeremy McClure, Linda Blanco, Mike Caparula, and Chris Bailey) and will begin work soon. If you are interested in participating in the revision process or have comments for the task force, please contact Keven Hansen at keven.hansen@swic.edu.

2. **Transitional Math:** The portability panel met in October and the review of courses is continuing as originally planned. Kathy Almy is no longer directing TM for the state. Questions about TM can be addressed to: Melvin Harrison (ICCB), Marcus Brown (ICCB), Samantha Leav (ISBE), Mary Reynolds (ISBE), or Angelique Hamilton (ISBE). In addition, the portability tab of www.iltransitionalmath.org has many resources for portability planning.

3. **Developmental Sequences and Placement:** A resolution of the state legislature created an advisory council to review current placement and developmental education efforts. The council will release a report by July 1st 2020 outlining recommendations for developmental education and placement measures in Illinois. The legislation explicitly stated IMACC will have a role on the advisory council—currently Diane Koenig is filling this role (thanks, Diane!).

4. **Math for Elementary Teaching:** Now that the legislature has eliminated basic skills testing for elementary teachers in Illinois, many 4-year schools are requiring students pursuing an elementary education major to pass a computational assessment and/or the Illinois Assessment of Readiness for Grade 6 Math. The Curriculum Committee is currently working on language to support such an assessment as part of the Math for Elementary Teaching sequence in community colleges as well. Additionally, the committee is working on language that would apply the geometry prerequisite only to the 2nd course in the sequence. If you have input on either of these issues (e.g., perhaps you offer a sequence where geometry content is in the first course), please contact keven.hansen@swic.edu with your concerns or suggestions.

5. **Dual Credit:** It was recently clarified by ICCB that a dual credit class may have students not enrolled for the college credit portion of the course; however, all students in the class must meet the prerequisites for the college class. In related news, many community colleges continue to struggle with the conflicting instructor requirements between the new Dual Credit Quality Act amendment and HLC requirements. The Curriculum Committee would like to know if you have had such issues and any suggestions for resolution. Hopefully, your college supports an open process where math faculty are engaged in these discussions.

Lastly, as always, the Curriculum Committee is looking for new members—if your college is not currently represented on the committee and you wish to serve, contact Keven Hansen at keven.hansen@swic.edu for more information!
Highland Community College is seeking to fill an opening for a full-time tenure-track Math instructor. Review of applications will begin January 14th and continue until the position is filled. Apply at https://highland.edu/about-us/employment-opportunities/


The Prairie State Math Department has a position open, starting in Fall 2020. The position is open until filled. Apply at https://prairiestate.peopleadmin.com/

Elgin Community College has a full-time tenure track Math position open, beginning in Fall 2020. Applications are being accepted, and the committee will begin looking through them in late January. For more information, visit http://careers.pageuppeople.com/878/cw/en-us/job/493278/instructor-of-mathematics-fall-2020


Oakton Community College has full-time tenure track Math position open beginning Fall 2020. Apply at https://oakton.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=119249

Harper College has a full-time tenure track position open, beginning Fall 2020. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in teaching math for elementary teaching I and II and/or statistics. The position is open until filled with priority given to applications received by 1/24/2020. Apply at https://jobs.harpercollege.edu/cw/en-us/job/493743?&lApplicationSubSourceID=11234
News From AMATYC

- AMATYC has launched a new member website at my.amatyc.org. Here you can stay up to date with the latest news and activities from AMATYC’s Committees and ANets. You can also connect with other members, have discussions about relevant topics, and find resources.

- Ashley Lesher, from Hopkinsville Community College in Kentucky, was the 2019 AMATYC Student Research League (SRL) winner. Consider being a Faculty Mentor and forming a team at your college. If that's not possible, the SRL is also looking for evaluators to review the submissions. You can find more information about Ashley's big win here. Congratulations again, Ashley!

Upcoming Conferences

- IMACC                    April 2-4, 2020               Monticello, IL
- MAA (Math Fest)          July 29 – August 1, 2020      Philadelphia, PA
- WisMATYC                     September 26, 2020      Eau Claire, WI
- AMATYC                     November 12 - 15, 2020     Spokane, WA

A tribute to Tao Guo

Recently, Rock Valley College’s Tao Guo passed away after battling pancreatic cancer. Tao was an integral part of the Math Department at RVC, serving for over 20 years. Tao served on various department committees, volunteered for the regional ICTM math contest every year at RVC, and was famously known for his finals week egg rolls. Tao was a beloved RVC member and will be missed tremendously.
2020 Annual IMACC Conference Schedule (Tentative)

Thursday, April 2
6:00 P.M. onwards: Check-in, Pick up folders, Social time

Friday, April 3
7:00-8:00 A.M. Breakfast
8:00-8:15 A.M. Announcements
8:15-9:30 A.M. General Session—keynote speaker Alison Reddy UIUC
9:40-10:40 A.M. Concurrent Sessions
   OER@ICC-Megan Bomer & Elizabeth Carrico
   Contracting for Calculus: Incorporating Technology Projects into Transfer Level
   Math Courses-John Armon
   Factoring Trinomials-Can I Do it This Way?-Christopher Riola
   Birds of A Feather: Panel Discussion on Series in the Calculus Sequence-Omar
   Adawi, Sunil Koswatta
   Universally-Designed Learning Labs in College Algebra-Becky Shafer
10:40-11:00 A.M. Coffee/Tea Break, Exhibits
11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Concurrent Sessions
   Using Non-examples to Develop Concepts-Kenneth Beynon
   Department Chair/Lead Faculty Roundtable-Keven Hansen
   Calculus Favorites-Peter Keep & Amy Madden
   Changing the College Culture: Shifting from Developmental Math
   Gateway to Gen Ed Math Gateway-Natalia Casper & Donna Carlson
   Transitional Math Q&A: Building a Local Advisory Panel Checklist-
   Kim McHale, Mike Caparula, Brian Mercer, Amber Anderson
12:00-1:00 P.M. Lunch
1:00-2:15 P.M. Park Activities, Exhibits
2:15-3:15 P.M. Concurrent Sessions
   The Bazaar and the Academy: The "Open" in OER-America Masaros
   Working with Administrators: How to Co-exist in the Time of Reform-Kathy Almy
   Title TBA-Linda Blanco & Heidi Lyne
   Mathematical Miscellany-Keven Hansen
   Title TBA-Elementary Teacher Class Activities-Abbey Bailey
3:15-3:30 P.M. Coffee/Tea Break, Exhibits
3:30-4:30 P.M. Concurrent Sessions
   508 Refresh: What is it and Why should you care?-Cindy Johnson
   New Teacher Round Table Sharing Time-Roberta Christie
   SJR 41 Webinar Activities for Math for Elementary Teachers that Students Love!-Connie McLean
4:30-5:40 P.M. Committee Meeting, Audit, Exhibits, Social Time
   Curriculum Committee Meeting
5:40-6:50 P.M. Dinner and Awards
7:00-8:15 P.M. General Session-Keynote Speaker Arthur Benjamin
8:30 P.M. onwards: Fun Activities

Saturday, April 4
7:00-8:15 A.M. Breakfast
7:00-8:15 A.M. Board Meeting
8:20-9:20 A.M. IMACC Business Meeting, Pass the gavel
9:20-10:20 A.M General Session-Keynote Speaker Arthur Benjamin (this presentation will be
   Different than the one on Friday night)
10:20-10:40 A.M. Coffee/Tea Break, Exhibits
10:40-11:40 A.M. ICCB – Marcus Brown
11:40 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Closing remarks, announcement of the winner of the IMACC competition
   and the Raffle
12:00-1:00 P.M. Lunch
REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Please print all information

First Name __________________________ Last Name __________________________ Gender ______

Street Address __________________________ City __________ State __________ Zip __________

School Name __________________________________________ e-mail address __________________________

Home phone __________ Cell (indicate which) __________ School Phone __________________________

Please check all that apply:
___ I am attending for the first time.
___ I am a graduate student at _________________.
___ I am retiring this year.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FOOD

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

___ None: I will stay in town & make my own arrangements for lodging.

Housing Preference: indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices:
___ Main House ___ Gatehouse ___ Evergreen Lodge ___ Little House in the Woods

Roommate preference(s) ____________________ (some rooms will have more than one bed)

Meals: Check all meals that you will eat at the conference:
Friday: ___ Breakfast ___ Lunch ___ Dinner
Saturday: ___ Breakfast ___ Lunch ___ Dinner

Will you need vegetarian meals? _____ YES _____ NO
Do you have special dietary needs? _____ YES Indicate your needs: __________________________

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Do you need a receipt prior to the conference? _____ YES _____ NO
Receipts will be included in conference folders at Allerton. If you need a receipt prior to the conference, include a self-addressed stamped envelope or clearly write your e-mail address. Only fully paid attendees may get receipts prior to the conference.

Special needs or questions: Contact Rodger Hergert at 1-815-921-3514 or via e-mail at R.Hergert@RockValleyCollege.edu
Please circle the appropriate dollar amount depending on your specific conference package:

- Make checks payable to: **IMACC; if a name must be used: IMACC/Natalie McGathey, treasurer**
- “Members” must have paid dues for 2019-2020 by the postmark deadline for the conference (Mar. 1, 2020) to get the member-rate for the conference.
- Each college can send one institutional representative to attend the conference at no cost if the college has paid the institutional membership fee for 2019-2020 by the postmark deadline for the conference (Mar. 1, 2020).

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- Late (postmarked after Sunday, Mar. 1, 2020) registrations and on-site registrations: add $25 late fee.

**TOTAL:**

Refund Policy:
- Those canceling before the Mar. 1 deadline will receive the full refund.
- Those canceling after the Mar. 1 deadline should not expect a refund, but may appeal their circumstances to the IMACC Board for consideration. Appeals must be sent in writing to the IMACC President Diane Koenig.

Confirmation
Those requesting early confirmation of their conference registration should include a correct e-mail or a self-addressed stamped envelope with your registration form: please indicate YES or NO on the front of the registration form. Receipts will be included in all conference folders at Allerton.

Make your check payable to **IMACC**

Please send all registration materials (including the check) to:

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1-815-921-3514  
R.Hergert@RockValleyCollege.edu

No registration is complete without a **fully completed registration form** and a check.

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1 If your school requires that a name on the check must be included, please use **IMACC/Treasurer, Natalie McGathey**.
IMACC Individual Membership
Form 2019 - 2020

Name: ___________________________ School: ___________________________

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To which address would you like correspondence sent?  □ Home  □ School

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