

VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE HOSTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO TRANSFORM TEACHING

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

MATH FORWARD

The Math Department hosted a full day of professional development that focused on topics such as mathematics, teacher preparations, ways to engage students through hands-on activities, integrating technology into the classroom, identifying and understanding at-risk students, and much more!

The professional development conference was fully funded through the Successful Advancement in Mathematics (SAM) Grant, which was developed to redesign Victor Valley College's math program by adopting evidence based practices that promise to improve student outcomes. One strategy of the grant's plan includes hosting professional development events to promote collaboration between VVC and local K-12 educators.

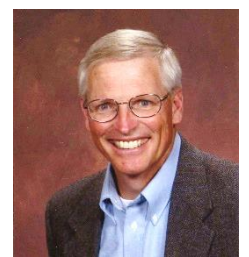


Eartha Johnson addressing 'need-to-knows' about millennial students.



Alan Tussy (Citrus College, retired) presenting a keynote address that opened the conference! He drew upon his four decades of teaching experience to give wisdom and insight into excellent pedagogy.

Alan Tussy | Cengage Publishing



John Martin & Gale Bach | Santa Rosa Junior College



John Martin and Gale Bach (Santa Rosa Junior College) presented an outstanding debate on the pros and cons of Photomath, a free math app. This will definitely fuel many discussions as faculty come to grips with the changing technologies available in the classroom.

At 8:30am sharp, Stephen Toner, our math department chair, wasted no time in getting started. Victor Valley College welcomed over 126 guests for Math Forward, including three keynote speakers and nine workshop presenters. Among the guests, various department representatives of the college joined us for the day, including Counseling, English, and Sciences! Math Forward was about more than just math, it was designed for all instructors who genuinely care about transforming their classrooms.



Attendees joined us on behalf of their districts, charters, and private institutions which included:

- Alta Vista Innovation High School
- Antelope Valley Learning Academy
- Apple Valley Christian School
- Apple Valley Unified SD
- Excelsior Charter School
- Helendale School District
- Oro Grande SD
- Snowline Joint Unified SD
- Summit Leadership Academy
- Victor Valley Union High SD
- San Bernardino Valley College
- Sultana High School



Mimi's Café served a wonderful lunch that was catered for all of our guests. At 3:25pm, the closing session began with a BIG THANKS to the SAM Grant staff, Jessica Vera and Alma De Santos, and to the SAMbassadors, Jason Hernandez, Adolfo Nieblas, Leila Moore, and Thomas Steensland, who did an excellent job in coordinating and carrying out the event!

Many teachers walked away with wonderful prizes acquired by Alma De Santos from local business donations like 3M, In-n-Out, Starbucks, Mimi's Café, and many more.

Overall, Math Forward was a wonderful professional development experience for all who attended, including the guest speakers, who were able to join in some of the workshops. The Math Department is looking forward to their next event in Fall 2018!

