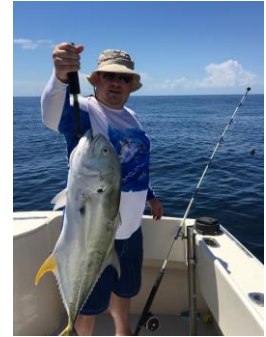


Dear MOMATYC friends,

This month I'm writing to you from a little coffee shop right down on the water in Panama City, FL. The picture above is a panoramic view of the beach in front of our hotel at sunset. I've been down all week for a family vacation to celebrate my in-law's 40th wedding anniversary. I would have tried to get this letter out to you yesterday (which would mark exactly 9 months on the calendar from our Spring Conference that will be held April 5th-7th) but I was a little preoccupied out on the water. The picture to the right is a testament to my whereabouts yesterday. We took a 6-hour private fishing charter out into the gulf. We had a lot of success. One of the bigger fish I caught yesterday was the jack cravelle fish I am holding in the picture. I was advised to throw it back because it the captain (and deckhand) both said it wasn't a good fish to eat. It put up quite a fight. I had a 4 ft. shark on my line and almost brought it up to the boat but the line snapped before the deckhand was able to hook him with the gaff. We drove down so we have all the fish fillets from the trip in the freezer and will be hauling them home when we leave tomorrow morning.



We are still working on the details with the keynote speaker. We are almost ready to announce, but have yet to finalize the details. STAY TUNED!

We have finalized the lodging for the weekend. It will be literally right across the highway from the OTC-Table Rock Campus in Hollister, MO. You won't lose sight of the campus while driving to and from the hotel. No one will have to brave the dilemma of getting lost at this year's conference!

Do you or a colleague have some expertise in classroom technology such as google drive, desmos, geogebra, minitab, R, etc.? Please consider submitting a proposal for the 2018 spring conference in Hollister, MO (near Branson) to help your colleagues from around the state. The MOMATYC Board is hoping to offer more sessions (workshops) that introduce these tools to faculty who are unfamiliar with them, as well as strengthen the skills of beginning or intermediate users. We've heard from several colleagues that this would be a helpful addition to the conference program and so we're hoping you can help us fill this need. Please complete a [proposal](#) at the [momatyc website](#), or email Mike Lueke at hblueke@stlcc.edu for more information.

I'm not sure about everyone out there in the state, but I'm halfway done with my summer (8-week) classes. Hang in there to all of you that braved the summer with teaching a class or two (or 3 for the crazy ones like me). The picture below was from the last newsletter and is intended to remind us of where to be in 9 months!

