

# JCC site of area's first summer Math Summit

JCC welcomed math teachers from Jackson County to campus in August for a three-day Math Summit, designed to help bridge the gap between high school and college for math students.

Jackson County's three institutions of higher education face similar challenges with incoming students who are ill-prepared for collegiate-level coursework. JCC, Baker College and Spring Arbor University worked together to address this challenge with the Math Summit 2009. Over 60 math educators came together to hear educational speakers and discuss and brainstorm ways to improve curriculum and teaching to help high school students do better in math when they get to college. The goal is to reduce the need for post-secondary remedial math education by 5 percent in 2010.

Speakers included Julie Phelps of Valencia Community College, Orlando, Fla., Kristi Hanby, math/science coordinator with the Jackson County Intermediate School District, and Karl Klimek, president of 2 Perspectives: Learning Through Leadership, a learning and leadership consulting firm.

The summit brainstormed numerous ideas then narrowed the ideas to priority areas. A blog was created to allow area math teachers to further exchange ideas. Future summits will focus on reading and writing.

