"I must study politics and war that my sons [and daughters!—Ed.] may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy." —John Adams

Euler's first formula involving the five basic constants of mathematics did not generate a lot of enthusiasm.

The Mathematics Genealogy Project listed over 200,000 mathematicians as of July 2016. C.-C. Luo (MIT, 1987) has the most students, 137. Shams ad-Din Al-Bukhari has the most descendants at 137,029; his dissertation was well before 1315, the year of the dissertation of his mathematical grandson, Theodore Metochites.

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