



# Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival

## 2017 Keynote Speaker



Dr. Banita Brown, Associate Dean  
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Dr. Banita Brown's entire academic career has been spent at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She was first appointed as a member of the faculty in the Department of Chemistry. While in the department, her area of teaching and research was in the sub-discipline of Organic Chemistry. Her research interests consisted of the chemical syntheses of various heterocyclic derivatives. Numerous undergraduate and graduate students as well as high school students have participated in research projects of her laboratory. Dr. Brown was also recognized as a finalist for the UNC Charlotte Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence. Her administrative roles at UNC Charlotte have included the Chemistry Masters' Program Coordinator, the UNC Charlotte Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program Director, the NanoSURE Program Director (a National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates site), the UNC Charlotte Principal Investigator for the National Science Foundation North Carolina Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (an alliance consisting of eight UNC System institutions), and finally the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Success in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.