Yen Duong, a recent graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago, has been awarded the 2018 AMS-AAAS Mass Media Fellowship. Yen received her PhD in mathematics last year. She will work at the Raleigh News and Observer this summer.

The Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellows program is organized by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). This competitive program is designed to improve public understanding of science and technology by placing advanced undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate science, mathematics, and engineering students in media outlets nationwide. The fellows work for ten weeks over the summer as reporters, researchers, and production assistants alongside media professionals to sharpen their communication skills and increase their understanding of the editorial process by which events and ideas become news.

In its forty-fourth year, this fellowship program has placed more than 700 fellows in media organizations nationwide as they research, write, and report today’s headlines. The program is designed to report science-related issues in the media in easy-to-understand ways so as to improve public understanding and appreciation for science and technology.

For more information on the AAAS Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellows program, visit the website: www.aaas.org/mmfrellowship.

—Anita Benjamin
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Epsilon Awards Announced

The AMS has chosen eighteen summer mathematics programs to receive Epsilon grants for 2018. These summer programs give students a chance to see aspects of mathematics that they may not see in school and allow them to share their enthusiasm for mathematics with like-minded students.

The programs that received Epsilon grants for 2018 are:

- **All Girls/All Math Summer Camp**, University of Nebraska, Mikil Foss, director
- **Baa Hózhó Math Camp**, Diné College, David Auckly, director
- **Bridge to Enter Advanced Mathematics (BEAM)**, Bard College and Union College, Daniel Zaharopol, director
- **Canada/USA Mathcamp**, Colorado School of Mines, Marisa Debowsky, director
- **GirlsGetMath@ICERM**, Brown University, Brendan Edward Hassett, director
- **GirlsGetMath@Rochester**, University of Rochester, Amanda M. Tucker, director
- **Hampshire College Summer Studies in Mathematics**, Hampshire College, David C. Kelly, director
- **MathILy (serious Mathematics Infused with Levity)**, Bryn Mawr College, Sarah-Marie Belcastro, director
- **MathILy-Er**, Bowdoin College, Jonah K. Ostroff, director
- **MathPath**, Lewis & Clark College, Stephen B. Maurer, director
- **Mathworks Honors Summer Math Camp**, Texas State University, Max Warshauer, director
- **New York Math Circle High School Summer Program**, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University, Kovan Pillai, director
- **PROMYS (Program in Mathematics for Young Scientists)**, Boston University, Glenn Stevens, director
- **PROTaSM (Puerto Rico Opportunities for Talented Students in Mathematics)**, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, Luis F. Caceres, director
- **Ross Mathematics Program**, Ohio State University, Daniel B. Shapiro, director
- **Summer Institute for Math at UW (SIMUW)**, University of Washington, Seattle, Ron Irving, director
- **Summer Math Program for Young Scholars**, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University, Selin Kalaycioglu, director
- **UPenn Summer Math Academy**, University of Pennsylvania, Robert Strain, director

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Evelyn Lamb, co-editor of the AMS Blog on Math Blogs

Lamb, the AMS–AAAS Media Fellow in 2012, has been writing for AMS Math in the Media, the JMM Blog, and the AMS Blog on Math Blogs since 2013. Some of her recent blog posts on topics found in the math “blogosphere” include “Math by the Book,” “Genius Revisited,” “Blind Review Review,” and “Gold Medal Math.” She is now moving on to be a full-time science writer, with pieces published in Quanta Magazine, Scientific American, and elsewhere. We wish her well! Find the vast archive of fascinating and thought-provoking writings by Lamb and co-editor Anna Haensch at https://blogs.ams.org/blogonmathblogs.

—Annette Emerson and Mike Breen
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An AMS Graduate Student Chapter Check-In

AMS at the USA Science and Engineering Festival (USASEF)
The AMS Public Awareness Office (PAO) organized both the AMS activity booth and the Who Wants to Be a Mathematician game at the USA Science and Engineering Festival in Washington, DC, in April 2018, which drew more than 350,000 people. The AMS activity was “Patterns: Parabolas and Polygons,” line-drawing on patterns created by volunteer Susan Wildstrom, AMS member, donor, and high school teacher at Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, Maryland. Children of all ages, parents, and teachers enjoyed the hands-on activity during the three-day event.

The AMS booth was staffed by Mike Breen, Annette Emerson, and Samantha Faria from the PAO; Susan Wildstrom and a rotating group of about eight of her students; Anita Benjamin, Paula Olugbemi, and interns Abby Quick and Eliot Melder from the AMS Office of Government Relations; and volunteer math enthusiast John Sadowsky from Johns Hopkins University. See a news item with video at www.ams.org/news?news_id=4279 and download the pattern PDFs with instructions at “Making Patterns: Pushing the Envelope” at www.ams.org/publicoutreach/curve-stitching.

Who Wants to Be a Mathematician at USASEF
The game was held on “Sneak Peak” Friday, the day when local teachers brought their students to the festival. Kyle Gatesman, a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, won first place and US$1,000. An eighth grader, Pravi Putalapattu, finished in second place and won US$500. A math rapper, Professor Lyrical (Peter Michael Plourde from the University of the District of Columbia), entertained the audience during the game. See Kyle talk about why he likes math and more about the game at USASEF at www.ams.org/programs/students/wwtbam/usasef2018.

Who Wants to Be a Mathematician winners Pravi Putalapattu (left) and Kyle Gatesman

The AMS Graduate Student Chapter at Stony Brook University celebrates Pi Day 2018 with pies and AMS swag.

To celebrate this year’s Pi Day, members of the American Mathematical Society Graduate Student Chapter at Stony Brook University celebrated with none other than a variety of pies! They tell us, “A respite from hard work was more than welcome as we all met in the mathematics [department] common room to catch up, win some AMS merchandise, and indulge our [collective] sweet tooth!”

—AMS Membership Department

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