

Chris Castillero



Current Position:

COMPASS Regional Math Lead,
Sourcewell

Education:

- B.S. Secondary Education - Mathematics, Arizona State University
- M.Ed. Educational Administration, Grand Canyon University

Goals as MCTM VP Junior High/MS:

As a lifelong mathematics educator and learner and as a dedicated member of MCTM, my goal is to nurture a love for mathematics in all parts of the educational system. I aim to provide innovative and effective teaching strategies that inspire students to actively engage with and enjoy mathematics. By

Kari Pratt



Current Position:

Compass Regional Math Lead
South Central Service Cooperative

Education:

- Graduate Certificate, Gifted and Talented Education, University of St. Thomas
- M.Ed. Math Education, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- B.A. Business Finance, University of St. Thomas

Goals as MCTM VP Junior High/MS:

As a middle school math teacher, I experienced firsthand the impact that MCTM can have on teaching practices. In my current role as a Compass Regional Math Lead, I have the privilege of working closely with educators and leaders

Jillian Tomsche



Current Position:

Middle School Math Teacher &
Middle School Math Support for
Mounds View Public Schools

Education:

- University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- St. Scholastica, Graduate Teaching Licensure Program (5-12 Mathematics)
- St. Scholastica, Master of Science in Teaching

Goals as MCTM VP Junior High/MS:

As a MCTM officer, I look forward to supporting and continuing to participate in professional learning opportunities with other

continuing to create engaging learning environments and exploring new professional development delivery systems, we can better meet the needs of both our teachers and students. I am committed to fostering a collaborative and supportive community among our educators, ensuring that we continuously improve and adapt to the evolving educational landscape.

Professional Affiliations:

- Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
- National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics

Involvement with MCTM and Mathematics Education:

- Secondary Mathematics Teacher
- K-12 Mathematics Coach
- Adjunct Professor, Mathematics Undergraduate Coursework, Olympic College
- CESA 7 Math Director
- Mathematics Director: 4j-Eugene, OR and MMSD-Madison, WI
- State Mathematics Supervisor: Rhode Island

to promote best teaching practices, support the implementation of the upcoming new standards, and deepen our own understanding of mathematics. MCTM already provides incredible opportunities for professional learning and collaboration, and if elected, I will work to expand this outreach. My goal is to connect even more educators with these opportunities, finding creative ways to foster shared experiences and enhance knowledge around math instruction. Through this work, I hope to strengthen our community of middle school math educators, create equitable math opportunities for all students, and drive positive change in classrooms statewide, ensuring every student has the chance to succeed in mathematics.

Professional Affiliations:

- Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Involvement with MCTM and Mathematics Education:

- Math Teacher for 14 years (Middle School, High School, K-12 Math Instructional Coach)
- Independent Math Consultant
- Presenter at NAGC National Convention on the topic of Math in Gifted Education

educators and leaders in Minnesota. Teaching is a robust profession, one that is meant to be done *with* others. As Vice-president, I will work to connect teachers across Minnesota with the goal of improving teaching, and by extension, learning for each student. These connections will provide educators with time to learn from each other, to reflect on their own practice, and to try new things or set goals for themselves in our schools and classrooms. These opportunities can take many forms - such as workshops, peer observations, or online meetings - and can be offered in a variety of time frames. Small and consistent growth over time will have a lasting impact!

Professional Affiliations:

Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Involvement with MCTM and Mathematics Education:

- Achievement Level Descriptors Writing Team, June 2024
- MCA Test Specifications Writing Team, 2022-2023
- MN Standards Revision Committee, 2021-2022
- Attendee at MCTM conference, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Scheduled presenter at MCTM Spring conference 2025● Vice-Chair, Mankato Area Public Schools School Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● MN Codes Cohort Member, 2020-2021● Code.org 5-day Training, Summer 2019● Graduate Studies “Post Capstone” Award, May 2017, St. Scholastica● Adjunct Faculty for St. Scholastica, Fall 2017● Presenter at MCTM conference, Spring 2015
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