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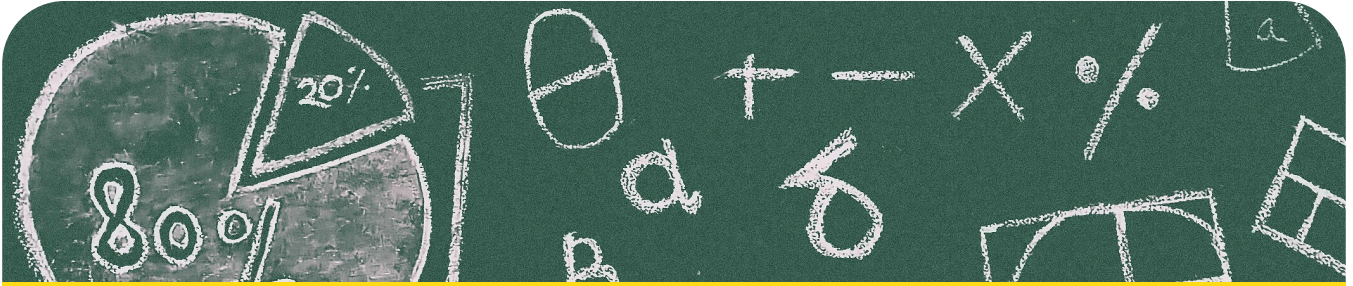
Conference Highlights

On March 25, KATM hosted a conference at Emporia State University. We were so happy to be back in person after the last couple of years without a conference. Our day started off with a fantastic session with the Kansas Teacher of the Year team, and then everyone went to breakout sessions. It was a fantastic day! We were very excited about the number of pre-service and early career teachers that attended, and even presented at our conference! KATM strives to help develop our newest math teachers!



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President's Message

KATM members,

I can't believe it's summer! This time of year always brings about so many emotions, ready to have a break, but knowing I will miss my students, looking forward to summer, but reflecting on the academic year.

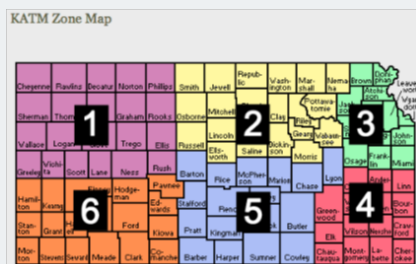
I encourage you to take this time to pause and reflect on the successes and challenges in your classroom, specifically as it relates to math teaching and learning. What worked well for your students this year? What is something you want to try differently next year? This is where KATM can help support you! As a member of KATM, you have access to a variety of resources that we hope you take this time to explore. Check out our website, katm.org, especially the Members Corner, which has resources for all ages of learners. Also, follow KATM on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on events and member-shared resources. We extended our Capitol Federal Scholarship Application deadline to Sept 18. You could be awarded up to \$1000 for your classroom, apply today!

KATM also hosts an annual conference, for everyone to attend! On March 25, approximately 150 Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle, High School and College teachers met to learn, share and grow together! Thanks to those who attended! If you were unable to join us, please plan to attend next year and connect with other Kansas teachers. We are already working on plans for the 2023 KATM Annual Conference which will be held in the spring at Emporia State. At our spring board meeting, we discussed the need to connect with education partners throughout the state to offer a variety of locations for this conference in upcoming years, so we may be reaching out to you as we devise a long term plan for this initiative, starting in 2024.

Later in this Bulletin, you will see the newly elected KATM board members. Please take time to read their short biographies. I am excited to announce that we have added a new board position, Vice President of Early Childhood! This will allow KATM to provide support to the teachers of our youngest learners! The Board also has Vice Presidents of Elementary, Middle, High and College, so this positions really extends the KATM network from birth-college! Based on the feedback provided in the post-conference survey, the KATM Zone Coordinators have been meeting over the last couple months and are planning to renew some of the aspects of this role. See the map below to find out which KATM zone you reside in and look forward to hearing from your zone coordinator, with resources and learning opportunities throughout the year.

As always, the KATM Board is so appreciative of all the work each of you do for our Kansas students! We are making great strides in Kansas to provide ALL students with meaningful and relevant mathematics learning experiences because of the work YOU do! Have a wonderful summer, hopefully relaxing, reflecting and as always, thinking about how we can enhance learning opportunities for our students!

Julie



- Zone Coordinator 1: Allison Kitchen
- Zone Coordinator 2: John Scoggins
- Zone Coordinator 3: Cheryl Delacruz
- Zone Coordinator 4: Lara Staker
- Zone Coordinator 5: Aubrey Neihaus
- Zone Coordinator 6: Jeannett Valdovinos



New KATM Board Members

In the spring, KATM had an open nomination period for certain KATM Board positions. This year, we did not have multiple nominees for any of our positions, so we did not have formal elections. However, we would love to introduce our new KATM Board members. These are positions that were filled: Vice President Early Childhood, Vice President Elementary and Vice President High School.



Vice President Early Childhood : Nikki Meier

Nicole (Nikki) Meier has been involved in education for 24 years. She has primarily taught kindergarten in Topeka for the majority of those years, with also administering an after school program for K-5 for a couple of years. She has also substituted for all levels of K-12 education, taught first grade for one year and presented to teachers throughout the United States and internationally. She obtained her National Boards in Early Childhood Education in 2016 and maintained her certificate in 2021. She is currently working on her masters of instruction of STEM from Emporia University and plans to graduate in December 2022. Nikki has been on the KATM board as the VP of elementary the past four years and has enjoyed learning more about math and connecting with other teachers around the state. Nikki enjoys teaching the younger learners and having certifications in early childhood for her undergrad and National Boards she feels her expertise can be better used serving as a VP of Early Childhood. She looks forward to hopefully serving for years to come.



Vice President High School: Kurt Parker

Dr. Kurt Parker has been a high school mathematics teacher for over thirteen years. He recently graduated from Baker University with his doctorate in educational leadership. He is a strong voice and proponent for providing students opportunities to engage in their learning through standards of mathematical practice, with a focus on the significant connection of mathematics and literacy.



Vice President Elementary Nominee: Lillian Lindner

I am a reformed “I’m not a math person” teacher who absolutely loves fractions. I have 13 years classroom experience in elementary grades and two years experience working on a research grant at the University of Kansas where I focused on mathematics understanding, instruction and formative assessment in elementary grades. I am fortunate to be teaching in a Kansas redesign school where we’re encouraged to take risks and try new things, things I strive to model and encourage in my students everyday. Almost seven years ago I met the woman who changed my entire understanding of math and how fun and engaging teaching math can be. I hope to be the positive influence in others that she was for me. I want to spark a passion for teaching math that turns into a spreading wildfire.



**KATM Scholarship
Opportunity!**

**Still time to apply!
Applications are easy!**

KATM has been blessed to partner with Capitol Federal to provide the Capitol Federal Scholarship for many years. Again, applying is as simple as telling us how you would spend the money to improve math education and getting two letters of reference.

Who can apply: Any Math teacher that is a KATM member.

Amount: Up to \$1000 to be used for a variety of reasons including math supplies, manipulatives, continuing mathematics education, conference or workshop attendance, or any other improvement of mathematics teaching opportunity.

[Click here](#) to find application information on our website!