

# American Mathematical Society

## Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month, National Math Festival, and March for Science

April is Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month, a project of the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM). Several events (sponsored by us and others) are being held to highlight the significant roles that mathematics and statistics play in our world. We encourage you to use the downloadable flyer and social media tags described at [www.mathstatmonth.org](http://www.mathstatmonth.org) to publicize your own event!

### Open House in DC on April 22

As part of Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month in April, the organizations that form the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM), including the American Mathematical Society, the American Statistical Association, the Mathematical Association of America, and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics are hosting an open house in Washington, DC for their members on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

Join fellow mathematicians and math enthusiasts for coffee, donuts and prizes in the MAA's Carriage House at 1781 Church Street, NW (behind the MAA-AMS offices) from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Please RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-house-at-mathematical-association-of-america-tickets-33060360428>.

### National Math Festival in DC on April 22

The National Math Festival (<http://www.nationalmathfestival.org/>) is a free event open to the public from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 22 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. The AMS is offering the *Who Wants to Be a Mathematician* quiz show beginning at 10:00 a.m. Area high school students will compete by answering multiple choice mathematics questions in a competitive and entertaining quiz show format. The top prize is \$3,000! Come join us and work out the problems along with the contestants.

### March for Science on April 22

The March for Science (<https://www.marchforscience.com/>) is a free event open to the public starting at 10 a.m. on the National Mall and in cities across the country and the world. This non-partisan event champions robustly funded and publicly communicated science, and supports evidence-based policy making in the public interest.

Founded in 1888 to further mathematical research and scholarship, the 30,000-member American Mathematical Society (AMS) fulfills its aims through programs and services that promote mathematical research and its uses, strengthen mathematical education, and foster awareness and appreciation of mathematics and its connections to other disciplines and everyday life. The AMS has a National Policy Statement (<http://www.ams.org/about-us/governance/policy-statements/sec-nat-policy>) with much in common with the stated purposes of the March for Science. The AMS National Policy Statement discusses our Society's responsibility to inform public policy makers and the public about issues of significance to the mathematical sciences.

From Ken Ribet, President of the AMS: *"The March for Science is a grassroots affirmation of the fundamental role played by science and mathematics in the life of our nation. Mathematical research has fueled technological innovation and has led to the development of new products and even new industries. Scientists have been valuable advisors to policymakers since the middle of the nineteenth century. The American Mathematical Society works continually to showcase the importance of mathematical research both to legislators and to the nation at large. Mathematicians will march to underscore the importance of our profession to the US and to the world."*

From Catherine Roberts, Executive Director of the AMS: *"April 22, 2017 will be an exciting day for mathematics. The AMS is co-hosting an open house at our DC offices that morning. I hope you'll join us."*