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Upcoming Conferences

47th Annual RGVCTM Conference Navigating Through the STAARs

> Saturday, November 17, 2012 UTPA Edinburg, Texas www.rgvctm.org

Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teaching (CAMT)

July 18 – 20, 2012 Houston, TX http://camtonline.org

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Regional Conference

> October 10 - 12, 2012 Dallas, TX http://nctm.org



President's Message



The Rio Grande Valley Council of Teachers of Mathematics (RGVCTM) organizes an annual conference to support mathematics education across South Texas. The 46th Annual Mathematics Conference this past November was a great success thanks to the efforts of UTPA personnel, presenters, exhibitors, conference attendees, and RGVCTM Board Members. It is through the cooperation of all those involved that we are able to enrich mathematics education for the students of the Rio Grande Valley.

We extend a special thanks to the University of Texas – Pan American for their continued support in hosting the conference.

The 47th Annual RGVCTM Conference, *Mathematics: Navigating Through the STAARs*, will be held Saturday, November 17, 2012. We invite you to join us for this outstanding event. The registration form is on page five of this newsletter, and it is available at www.rgvctm.org.

We welcome your suggestions for improvement of the conference, presenters, or exhibitors. Please send your suggestions to: hlucymh@aol.com

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RGVCTM Board in Action

Board Member Selected to State Committee



Frank Rivera
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Curriculum and Evaluation

Appointed to the TEA Public School Accountability Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC)

The TEA committee on 2013 accountability is likely to recommend that the Summer 2012 and Fall 2012 STAAR end-of-course results for 1st-time test takers be included in the 2013 accountability calculations for percent passing. This means that students who enroll in classes for credit this summer and take the STAAR EOC will count toward passing rates for 2013. Only first-time test takers will count in this way. High school summer programs that are allowing students to take a core area course (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, English 1, etc.) for the first time, the EOC test that these students will take in July 2012 will count toward the 2013 accountability.

Board Members Selected as Teacher of the Year



Marcia Ziegler

RGVCTM High School Director
PSJA North High School Math Teacher



Velma Sanchez
RGVCTM Vice President, Elementary
Director
PSJA M. Garza Elementary

Newly Appointed
CAMT Exhibitor Chair

Betty Rountree Education Grant

The RGVCTM offers several \$800 grants to potential and current mathematics teachers each academic school year. Our goal is to assist individuals who plan continued study leading toward a mathematics teaching certification or who desire to continue studies in undergraduate and/or graduate work in mathematics or mathematics education. Teachers or paraprofessionals who are current members of RGVCTM and have <u>successfully completed</u> a college level mathematics or mathematics education course may apply for a grant. A member may receive, at most, one grant during each year. The grant money is to be used to help defray tuition and textbook costs for any mathematics or mathematics education course.

RGVCTM's Betty Rountree Grant Application	Date of Application
Name of Applicant	
Position_	Grade Level
Years of Experience	Work Phone
District	
Campus	
Home Address	
Home Phone	
College or University in which you are enrolled	
Name of Mathematics Course in which you are enrol	lled
Date or Expected Date of Completion of Course	
Winners must submit proof (e.g. transcript, report car	rd) of completion to receive award.
Please state the need for this grant (financial/academ completion of the course in which you are enrolled.	ic) and the benefits to be expected from your successful If needed, use additional sheets.
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Send application to Frank Rivera, 1007 Adams, Miss	Sion, 1A /85/2.



Individual Registration Form

ADVANCED REGISTRATION DEADLINE - OCTOBER 12, 2012

47th Annual RGVCTM Mathematics Conference

The University of Texas – Pan American, Edinburg, TX

November 17, 2012

On-Site Registration - 7:30 a.m. located 1st floor MAGC Bldg.

Conference 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Fax: (888) 435-8303

Advanced Registration Fee - \$50.00

Phone: Home (956) 867-0456

On – Site/Post Deadline Registration Fee - \$60.00

Registration forms must be submitted to Lucy Muñoz via email at <a href="https://https

Send check or purchase order to the address listed below. Make checks payable to RGVCTM. Lucy Muñoz

906 Jay Drive S. Mission, TX 78573

Method of Payment:				
Personal Check #	District Check #	Money	V Order #	
If method of payment is a school	ol Purchase Order (PO), plea	se complete the following	g:	
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City:	State:	Zip Code:		
School District:	Camp	us:		
Position:	Grade	e Level(s):		
School Address:				
City:	State:	Zip Code:		
School Phone Number:	School Fa	ax Number:		
amail:	School	al Contact.		

Cancellations/Refunds: Cancellations received on or before 10/12/2012 will be refunded, less a \$10 cancellation fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations received after 10/12/2012.