

1145-AJ-71      **David T. Kung\*** (dtkung@smcm.edu) and **Alissa S. Crans** (acrans@lmu.edu). *MAA Project NExT: A community for new faculty.*

Since 1994, MAA Project NExT has welcomed over 1,800 new mathematics faculty from a wide variety of institutions. Each year we recruit a cohort of 80-90 enthusiastic, dedicated professors to discuss innovative teaching, inclusive practices, and being responsible citizens of the discipline. While the individual sessions are important and interesting (we hope!) the most important aspect of the program is the community building that occurs throughout the experience. We'll discuss the many ways we intentionally cultivate community both horizontally (within each cohort) and vertically (between the new group and more experienced mathematicians), all with the goal of fostering successful mathematicians who move our community forward toward a more inclusive future. (Received July 18, 2018)