

# Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month

April marks a time to increase the understanding and appreciation of mathematics and statistics. Why? Both subjects play a significant role in addressing many real-world problems—internet security, sustainability, disease, climate change, the data deluge, and much more. Research in these and other areas is ongoing, revealing new results and applications every day in fields such as medicine, manufacturing, energy, biotechnology, and business. Mathematics and statistics are important drivers of innovation in our technological world, in which new systems and methodologies continue to become more complex.

Organize and host activities in April for Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month! Past activities have included workshops, competitions, festivals, lectures, symposia, department open houses, math art exhibits, and math poetry readings. *Share your activities on social media.*

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Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month is a program of the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM)—a collaborative effort of the American Mathematical Society, the American Statistical Association, the Mathematical Association of America, and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

The website, at [www.mathstatmonth.org](http://www.mathstatmonth.org), includes a downloadable and printable poster, see p. 308.



Starting this April, “Mathematics Awareness Month” has become “Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month.”

Further, the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics—consisting of the American Mathematical Society, the American Statistical Association, the Mathematical Association of America, and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics—has decided that

to simplify coordination efforts there will no longer be an annual theme.

In this issue of *Notices* we feature four pieces on Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month: Michael Barany traces the origins of mathematics awareness to World War II; Andreas Daniel Matt describes the IMAGINARY international math exhibitions; David Eisenbud and Ronald Wasserstein provide short opinion pieces on the celebration of mathematics and statistics.