

## Dr. Vera Jacobson Named Calculus Roundtable's First Professor Emeritus

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Calculus Roundtable – a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving math and science skills for students, particularly students of color - has launched a professor emeritus program as evidence of its commitment to training effective educators ready to lead amidst the changing environment of the nation's K–12 schools.

Calculus Roundtable's Professor Emeritus Program will partner with faculty to provide the best current practices, enhance our college and career courses, and coach our secondary and graduate fellows on course content and practices.

The program is designed to ensure equitable access to rigorous and engaging instruction in science and math for students of color through preparation, instruction, technology, and innovation.

Vera Jacobson, Ed.D., has accepted this position and will become the program's first professor emeritus. Dr. Jacobson is the former CTE Director for San Mateo County Office of Education. She worked with industry, workforce agencies, higher education, and local school districts to enable all schools to grow, expand, and enhance career, technical, and postsecondary education pathways for all students. Dr. Jacobson received her doctorate from California State University East Bay's "Educational Leadership for Social Justice," June 2013. Her research centered on students' empowerment under Personal Development Education (PDE).

"I'm honored to be named to this position," said Dr. Jacobson. "I am dedicated to helping to redesign our educational system with more inclusive outcomes for all students' success in a 21st-century, globalized, high-tech world."

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Vera Jacobson join Calculus Roundtable as our professor emeritus supporting CTE programs nationally and our instruction and mentoring of college ed-fellows, and future education leaders. Dr. Jacobson will build stronger pathways to postsecondary degrees and certificates and support better teacher preparation programs," said Hollis.

Dr. Jacobson will have three main functions: 1) review our CTE STEM career-readiness programs 2) train and mentor fellows from our university schools' of education partners, and (3) Dr. Jacobson will host the Superintendents' Collaborative, which brings together superintendents, three times a year, for professional engagement with policymakers, education and research university leadership, community as well as science business leaders to gain a collaborative perspective on the state of college and career education.

Calculus Roundtable has served over 20,000 students by partnering with school districts, higher education institutions, businesses, community and civic organizations, state agencies, and policymakers to strengthen California students' public and higher education systems.

"Dr. Jacobson is a visionary leader with a track record of students innovation and academic achievement gains."