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HOTEL DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 24  
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 1**

August 20, 2004

Dear Colleague:

You are invited to attend the Dana Center's **Tenth Annual October Mathematics Higher Education Conference October 28–30, 2004** at Lakeway Inn and Conference Center, Lakeway, Texas (southwest of Austin on beautiful Lake Travis).

This year's conference will have a dual focus:

- a) professional development and followup for the "course-in-a-box" modules developed for faculty and leaders to support secondary school mathematics teachers (funded by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Education Agency), and
- b) information about model college and university courses that support and strengthen preparation of prospective mathematics teachers K-12.

This year's conference, "**Ensuring Teacher Quality: Supporting and Strengthening Inservice and Preservice Mathematics Teachers**" will offer 1-day overviews of the Teacher Quality modules and opportunities for reflection and followup of THECB Type B activities, in addition to sessions for those interested in new course offerings and opportunities to strengthen preservice preparation of teachers.

The traditional audience for the Dana Center October Conference has been **mathematics faculty** in two- and four-year colleges and universities in Texas. This year we are also inviting other **mathematics leaders** who want to receive overviews of the Teacher Quality modules for middle school and high school mathematics teachers. We especially invite faculty and leaders who are currently offering Type B Teacher Quality training for teachers through the THECB funding, as well as those who plan to apply for funding in the upcoming year.

On Friday, October 29, the module developers will offer a one-day overview of the following modules:

- Middle School Mathematics (Parts I and II)
- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Precalculus

Participants may choose one module to attend and will receive a CD of the course materials for that module. **Faculty** are encouraged to use at least portions of the extensive resources in their university or college mathematics or mathematics education courses. **Mathematics leaders** may choose to incorporate parts of these resources as a followup or support to ongoing content professional development for teachers. We will plan opportunities for faculty and leaders to connect with each other during the conference and begin to build partnerships for teacher support.

The conference will be held again this year at Lakeway Inn on beautiful Lake Travis out of Austin, 101 Lakeway Drive. Registration will begin Thursday, Oct 28 at 4:30 pm, with dinner and opening session at 6:00. The conference will end at 11:30 on Saturday, but you may stay for buffet lunch.

We will furnish hotel accommodations for two nights (by reimbursement), meals and breaks (all but Friday night), and conference materials, including the CD for the module you attend, for a **conference registration fee of \$180.**

### IMPORTANT LODGING INFORMATION

Make your own arrangements for lodging and pay for your room at Lakeway Inn; we will reimburse you up to \$70 per night. **Call (800) 525-3929**; be sure to mention the **Charles A. Dana Center** to book your room at the conference rate. There is a limited block of rooms reserved at Lakeway Inn, so please call quickly. Conference room rate is \$70 per person per night for a double room and \$80 per night for a single room, plus local tax (remember to bring your proof of state tax-exempt status). **You must call by September 24 to get this rate.** (If Lakeway Inn fills up, please check the Dana Center higher ed website for additional hotels in the area; we will reimburse you for up to \$70 per night for other rooms after Lakeway fills up.)

**Conference attendance is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration deadline is October 1, 2004.** Please return your registration fee and form to:

The Charles A. Dana Center  
University of Texas at Austin  
October Preservice Conference  
PO Box M  
Austin, TX 78713-8913

When you register, you will receive via email a confirmation letter, receipt, complete agenda, map, **forms required for reimbursement**, and other information. If you have any questions about arrangements, please contact Helen Burnette at (512) 232-9398, [hfb@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:hfb@mail.utexas.edu). If you have other questions, contact Susan Hull (512) 475-8153 [shhull@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:shhull@mail.utexas.edu). We hope to see you at Lakeway!

Sincerely,

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