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Epsilon Awards for 2002

The AMS Epsilon Fund for Young Scholars was established in 1999 to provide financial assistance to summer programs for mathematically talented high school students in the United States. For many years, 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 “epsilon”.

The AMS has chosen eight summer mathematics programs to receive Epsilon grants for activities in the summer of 2002. 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. The selection committee consisted of Lenore J. Cowen, Tufts University; Alan S. Edelman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Joel Spencer, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University (chair); and Karen Vogtmann, Cornell University. Award amounts were governed by the varying financial needs of each program and totaled \$80,000.

The programs receiving grants are: All Girls/All Math, University of Nebraska; Hampshire College Summer Studies in Mathematics, Amherst, Massachusetts; Mathcamp, Mathematics Foundation of America; Michigan Math and Science Scholars, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; PROMYS, Boston University; Ross Mathematics Program, The Ohio State University; SWT Honors Summer Math Camp, Southwest Texas State University; and University of Chicago Young Scholars Program.

The grants for summer 2002 are paid for by the AMS Epsilon Fund for Young Scholars (supplemented by the AMS Program Development Fund). The AMS is continuing to build the endowment for the Epsilon Fund, with a goal of raising \$2 million through individual donations and grants. Once the Epsilon Fund endowment has reached the targeted amount, the AMS intends to award a total of \$100,000 in Epsilon grants each year.

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, telephone 800-321-4267, extension 4111, or 401-455-4111. Information about how to apply for Epsilon grants is available at <http://www.ams.org/careers-edu/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/careers-edu/mathcamps.html>.

—Allyn Jackson

Deaths of AMS Members

HERBERT M. BARUCH JR., of Pacific Palisades, CA, died on May 10, 2001. He was a member of the Society for 25 years.

MURRAY BELL, University of Manitoba, Canada, died on December 9, 2001. He was a member of the Society for 26 years.

CLAIR J. BLACKALL, of North Baltimore, OH, died on August 19, 2001. Born on December 9, 1909, he was a member of the Society for 60 years.

BERNARD GREENSPAN, of Laguna Hills, CA, died on December 20, 2001. He was a member of the Society for 60 years.

EVAN INNES, of Cambridge, England, died on December 9, 2001. Born on September 11, 1921, he was a member of the Society for 7 years.

M. MIKOLAS, Technical University of Budapest, died on February 2, 2001. Born on April 5, 1923, he was a member of the Society for 29 years.

JOSE MANUEL MENENDEZ SOUTO, of Asturias, Spain, died on December 29, 2001. He was a member of the Society for 27 years.

WOLFGANG J. THRON, professor emeritus, University of Colorado, Boulder, died on August 21, 2001. Born in August 1918, he was a member of the Society for 60 years.