

# The VVCTM Reflection

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Valley of Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics

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## VVCTM: What's In It For Me?

Our locally based organization is affiliated with the larger state and national organizations, VCTM and NCTM. Therefore, following their platforms, we are dedicated to providing our local teachers with information and resources for high-quality instruction and best practices relevant to current mathematical standards and practices. We strive to provide guest speakers who are well known and reflect our current local divisions' goals. Our ultimate goal is to provide professional learning opportunities to our local math educators at little to no cost that will support equitable learning and foster cooperation and collaboration across our local school divisions.

# Teacher Profile: Kara Velez

JOE HILL AWARD RECIPIENT 2020-2021

Kara Velez, an eighth-grade teacher at Wilbur Pence Middle School in Rockingham County. Kara has been teaching for 23 years and participates regularly in professional development opportunities. She is a frequent presenter at local conferences, and she is a leader in promoting productive technology use in mathematics classes, building conceptual understanding, and modeling life-long learning. Kara's dedication to exemplary teaching and her tremendous work ethic have distinguished her in our field. She strives to present engaging lessons, fostering a love of mathematics and building a strong algebraic foundation for her students as they continue their math journey in high school. VVCTM congratulates Ms. Velez for her dedication and service to the math education community!



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*"Most students don't hate math. What they hate is being confused, intimidated, and embarrassed by math. With understanding comes passion and with passion comes growth - a treasure is unlocked."*

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*Larry Martinek*



## About the Joe Hill Award

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Each year, the Valley of Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics recognizes a classroom teacher on the elementary, middle, secondary, university, or math specialist/coach level for their outstanding work in the field of mathematics education.

**Nominations are due by January 7, 2021**, and the award winner will be announced in the Spring. Using the link below, nominate a deserving teacher today!

<https://bit.ly/JoeHillAward>

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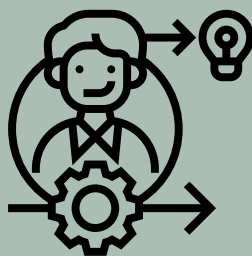
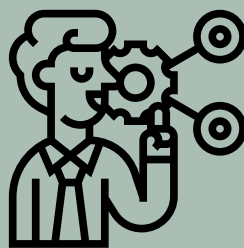
"A great educator makes everyone learn, not just those who are at the top of the class."

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James Lopez  
SCIENCE TEACHER







## VDOE Professional Development Recordings

### Addressing Unfinished Learning in Mathematics Webinar Series

These are all located on the VDOE Math Webpage

- Addressing Unfinished Learning in the Elementary Mathematics Classroom Recording
- Addressing Unfinished Learning in the Secondary Mathematics Classroom Recording
- Addressing Unfinished Learning in the Mathematics Classroom Presentation Links
- Bridging for Math Strength Webinar Part 1 - Grades K-2
- Bridging for Math Strength Webinar Part 1 - Grades 3-8
- Bridging for Math Strength Webinar Part 2 - Grades K-2
- Bridging for Math Strength Webinar Part 2 - Grades 3-8
- Using Small Group Instruction to Address Unfinished Learning in the Elementary Mathematics Classroom
- Using Small Group Instruction to Address Unfinished Learning in the Secondary Mathematics Classroom
- Structuring Effective Intervention in the Elementary Mathematics Classroom
- Structuring Effective Intervention in the Secondary Mathematics Classroom

## Professional Development Opportunities

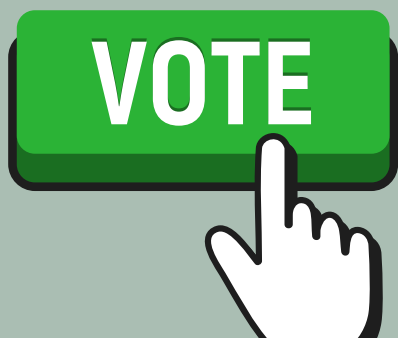
- <http://vctm.org/2021webinars>
- **VDOE Teacher Direct** with links to future webinars
- **NCTM Events and Professional Development Opportunities**
  - December 10: NCTM 2021 Virtual Research Conference
  - February 2–4: New Orleans, Louisiana Regional Conference
  - March 16–18: Indianapolis, Indiana Regional Conference
- **NCSM One-Day Virtual Seminars**
  - Virtual Seminar 2: Bold Mathematics Leaders: Coaching Practices that Promote Equity and Access February 7, 2022
  - Virtual Seminar 3: Bold Mathematics Leaders: Leadership Actions for Culturally Relevant Teaching in Mathematics Education March 7, 2022
- Virginia Children's Engineering Council - Feb 8-10, 2022
- VCTM 2022 Annual Conference March 18-19, 2022 @ Virginia Wesleyan University with hybrid options available.

# Officer Elections



## VVCTM Officer Elections

Office	Slate of Officers	
President	Brian Nussbaum	
Elementary Reps	Amy Henderson	April Buckmaster
Middle Reps	Jenny Gibson	Allison Yoder
High School Reps	Missy Luikart	Kara Lafon
VCTM/NCTM Rep	Amanda Rickard	
Secretary	Alexis Stevens	
Treasurer	Zig Siegfried	



<https://bit.ly/V2CTMElections>

# VVCTM Networking

*We would like to create a network of math-minded individuals who can share ideas and work collaboratively. Please enter your work information in the shared spreadsheet. Please share any instructional resources you work together on or are willing to share out in our V2CTM shared drive.*

*After all, logically we should be working smarter, not harder!*

**YOUR NAME HERE**  
YOUR POSITION HERE

**<https://bit.ly/V2CTMnetworking>**



## **V2CTM Networking & Collaboration Shared Drive**

Once we have your information on the spreadsheet,  
you will be added to the shared drive.