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## 48<sup>th</sup> Annual RGVCTM Conference Mathematics: Soaring Beyond the STAAR!

**Saturday, November 9, 2013  
University of Texas – Pan American  
1201 W. University Drive  
Edinburg, Texas**

### Time to Plan



*The Rio Grande Valley Council of Teachers of Mathematics (RGVCTM) is dedicated to the advancement of mathematics education in South Texas. This annual conference is the largest conference of its kind in the state of Texas. In partnership with the University of Texas – Pan American, it provides the opportunity for Valley teachers to receive meaningful mathematics professional development close to home. We invite you to join us for this outstanding event.*

*Teachers learning together*



*Teachers planning their day of staff development  
Over 90 sessions were offered throughout the day*

# 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 successfully completed 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 enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

Date or expected date of completion of course \_\_\_\_\_

Winners must submit proof (e.g. transcript, report card) of completion to receive award.

Please state the need for this grant (financial/academic) and the benefits to be expected from your successful completion of the course in which you are enrolled. If needed, use additional sheets.

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Send application to Velma Sanchez, 4010 N. Juniper, Pharr, TX 78577.

## President's Message

For many years, the Rio Grande Valley Council of Teachers of Mathematics (RGVCTM) has organized an annual conference to support mathematics education across South Texas. The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Mathematics Conference this past November was a great success thanks to the efforts of RGVCTM Board Members, UTPA personnel, volunteers, presenters, exhibitors, and conference attendees. 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 48<sup>th</sup> Annual RGVCTM Conference, *Mathematics: Soaring Beyond the STAAR!*, will be held Saturday, November 9, 2013. We invite you to join us for this outstanding event. The registration form is on page four of this newsletter, and it is available at [www.rgvctm.org](http://www.rgvctm.org). We welcome your suggestions for improvement of the conference, presenters, or exhibitors. Please send your suggestions to: [hlucymh@aol.com](mailto:hlucymh@aol.com)

### Spring 2012 News from TEA about the new math standards

The State Board of Education approved new more rigorous math standards and textbook adoption rules that reflect the changing instructional materials marketplace.

Board members approved more than 100 amendments to the mathematics Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills as they worked to clarify and streamline the standards that will form the basis of math instruction for students in kindergarten through high school.

Hundreds of Texas educators, citizens and business leaders offered input that was used to craft the standards.

“Texas is making a strong statement that it can write its own standards,” said board Chair Barbara Cargill of The Woodlands.

Several educators who testified before the board said the new standards provide more in-depth coverage of math topics than the current standards, which were adopted in the past three to nine years, depending on the grade level.

The new standards will be implemented in kindergarten through eighth grade classrooms in the 2014-2015 school year, while the new high school standards will be implemented in 2015-2016.

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**We will accept presenter proposals for the 48th annual conference until September 1, 2013. If you are interested in submitting a presenter proposal or an advertisement for our conference program, you may download the applications for both at the following address:**  
[www.rgvctm.org](http://www.rgvctm.org)



**Individual  
Registration Form**

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE - OCTOBER 4, 2013**

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November 9, 2013

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

Conference 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Advanced Registration Fee - \$50.00

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

Registration forms must be submitted to Lucy Muñoz via email at [hlucvmh@aol.com](mailto:hlucvmh@aol.com) on or before the registration deadline, Friday, October 4, 2013. Pre-registered participants will receive a program approximately 2 weeks prior to the conference date.

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

Lucy Muñoz

906 Jay Drive South

Mission, TX 78573

Phone: Home (956) 867-0456

Fax: (888) 435-8303

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_ Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_ School Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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**District Coordinator / Contact Person:**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

School /District Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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