



# Georgia Council of Teachers of Mathematics

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## President's Pen

Fellow mathematics educators:

I am honored and excited to serve as your president for the next two years. GCTM has played an important role in my career since 1987. I attended the Georgia Mathematics Conference in 1987 as a student under the supervision of Dr. Earl Swank and I was "hooked." There are no words to describe how much GCTM has meant to me during my 31-year career.

GCTM strives to provide professional learning while promoting an active interest in mathematics. The professional learning can be taken back to the classrooms of Georgia educators and immediately implemented. We hope that mathematics educators share excitement every day in the classroom.

In addition to the Georgia Mathematics Conference, GCTM will be offering Summer Academies again this Summer. As Georgia rolls out the new standards, GCTM is dedicated to providing support to Georgia's educators.

We would love for you to be involved in GCTM---consider joining the organization, attending professional learning opportunities, and feel free to reach out if you need support!!!

Tammy Donalson  
GCTM President



## What's New?

2023 marks an exciting debut for a new GCTM publication. Instead of bringing our members one publication, we have decided to create an additional newsletter document to bring our readers more timely, up-to-date content related to conferences, executive board news, award deadlines, membership updates, and state math events. The newsletter format will be easy to print and share and will serve as a frequent reminder of all that GCTM has to offer our members. Reflections will be published bi-annually, and showcase peer-reviewed manuscripts, reflections, and lesson exemplars to promote creativity, professionalism, and mathematical interest.

What to become a reviewer? Email me at [gammillgctm@gmail.com](mailto:gammillgctm@gmail.com) for more details.

Dr. Becky Gammill  
Publication Editor



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## Let's Talk About Money!

GCTM ended 2022 on the positive side of the balance sheet for the first time since 2019. The cancellation of many in-person events due to the pandemic resulted in using just over 50% of our cash reserves to provide a free 2020 virtual Georgia Math Conference, and a low-cost 2021 virtual GMC. With the in-person GMC in 2022 and the in-person 2022 Summer Academies, GCTM is on a more solid financial footing going into 2023. We hope to provide an even greater experience with the 2023 Academies and GMC. If any member of GCTM has any questions about our finances, please contact me. I am happy to answer any questions. On another note, we have so far received \$983.75 in donations towards a memorial for Susan Craig to be placed at Rock Eagle. If you would like to contribute to this or to donate any amount to GCTM for help with any of our events (GMC, Academies, State Math Tournament, Advocacy, Publications) please do so! There is a "donate" button on our webpage. GCTM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and thus all charitable donations to GCTM are tax deductible.

Dr. Chuck Garner, Treasurer

## Competitions Update

GCTM will host a joint Junior Varsity and Middle School Competition at Tattnall Square Academy in Macon, GA on Saturday, April 15. Unlike the GCTM State Math Competition which is an invitational, both divisions are open for any team or individual in Georgia.

The Georgia Association of Advanced Placement Mathematics Teachers known as GAAPMT is hosting a new Calculus Tournament on Saturday, April 22. The Calculus Tournament will be hosted at four locations: Tift County Schools, Georgia Southern University, Rockdale Magnet High School, and Columbus High School.

## Calendar

<b>Feb 4</b>	Rockdale Math Competition for Middle Schools
<b>Feb 10</b>	Albany State Math Tournament Mapps at Middle Georgia State University
<b>Mar 3</b>	48 <sup>th</sup> Annual Augusta University Mathematics Competition
<b>Mar 4</b>	49 <sup>th</sup> CSU Invitational Math Tournament
<b>Mar 11</b>	GHP Interviews
<b>Mar 25</b>	Georgia Southern Mathematics Tournament

Bobby Stecher, VP Competitions



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## What's Your Matholution?

In case you missed the Instagram post from TI Education, it's time to make your matholution for 2023. I found mine recently while chaperoning our senior class field trip to the High Museum in Atlanta. After a long bus ride, followed by standing in cold and rain, and then trekking up four flights of stairs, I was pleasantly surprised to turn the corner and enter the mathematically fabulous exhibit of Monir Farmanfarmaian's, A Mirror Garden. Her mirrored sculptures brilliantly exhibit mathematical order and dynamic artistry. In reflecting on each new piece, my matholution for 2023 came to me: to look for and find the sparkling mathematics all around us.

Storie Atkins, Secretary



## Congratulations

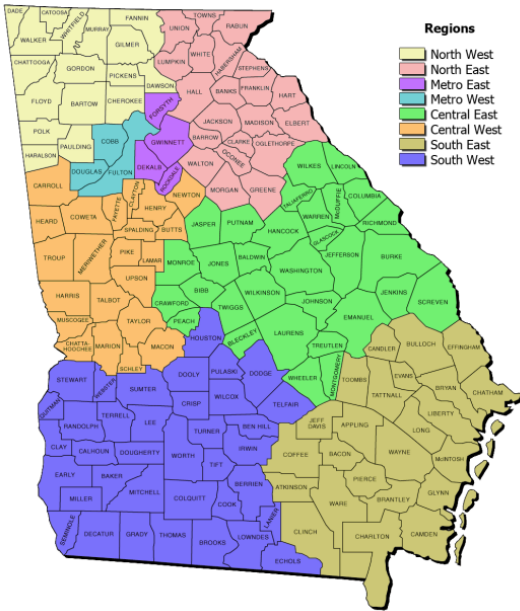
Dr. Chuck Garner, GCTM's Treasurer, was recently recognized by the Mathematical Association of America as a teacher who does "outstanding work to motivate students in mathematics by participating in one of the MAA American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) competitions." As an Edyth May Sliffe award recipient, Dr. Gardner is one of only 24 educators in the nation who received this honor this year!





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