



Dear MOMATYC friends,

In honor of the series that is wrapping up at Busch Stadium tonight in the acclaimed I-70 series, I chose the banner to celebrate the coming together of baseball fans all over the state. I hope, in Missouri, you are fans of one of these two teams and have the privilege of calling one of them “your” team. It has proven to be a pretty good series thus far although both teams are struggling to make their way to the top of their respective divisions. Best of luck to both teams tonight, although there can only be one winner!

As we are getting ready to start this new semester, please mark your calendars and submit a request for funding to attend the MOMATYC Spring conference on April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. We are really looking forward to our conference down in Branson (Hollister, MO) this coming spring!!

We have gotten word that Dr. Tristan Denley will be our keynote speaker for our Spring 2018 Conference! If you haven’t heard about or read about Dr. Denley, you are in for a big treat. He was just appointed this year as the Chief Academic Officer and Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for the University System of Georgia. He is nationally recognized for his efforts using a data-informed approach to implement a wide variety of system scale initiatives surrounding college completion. ([credit](#)) We thank our friends at [Hawkes Learning Systems](#) for helping us land such an inspirational and innovative keynote for our conference this year. Dr. Denley does have roots in mathematics, earning a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Cambridge, before moving to a more administrative role.



We are still looking for individuals who 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 to help us build a quality technology series. 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 [hluke@stlcc.edu](mailto:hluke@stlcc.edu) for information.

There are a couple of regional meetings regarding SB997 and the Pathways Initiative around the state that might be of interest as you are building your academic calendar for 2017-2018. Please try to attend one of these meetings so that you can be kept up to date and have your voices heard about this statewide redesign initiative. Please email Donna Kessler at [donnak@macc.edu](mailto:donnak@macc.edu) for information. These meetings should run from 10am-3pm(ish).

September 8, MCC Penn Valley Campus  
 September 22, OTC Richwood Valley Campus  
 September 28 Moberly Area Community College  
 October 13, STLCC (need to find out which campus)

I hope all of you have a fantastic start to this new academic year. Not many professions provide a “fresh start” every 16 weeks. We have the unique opportunity to do things better than the last time around 2-3 times a year. Let’s make the most of it!