

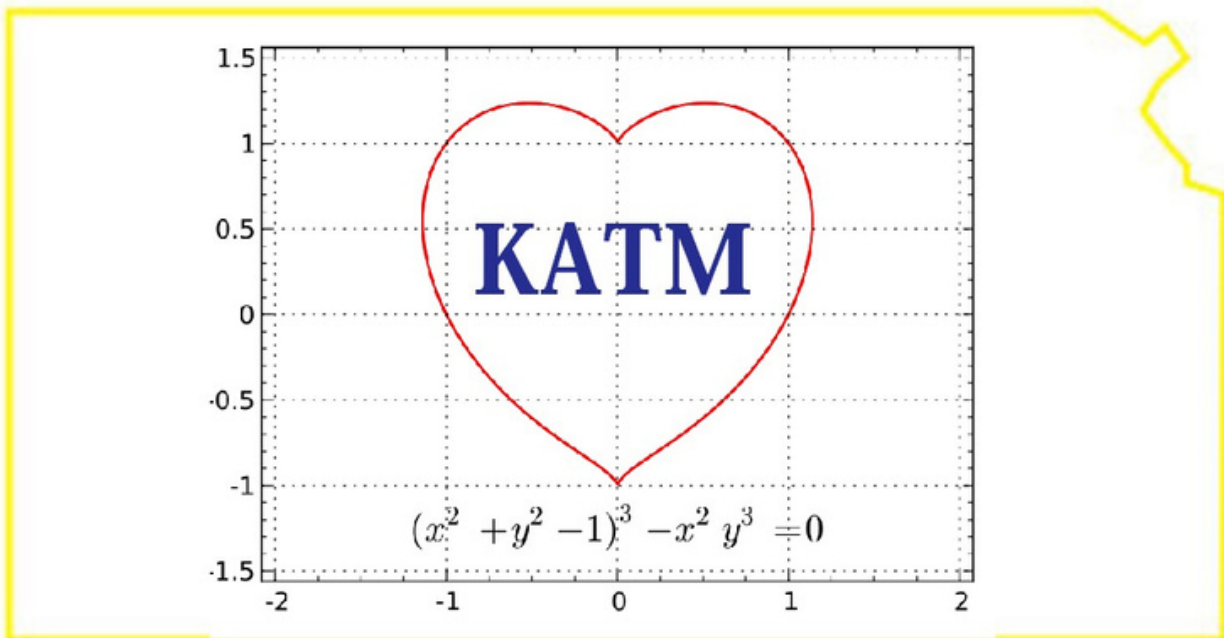
Fall 2022



# Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics

## Bulletin

**KATM Conference will be returning in  
Spring 2023**



## The Heart of Teaching Math in 2023

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## President's Message

KATM members,

I can't believe we are already having parent teacher conferences and nearing the end of 2022!

It's been a busy Fall, as always! While all our KATM Board members have been busy in our teaching roles throughout the state, we have also been engaging in our Strategic Planning and Goal Setting, which we do every 3-5 years. I wanted to share a summary of this work and thank our current KATM Board members for their dedication to KATM!

**KATM Mission:** KATM fosters an engaged community to advance effective practices in teaching and learning mathematics throughout Kansas.

**KATM Board Goals:**

- Increase outreach opportunities by restructuring roles and responsibilities of Board members and Zone Representatives.
- Increase member learning/communication opportunities by revising "The Bulletin" and creating a platform for "take and use in my classroom" teaching ideas.

Let me share a few more details! The KATM Board is looking for ways that our organization can help and support Kansas math teachers to network with one another and continuously learn more about effective math teaching and learning practices. We heard from many of you in our survey at the 2022 KATM Conference that you want more communication and opportunities to connect with KATM and more practical "take and use in my classroom" teaching resources and ideas. Be on the lookout for emails from your Zone Representative and Vice President from your field (Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, High School, and College) with opportunities to engage! Also be sure to follow us on Facebook! We will be increasing our efforts to foster an engaged community, but we really want to hear from YOU! Please share session topics you would be interested in attending and provide your input on how KATM can best support Kansas Teachers by completing this brief (3 question) [KATM Fall 2022 Member Check-in](#).

We are also preparing for our 2023 Annual Conference, "The Heart of Teaching Math in 2023" being held on March 31 at Emporia State University. We are excited to offer this one-day, in-person opportunity for Kansas teachers to gather and talk all things math, to continuously improve our teaching and our student learning.

Lastly, we are looking for members to join our KATM Board for the 2023-2024 academic year. If you share our passion for engaging Kansas Math Teachers to advance effective practices, please consider nominating yourself and/or a colleague for one of our elected or appointed positions. We are a group of math teachers spanning from early childhood through college and we want you to join us to shape the future of math education in Kansas. More details about each position and link to fill out the short nomination form can be found on our [Board Positions KATM webpage](#).

As always, thank you for all you do to support math teaching and learning in our Kansas schools!

Julie Thiele  
KATM President



## Would you like to serve on the KATM board?

These offices will be up for election in 2023: Vice President College, Vice President Middle School, and President Elect. If you are interested in serving on KATM and helping us accomplish our goals, [click here to submit a nomination.](#)



## Apply for the Capitol Federal Scholarship!

Here is the place to get information about applying for the Capitol Federal scholarship. It is awarded to a KATM member each year and it is so easy to apply!



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### Margie Hill New Teacher Scholarship

After a well-spent lifetime growing her family, serving her community, and adding to the profession of mathematics education, Margie Hill passed away on September 21, 2021. Margie was a teacher first, investing time and skill in her students. She next invested in other teachers, serving as District Coordinating Teacher of Mathematics. Later investments of her energy and knowledge were made directly into future teachers as a Master Teacher in the UKanTeach Program at The University of Kansas. No matter her role or capacity, Margie was a model of what it meant to know one's values and, with focus and ferocity, let them guide one's actions. Because of Margie's dedication to preservice and new teachers KATM presents this scholarship opportunity.

Who: New teachers, first through third year, who are members of KATM and teach in Kansas.

What: \$250 funding.

For What: Funding may be used for tools, manipulatives, resources, professional learning or other means of supporting mathematics.

How: Submit a proposal outlining specifically how the funds would be used to support mathematics. Attach two letters of support, one from an administrator and the other from a colleague.

Submit proposals to Betsy Wiens, 2201 SE 53rd, Topeka, Kansas, 66609, or [betsy.wiens@gmail.com](mailto:betsy.wiens@gmail.com)





## Why serve on the KATM Board?

Being on the KATM Board has connected me to other math teachers around the state of Kansas, helped me to get ideas from other teachers, and have direct information from KSDE members about what's happening at the state level. It has helped me to feel connected to a professional community of other math teachers in Kansas.--Aubrey Neihaus, Zone 5 Coordinator

I enjoy being on the KATM Board because it gives me a chance to connect with other educators that are as passionate about math education as I am. I love getting to add my voice to discussions about the future of math education in Kansas, and it's awesome to think that I can help educators across the state. --Jenny Wilcox, Bulletin Editor

I have enjoyed being on the KATM board the past five years because I have learned a multitude of new things when it comes to math education, it has enhanced my teaching abilities and it has given me connections and friendships I would have never known otherwise. The quality of people in KATM is top notch! We would love for you to join us! -- Nikki Meier, Vice President Early Childhood

Joining the KATM Board as a Zone Representative gave me great insights into math teaching and learning throughout the state of Kansas that I wouldn't otherwise have access to. Throughout my years of service, I was encouraged by KATM Board members to continue to pursue leadership opportunities and ran for President-Elect and now serve as the President of KATM. The experiences I have had serving on this board and interacting with our members has continued to encourage my growth as a professional educator. The KATM board is made up of passionate math educators from across the state who work together to enhance math teaching and learning and we would love for you to join our team! --Julie Thiele, President

In my faculty role at Benedictine College, I do not engage regularly with K-12 educators and students, yet I work daily with college mathematics students preservice teachers. In working with the KATM board, I learn about current issues in Kansas schools, which informs my understanding of college mathematics students and influences how I prepare future mathematics teachers. - Angela Broaddus, VP for College