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Epsilon Awards for 2010

The AMS Epsilon Fund for Young Scholars was established in 1999 to provide financial assistance to summer programs in the United States and Canada for mathematically talented high school students. These programs have provided mathematically talented youngsters with their first serious mathematical experiences. The name for the fund was chosen in remembrance of the late Paul Erdős, who was fond of calling children “epsilons”.

The AMS has chosen ten summer mathematics programs to receive Epsilon grants for activities in the summer of 2011. The grants will support program expenses and student scholarships and, in some cases, scholarships only. The programs were chosen on the basis of mathematical excellence and enthusiasm. Award amounts were governed by the varying financial needs of each program and totaled US\$100,000.

The 2011 grants are awarded to: All Girls/All Math, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Canada/USA Mathcamp, Reed College, Portland, Oregon; Lamar Achievement in Mathematics Program (LAMP), Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas; MathPath, Colorado College, Colorado Springs; PROMYS, Boston University; PROTaSM (Puerto Rico Opportunities for Talented Students in Mathematics), University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus; Research Science Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ross Mathematics Program, The Ohio State University; Texas State Honors Summer Math Camp, Texas State University, San Marcos; Young Scholars Program, University of Chicago.

The grants for summer 2011 are paid for by the AMS Epsilon Fund for Young Scholars. The AMS Epsilon Fund for Young Scholars has been funded by contributions of AMS members and friends; the goal of the endowment is to provide at least US\$100,000 in support each summer. For further information about the Epsilon Fund for Young Scholars, visit the website <http://www.ams.org/giving-to-ams/> or contact development@ams.org. Information about how to apply for Epsilon grants is available at <http://www.ams.org/employment/epsilon.html>. A fairly comprehensive listing of summer programs for mathematically talented high school students (including those with and without Epsilon grants) is available at <http://www.ams.org/employment/mathcamps.html>.

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AMS Holds Workshop for Department Chairs

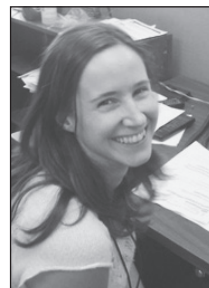
The AMS held its annual workshop for department chairs prior to the Joint Mathematics Meetings in New Orleans, Louisiana, in January 2011. This one-day session is designed in a workshop format to stimulate discussion and allow the sharing of ideas and experiences among attending department chairs, which allows attendees to address departmental challenges from new perspectives. The 2011 workshop was led by Timothy Hodges, University of Cincinnati; John Meakin, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Helen Roberts, Montclair State University; and Stephen Robinson, Wake Forest University.

Workshop sessions have included a range of issues facing departments, including planning and budgeting, personnel management, assessment, outreach, faculty development, communications, and departmental leadership. This year’s workshop focused on leading a department in challenging times, assessment, new approaches to nonmajor mathematics classes, and faculty evaluation as an opportunity.

The 2011 workshop was the largest ever for the AMS, with sixty department chairs and leaders from across the country attending.

—Anita Benjamin
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From the AMS Public Awareness Office



Adriana Salerno

Ph.D. + epsilon

The AMS has launched a blog, Ph.D. + epsilon, written by Adriana Salerno, assistant professor at Bates College. As an early-career mathematician, she will blog about her experiences and challenges. The AMS invites other early-career mathematicians to follow the blog and share comments at <http://www.ams.org/blog/phdplus/>.

American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting

The AMS Public Awareness Office ran the Who Wants to Be a Mathematician game during Family Science Days and

hosted an exhibit at the 2011 meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, D.C., February 17–21. See descriptions of some of the events related to mathematics that took place at the meeting at <http://www.ams.org/meetings/aaas2011>.

2011 Mathematical Art Exhibition album

The fifty-eight works in the 2011 Mathematical Art Exhibition, held at the Joint Mathematics Meetings, are in an album on Mathematical Imagery. The works include digital prints, origami, crochet, jewelry, and sculpture; the images may be sent as e-postcards. See <http://www.ams.org/mathimagery>.

Deaths of AMS Members

HUGH N. ALBRIGHT, professor, LaSalle University, died on February 24, 2011. Born on February 27, 1928, he was a member of the Society for 40 years.

WINIFRED A. ASPREY of Poughkeepsie, New York, died on October 19, 2007. Born on April 8, 1917, she was a member of the Society for 61 years.

THIERRY E. AUBIN, of Paris, France, died on March 21, 2009. Born on May 6, 1942, he was a member of the Society for 29 years.

JOHN E. BROTHERS, professor, Indiana University, died on November 15, 2010. Born on July 6, 1937, he was a member of the Society for 47 years.

ELIZABETH H. CUTHILL, of Solomons, Maryland, died on January 11, 2011. Born on October 16, 1923, she was a member of the Society for 62 years.

DAVID F. DAWSON, of Denton, Texas, died on February 7, 2011. Born on September 16, 1926, he was a member of the Society for 59 years.

DENIS A. HIGGS, of Toronto, Canada, died on February 25, 2011. Born on May 6, 1932, he was a member of the Society for 41 years.

GREG HJORTH, professor, University of Melbourne, died on January 13, 2011. Born on June 14, 1963, he was a member of the Society for 18 years.

JAROSLAV JEZEK, professor, Charles University, died on February 13, 2011. Born on March 5, 1945, he was a member of the Society for 33 years.

GEORGE E. LANG, professor, Fairfield University, died on May 9, 2007. Born on June 29, 1942, he was a member of the Society for 38 years.

GERARD MCDONALD, professor, Loyola University of Chicago, died on September 18, 2010. Born on November 27, 1946, he was a member of the Society for 31 years.

ERNST SNAPPER, professor, Dartmouth College, died on February 5, 2011. Born on December 2, 1913, he was a member of the Society for 69 years.

ALFRED J. VAN DER POORTEN, of Australia, died on October 9, 2010. Born on May 16, 1942, he was a member of the Society for 41 years.

THOMAS WILLIAMS, of Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania, died on September 30, 2010. Born on October 24, 1937, he was a member of the Society for 12 years.

FRANCIS U. WILLIAMSON, of France, died on January 8, 2011. Born on June 20, 1938, he was a member of the Society for 27 years.

A. WAYNE WYMORE, of Tucson, Arizona, died on February 24, 2011. Born on February 1, 1927, he was a member of the Society for 58 years.

Correction

Reference [17] in the January 2011 *Notices* article “Real face of János Bolyai” omitted the name of one of the authors of the cited article. The reference should have read: E. KISS and J. SANDOR, On a congruence by János Bolyai connected by pseudoprimes, *Mathematica Pannonica*, 15(2) (2004), 283–288.

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