

Topic: Dec. 9-Dec. 11 CMC3 44th Annual Conference, Monterey, CA

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Dear SGA Leaders,

The Future Teachers Club and Math Club Members will be going together to California Mathematics Council Community Colleges (CMC3) Annual Fall Conference. The field trip will include attending the conference and visiting nearby attractions including Point Lobos, 17 Mile Drive, and the Monterey Bay. The Conference itself will have a variety of speakers on topics related to both Mathematics and the teaching of mathematics. The Keynote Speakers will be Spiros Michalakis ("Mathematics 2.0," Cal Tech) and Dan Meyer ("A Tale of Two Internets," Desmos). In past years, students have felt warmly welcomed by this group of approximately 350 community college mathematics professors. Students have enjoyed participating in the conference by attending the sessions and meeting many faculty from a variety of community colleges. They have been introduced to mathematics and the teaching of mathematics as exciting career fields. In addition, students have had the opportunity to meet authors of math books. In past years, BC students attending CMC3 have returned to their BC classrooms as more assertive and confident learners. In addition to attending the conference sessions, students will have the opportunity to see the natural beauty of the California coastline and to enjoy the amazing sights of the Monterey Bay Aquarium. This will be a busy and satisfying mathematically and scientifically enriching field trip.

I am writing to support the request for SGA funding. Over the last three decades, I have taken many students to the CMC3 conferences. Students have enjoyed them and appreciated the networking and mentoring they receive from those they meet in addition to being introduced to Mathematics as an enjoyable field of study and Teaching of Mathematics as a satisfying career. I hope SGA will support this request. It is one of the best field trips we could hope to have and we have seven very interested students.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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