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A Letter from the President June 2020

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in making a positive difference in the lives of students.*

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What a time this has been. The last few months have been something that most of us have never experienced. I suspect that completing the semester was a difficult and challenging adjustment, but you made it through. You made it through with grit, determination, and a positive attitude – helping students be successful to the best of your ability. Now, most of us are planning for what comes next. We are preparing for a summer completely online and a fall semester that is not quite settled.

As you go through this unique time, remember, you are important. What you do is important. Your work with students is important. Our job is and has always been helping students succeed. That has not changed, just how we are accomplishing it. Hang tight and hold true.

You are needed and appreciated.

Denise Lujan,
President, NOSS

[2021 Conference](#)



We are still moving forward with the 45th Annual NOSS conference in Las Vegas. Working with the Westgate Hotel and the city of Las Vegas, we will carefully monitor the COVID-19 health concerns to ensure the safety of our members.

*Proposals and Registration are open for NOSS 2021.
Go to thenoss.org to submit your proposal and register.*

[Strategic Plan Update](#)

Over the last few months, the NOSS board has continued to work on the strategic plan. Like you, our jobs required much attention, but we have still been moving forward. As a part of our communication strategy, we want to keep you abreast of the progress. We invite your ideas, suggestions, and feedback.

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activities to expand our membership—more information to come soon.

- We have created a new Network called **National Trends**. Leading this new Network is Patrick Saxon. As he establishes a direction for the Network, we will share the information. If you are interested in being a part of this new Network, please reach out to the NOSS offices.

Expand Communication Reach

- Partnering with AMATYC, we will reach both AMATYC members and NOSS members by co-presenting at a webinar in August.

Expand Professional Development

- We have sent out a survey on what members want to see for professional development. Look for the results to come soon.
- We are partnering with AMATYC, The Dana Center, Carnegie Math Pathways/WestEd, and Mathematical Association of America to offer our 4th Math Summit at the NOSS Conference in Las Vegas.
- We are partnering with AMATYC to offer a webinar in August on “A Common Vision for Undergraduate Mathematical Sciences Programs in 2025”. Stay tuned for more information.
- We are partnering with Tutor.Com to provide a webinar hosted by Tutor.com focused on helping teams restructure tutoring for the fall.
- We have signed a new MOU with the National Center for Developmental Education to receive the *Journal for Developmental Education* through August 2021.
- Are continuing our partnership with John Craig to receive the Journal of Access, Retention, and Inclusion in Higher Education.

Evaluate Operations and Structure

- We have evaluated and revised the financial and budgeting processes to improve efficiency and tracking.
- We proposed a bylaw change on how the treasurer is selected/elected. We have also proposed an increase in the term of the treasurer. This vote is currently happening. Let us hear your voice – **vote by July 1st**.
- We have worked with our graphic designer to establish logos for both **Practitioner to Practitioner** and **Programs of Promise**. We will share those soon.
- We have chosen a new Exhibits Vendor for the Las Vegas Conference

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With this, I will close remembering my dear friend Margie MacDonald. Margie was involved with NOSS for many years and served in both her chapter as President and Vice President of NADE. She passed away in April and will be missed by many. She will always be remembered for her passion for student success. Rest well, my friend.

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