



Michigan Tutorial Association News

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MTA CONNECTS AT U-M ON OCT. 14!

Come to the 34th Michigan Tutorial Association Connections Conference at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor on Friday, October 14! This will be the first time we have met at U-M! Encourage your new and returning Student Tutors and SI Leaders to attend and present. Invite faculty and administrators to see what tutoring is all about.

About 100 tutors, SI leaders, faculty, and administrators attend the conference each year, and each year we provide an engaging day filled with stimulating sessions and outstanding opportunities to connect across and within institutions.

Important information for this year:

- **Conference date** is Friday, October 14, 2016
- **Location** is University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.
- **Proposal deadline** is Friday, September 16, 2016
- **Tutor of the Year** nominations due Friday, September 16, 2016
- **Registration deadline** is September 30. On-site registrations are accepted, but will not guarantee meals!
- **Registration is only \$30 for students/part-time tutors and \$125 for full-time personnel.** Continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and materials are included for all who register by Sept. 16.
- Remember MTA takes PayPal!
- **Complete information** at the [MTA Conference site](http://www.michigan-tutors.org/mta_conferences.htm)
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Proposals and Nominations due Friday, Sept. 16
- Registration due Fri., Sept. 30
- 34th Connections Conference, Friday, October 14, 2016
University of Michigan
- SI/Tutor Conference, Saturday, April 22, 2017, Jackson College



YOUR STUDENTS SHOULD PRESENT BECAUSE

- they are good tutors
- they have solved problems
- you’ve said “why didn’t we do that a long time ago?”
- they work hard in training
- they help do training
- they take over the training!
- they have student fan clubs
- they have bright futures
- they deserve to be heard
- they are great role models
- they make you so proud
- they should be recognized
- they can do it!

At your fall training or staff meeting, encourage your tutors to develop proposals for the Fall Connections Conference Oct. 14 and the Spring SI/Tutor Conference !

*“It is not that I'm so smart. But I stay with the questions much longer.”
—Albert Einstein*

BUT— WHAT SHOULD OUR PRESENTATION BE ABOUT?

Here are some specific conference session threads our members look for:

- Writing Tutoring
- Math Tutoring
- Online Tutoring
- SI strategies
- ESL/EFL/ELL Strategies
- Special Needs Tutoring
- Test-Taking Strategies
- Learning Strategies
- Tutor/ SI Leader Training
- Program Organization & Administration

Members love interactive sessions with ideas they can take right back to their students.

KEYNOTE TO ADDRESS MINDSET RESEARCH



Kevin Bross of Mindset Works will deliver a lively keynote session where we will learn about growth mindset research and why it is a critical lever for motivation and success. Participants will have the opportunity to explore and reflect on several tools, resources, and strategies to deepen their understanding of the role of mindset in learning as well as how to change and cultivate a growth mindset in students.

Kevin has worked for 16 years in public education in both urban and suburban school districts in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area as a teacher and instructional coach. He has worked with education leaders to develop a growth mindset culture in their schools to help students improve and grow as learners. Kevin’s passion for sharing growth mindset research has stemmed from his experiences of watching students persevere and excel as a result of growth mindset interventions.

- Check out [Mindset Works](#)
- Here’s a [TED talk](#) by Mindset founder Carol Dweck

CONFERENCE LODGING IN ANN ARBOR

We have conference rates at two hotels in Ann Arbor.

Find more information about other lodging and activities at the [Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau](#).

HOTEL	ADDRESS/PHONE	RATE	CODE	BOOK BY
Wyndham Garden Inn Ann Arbor	2900 Jackson Avenue Ann Arbor, MI 48103 734-665-4444	\$119	10146987UN	Sept. 14
Ann Arbor Regent Hotel & Suites	2455 Carpenter Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48108 Phone - 734-973-6100	\$100	MTA	Sept. 13

THINGS TO DO IN ANN ARBOR FOR OCT. 14-16

Good People— play at Kerrytown Concert House, Oct 13-15

The Verve Pipe at The Ark, Oct. 14

The Full Monty musical at Encore Musical Theater in Dexter, Oct. 13-16

Bread 3.0 baking class and more at Zingerman's Bakehouse, Oct 14-15

New exhibits of prints opening at the U-M Museum of Art, Oct. 15

Darlingside at The Ark, Oct. 15

Check all events at visitannarbor.org



Bandemer Park— courtesy of Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau

CONFERENCE LOCATION AND PARKING

The conference is in the Michigan League on the University of Michigan campus, indicated with the yellow star on the map below.

Parking fees will be paid for all who register by the early deadline—Friday, September 30! Parking is in the Fletcher Street parking structure indicated with the red P below.



MTA OFFICERS UP FOR ELECTION

Candidates for office this fall include Christine Huang of Wayne State University for president-elect.

The position of secretary is also open. Please contact Dean Fritzemeier Dean.Fritzemeier@muskegoncc.edu if you are interested in serving a two-year term in this position. Duties can be found in the [MTA Constitution](#), Article 4 Section E.

AND THE NOMINEES ARE . . .

Time to look at your fabulous staff and try to decide which one to nominate for the eighteenth Michigan Tutorial Association Tutor of the Year award!

The winner of the award receives a monetary prize, a plaque, and is honored at the annual MTA Connections Conference. The award was originally funded with a generous gift; in January 2006 the board voted to deposit 10% of the profits from each year's conference to maintain the award fund.

Complete information on award criteria and the nomination process are on the [Tutor of the Year webpage](#). Nomination deadline is Friday, September 16, 2016.

Self-nominations are welcome. Please remember that only current MTA members can submit nominations.

The logo for the Michigan Tutorial Association Tutor of the Year award. It features the words "Tutor of the Year" in a large, blue, stylized font. The text is arranged vertically, with "Tutor" at the top, "of the" in the middle, and "Year" at the bottom. The letters are bold and have a slight shadow effect.

“Love of learning is a pleasant and universal bond since it deals with what one is and not what one has.”

— [Freya Stark](#)

YOU'RE ON THE LIST!

Our mission statement (at right) says we are “a group of people who care about issues in tutoring and would like to share their successful strategies.”

All our members are part of the MTA News List whose address is mtanewslist@michigan-tutors.org; that's how you got this newsletter and how we send announcements.

But you can **send** messages to the list as well! Are you new to a tutoring program? An experienced hand with a brand new issue? Have you published? Are you presenting at a conference?

Please use your posting privileges to send your questions and news to your MTA colleagues. If you participate in LRNASST, the international list started by Frank Christ, you know how helpful it can be to have so many people as resources!

MICHIGAN TUTORIAL ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Michigan Tutorial Association is a professional state organization serving the needs of those interested and involved in tutoring post-secondary education. Our annual conference brings together a group of people who care about issues in tutoring and would like to share their successful strategies with you. We provide Michigan tutorial personnel a network for sharing, growth, and learning opportunities.

PROFILE YOUR CENTER!

We'd love to feature your learning (or tutoring) center (or lab) in our newsletter!

What services do you offer?

What's special about your staff and students?

Do you have a shiny new space to show off?

Have you consolidated services?

Won an award?

Presented or published?

**CONTACT NEWSLETTER EDITOR
ELIZABETH DEWEY AT
EBDEWEY@DELTA.EDU
ABOUT SHARING YOUR
CENTER'S STORY.**

THOSE WINNING TUTORS —

Since 1998, the MTA has honored sixteen people with its Tutor of the Year award. We'd like to find more of them and see what's happened to them since then. We'd be grateful for any leads. You can find pictures and information about previous winners at the [MTA webpage](#)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here we are at the start of another busy school year, helping students to succeed. For Muskegon Community College, it has meant a combining of departments, as well as a renovation during the most demanding time of the year. Hopefully, your transition to the new school year will be slightly easier than mine.

Let's get back to the bigger picture. The school year brings new opportunities for us to support the learning needs of our students. I am consistently looking for ways to improve tutoring and supplemental instruction here in Muskegon. One way to help students is by providing support and training to the tutors. Last year, several of my tutors came along and enjoyed the MTA Conference in Big Rapids.

This year the MTA Conference is at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Kelley Emerson and the rest of the board are working on putting together another excellent opportunity for administrators, tutors, and supplemental instruction leaders to continue to grow. Furthermore, the conference offers a chance for students to present tips, or success stories to encourage other tutors to go above and beyond. Please attend and bring others with you.

MTA also recognizes tutors that do more for their students. This is the MTA Tutor of the Year Award. It gives an opportunity to say thank you to one tutor.

On behalf of the MTA board I invite you to come and look forward to meeting each of you on October 14th.

Sincerely,

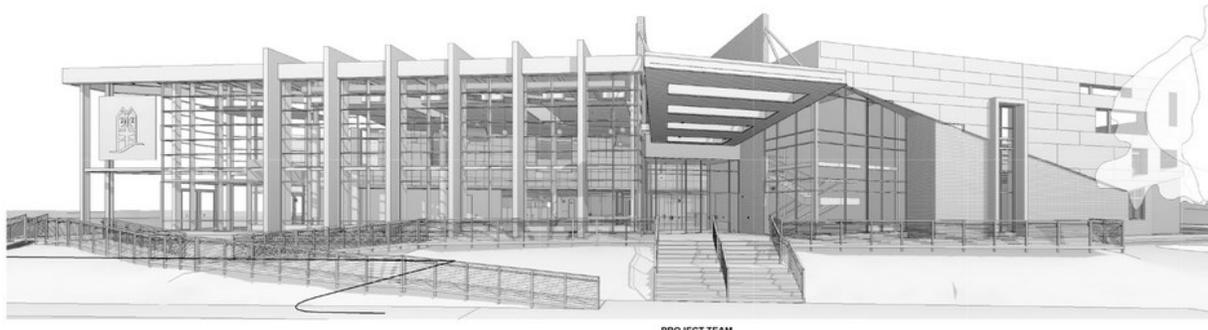
Dean Fritzeimer
MTA President

JOIN US IN JACKSON IN SPRING 2017!

Look forward to spring and join us at the Sixth SI/Tutor Conference on Saturday, 22 April, 2017, on Jackson College's Central Campus, in the beautiful, newly re-modeled Bert Walker Hall Community Rooms. We'll be putting out a call for proposals, along with a link to a conference information page later this fall .

BERT WALKER HALL RENOVATION + ADDITION

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