Conference News

Dear members, friends, and supporters of SCCTM,

As a team of presidents (past, present, and future), we write to you to share news, excitement, and encouragement. Your SCCTM Board members have been hard at work all summer determining the best course of action for our upcoming conference scheduled for November. In order to be well informed of the preferences of our membership, we gathered data and feedback during virtual coffee chats, from polls and surveys. The results of the data are overwhelmingly supportive of cancelling any in-person events for the fall and even for the spring semester. As such, we have cancelled our event in Greenville, SC that was scheduled for November 19-20, 2020.

During these unprecedented times, we have focused on what we might do to support and inspire our members and would-be conference attendees. As a result, we have committed to the following actions:

- Host a series of conversations with leaders in our field to be held from 4pm – 7pm on the second Thursday of each of the following months: October, November, January, February and March with our Annual Business meeting taking place on Friday, November 13th.
- Support our members by providing a vast array of real-time presentations, videos, vendor presentations, breakout/chat rooms, and, of course, the ever-popular DOOR PRIZES! (Note: only members will be eligible for door prize drawings)
- Make the cost affordable to our members (free to all members and only $50 for non-members to attend ALL of the online events).
- Keep the fee associated with receiving certificates for continuing education credits low.

The start of this school year will be like no other that we’ve experienced. Know that you are a part of an organization that is devoted to supporting one another – reach out to each other and stay connected. We wish that all your creativity and problem-solving skills will help make this a wonderful start of the new year.

We often celebrate the “firsts”…first day of school, first birthday, first day of college, first day as a teacher…and we hope, while it may be different, you’ll continue to celebrate this first day. While we could dwell on the crazy spring that we completed; an odd summer which included no vacation time for most of us; or the loss of a conference; instead we focus on celebrating the first ever online non-conference - this year “SCCTM” means: Staying Connected: Conversations with Teachers of Mathematics.

Thank you to all educators and supporters of great educational opportunities. We hope to “SEE” you in October!
Wishing you all the best in learning,

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