Annual Spring Awards Reception

Welcome...

to the UW Department of Mathematics Spring Awards Reception!

We are happy you are here to share in this special event honoring the achievements of our students and faculty.

Thursday, April 24, 2014
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Union Yellowstone Ballroom East

Master of Ceremonies - Dr. Myron Allen

STUDENT AWARDS:

- Catherine Gibbs Shaw Award
- Steven Ashley Memorial Scholarship
- William Bridges Memorial Scholarship
- Theresa Britschgi Memorial Award
- J. Ray Hanna Scholarship
- Howard H. Heady Scholarship
- Robert LaGrange Memorial Award
- Greta Neubauer Scholarship
- Ottis Rechard Memorial Award
- Virindra & Gail Sehgal Award
- Les Shader Award
- Peter E. Skinner Award (Fall 2013)
- Palmer Steen Memorial Scholarship
- Verne Varineau Scholarship Award
- Outstanding Service
- Bachelor of Science Graduates
- Outstanding Dissertation Award
- M.S. and Ph.D. Student Graduates
- A&S Outstanding Graduate Award
- Tobin Memorial Award

Teaching Awards:

- Mortar Board Top Professor
- PIE Awards
- James C. Hurst Award
- Ellbogen Meritorious Classroom Teaching Award
- Ellbogen Outstanding Graduate Assistant Teaching Award
- Arts & Sciences Top Teachers Award
“Whenever you can, count.”
~ Sir Francis Galton

Catherine Gibbs Shaw
Catherine Gibbs Shaw received her B.S. from UW in 1962. In 1998, she established a fund supporting undergraduate mathematics. Catherine has continued to contribute generously to this endowment, making possible scholarships for math majors and supporting many activities of the department. For example, this reception is the result of her generosity.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!
This year, in addition to supporting this reception, Catherine Gibbs Shaw compliments 10 generous scholarships and awards.

Thank you again for your generosity and continued support, Mrs. Shaw!

Steven Ashley Memorial
Steve was an avid runner and gifted undergraduate major at UW. He planned to attend UW Graduate School, but sadly his life was cut short in an automobile accident in 1991. The award goes to exemplary graduate students in mathematics who exhibit leadership skills and a joy of learning, as Steve did.

Rachel Jennings
George Shakan

J. Ray Hanna Scholarship
Ray taught at UW from the late 1960’s through the 1980’s, serving as department head in 1972-73. He co-authored “Fourier Series, Transforms and Boundary Value Problems” with UW colleague John Rowland. Ray, always a gentleman by all definitions, had a smile and greeting for everyone. He passed away in 2006 and is deeply missed.

Kayla Gandy
Jessie Lester
Kathryn Kempema
Jason Wedin

Theresa Britschgi Award
Theresa Britschgi was a Mathematics / Statistics undergraduate who was one course away from graduating when she was killed in a car accident in 1976.

Emily Arthur
Courtney Smith
Heidi Solomon

William Bridges Memorial
Bill Bridges received his Ph.D. from Cal Tech and taught at UW for 25 years, serving several years as department head. His research focused on algebra and combinatorics.

Thomas Rochais
**Howard H. Heady Scholarship**

Howard was born in 1920 and attended UW from 1938 to 1942, earning a B.A. with Honors in mathematics, and minors in physics, chemistry, and English. He received an M.S. in chemistry from UW in 1948.

Kyle G. Holloway  Milo T. Page

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**Outstanding Service Award**

Sponsored by the A&S Board of Visitors, this award goes to an undergraduate who has shown outstanding volunteer service in support of the mathematics department.

Jennifer Aaberg

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**Graduating Bachelor’s Students with 3.0+ Math GPAs**

Jennifer Aaberg, B.A.  Camille Hawkins, B.A.  Seth Orndorff, B.A.

Amber Buckner, B.A.  Kyle Holloway, B.S.  Milo Page, B.A.

Jeffery Cole, B.S.  Sennin Kellen, B.S.  Sarah Porter, B.A.

Kami Cooley B.A.  Yeongjoh Kim, B.S.  Keith Schneider, B.S.

Regene DePiero, B.S.  Colin Laidlaw, B.S.  Hannah Simon, B.A.

Peter Dimler, BS.  Kurt Lichtfuss, B.S.  Aaron Spurlock, B.A.

Devon England, B.S.  Jordan McCort, B.S.  Steven Sundberg, B.S.

Kayla Gandy, B.S.  Fallon Miller, B.A.  Max Vichi, B.S.

Ethan Harris B.S.  Jeffrey O’Brien, B.A.  Jason Wedin, B.A.

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**Robert LaGrange Memorial Scholarship**

Bob was born in Colorado Springs in 1938 and received his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado. He joined UW in 1966 and spent 24 years on the faculty. In addition to his passion for algebra and logic, he loved spending time with his family, rock climbing, kayaking, and bicycling.

Geoffrey Carr  Briana Collins  Andrew Crawford  Max Vichi  Christian Waddey

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**Greta Neubauer Scholarship**

Greta was born July 31, 1896, in St. Francis, Kansas. She received her B.A. and M.A. (1928) from UW and taught in the UW math department for 33 years. She retired in 1961 and spent her retirement in North Platte, Nebraska. Greta lived to the age of 103, and continues to serve as an inspiration to students at UW.

Regene DePiero  Jenna Krieschel

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\[ a^2 + b^2 = c^2 \]
“Expect problems, eat them for breakfast”
~ Alfred Montapert

Peter E. Skinner Awards
Peter told all his friends that Wyoming was the last great frontier. He received his bachelor’s degree in mathematics from UW in 1972 and served as the director of computer scheduling for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for many years. When he retired in 2001, he happily returned to Wyoming. Upon his death in 2003, his brother Nicholas made a generous donation, making this award possible.

Jennifer Aaberg
Regene DePiero
Kyle Holloway
Sennin Kellen
Colin Laidlaw
Samuel Nissim
Milo Page
John Ripley
Courtney Smith
George Wheeler

A&S Extraordinary Merit in Teaching Award
Honoring a professor who demonstrates an outstanding commitment to teaching.

Charles Angevine

James C. Hurst - Each Student – A Person Award
Recognizes a UW faculty or staff member who goes above and beyond the call of duty to personalize the student experience and who creates a warm and caring environment for students.

Charles Angevine

Virindra & Gail Sehgal Award
Shanti Virindra served in the department from 1967 to 2000. He received a B.S. (1950) and MA (1952) in Math and an M.A. (1955) in Economics from the University of Delhi, India. He also received an M.S. (1959) in Math from the U. of Wisconsin, and a Ph.D. (1966) from Wayne State. His research concerned the theory of fixed points. He was a dedicated teacher and made major contributions to the department.

Hayoung Choi
Yi-Hung Kuo
Ahmad Jan
Ottis Rechard Memorial Award

Ottis Rechard came to UW in 1916 and served the university for 50 years. He was department head for 20 years and Dean of A&S for over 15 years. Even after his retirement in 1966, Ottis continued to hold free tutoring sessions for students. His generosity and devotion to the university continued until his death in 1980. He is fondly remembered as a true gentleman and devoted teacher.

Anja Abbott
Skyler Elder
Christopher Gilman

Les Shader Award

Les received his Ph.D. in 1969 from the U. of Colorado and joined the department in 1961. He served for 43 years and specialized in algebra and combinatorics. These days, one word defines Les: PUZZLES. Throughout his career and into retirement, Les has enjoyed creating, solving, and enticing others with mathematical puzzles.

Sennin Kellen
Sarah Porter
Levi Turner

Putnam Team: Jason Williford, Supervisor - Catherine Gibbs Shaw Award

The William Lowell Putnam Competition is the most prestigious undergraduate mathematics competition in the world.

Top 3 UW Putnam Scores

Geoffrey Carr
Aaron Cheese
Thomas Rochais

Honorable Mention ≥ 1 pt.

Alan Hatlestad
Sennin Kellen
Helen Rochais
George Wheeler

Putnam Team Member

David Crane
Anthony DeSilva
Skyler Elder
Justin McCarrel

Ngan Nguyen
Daria Vyachkileva
Felix Weese
Haonan Zhong
Palmer Steen Memorial Scholarship

Palmer Steen’s career was anything but ordinary. He spent 10 years as a high school teacher and administrator, 5 years as a Navy instructor, 2 years with American Airlines, and 28 years at UW (1946-1974). At UW, he was a math professor and later Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. Palmer retired in 1974 and passed away at the age of 88 in 1995.

Verne Varineau Scholarship

Verne received his Ph.D. in 1940 from the U. of Wisconsin. He served at UW from 1940 to 1985, except for a stint as a Navy math instructor from 1942 to 1946. Verne was instrumental in securing funding for the first computer at UW. His research interests were in foundations and algebra, and he was a highly acclaimed, master teacher. Verne passed away in 1997 at the age of 82.

Graduate Students: 2013-2014

Lucas Burge, M.S.T.
Larry Bush, Ph.D.
Stephen Garth, M.S.
Keivan Hassani Monfared, Ph.D.
Russell Johnson, M.S.

Alex Karanevich, M.S.
Kristy Katein-Taylor, M.S.
Steven Kumer, M.S.
Yi-Hung Kuo, Ph.D.
Sudipta Mallik, Ph.D.

Devonna Reiner, M.S.T.
Brad McCaskill, M.S.
Angela Schanke, M.S.T.
George Shakan, M.S.
Michael Sollami, Ph.D.
The Promoting Intellectual Engagement (PIE) Award honors instructors who inspire excitement in first-year courses. Recipients are nominated by sophomore students. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**John Spitler:** “Is truly an inspiring teacher who continues to instill within me a deeper love for mathematics.”

**Tareq Dalgamoni:** Said of Tareq Dalgamoni “Loyal and dedicated in the performance of work, he gave his all to his students to make sure that they understand the material.”

**Rachel Jennings:** “Rachel is the best math teacher I ever had, more than willing to help anyone in the class, stay after class up to an hour, and holds 3 times the review time of any other instructors in the course.”

No matter how you slice it, UW Mathematics instructors take the 3.14159265359……
MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS

These awards are intended to honor math majors and minors who are showing promise toward their academic goals and to encourage them to continue their mathematical pursuits.

Hang in There.

Joseph Backstrom
Kaitlin Borton
Anna Carrigan
Aaron Cheese
Logan Christensen
Anthon DeSilva
Devon England
Jaihui Fang
Amanda Fay
Jeanne Goodman
Richard Grauberger
Ryan Haefele

Ethan Harris
Camille Hawkins
Charis Holscher
Andrew Hudson
Jones Jacob
Krysl Alex
Joshua Materi
Kenneth McClure
Christopher Meadows
Fallon Miller
Spencer Nelson
Seth Orndorff

Joseph Palsic
Dane Patey
Helene Rochais
Larissa Siirila
Hannah Simon
Rachel Smullen
Daria Vyakhkileva
George Wheeler
Caleb Whitman
Shaya Wolf
Jessica York
Haonan Zhong
Moving Up
A special congratulations are in order for two of our faculty members.

Dr. Jeffery Selden for his promotion to Associate Lecturer

AND

Dr. Jason Williford for his promotion to Associate Professor and for reaching tenure
Ellbogen Meritorious Classroom Teaching Award
To reward excellence in classroom teaching at the University of Wyoming.

Jeffrey Selden

Ellbogen Outstanding Graduate Assistant Teaching Award
Recognizing exceptional contributions to undergraduate education through teaching.

Curtis Nelson

Arts & Science Top Teachers Award

David Anton

A&S Outstanding Graduate Award
Honoring outstanding achievement in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Jennifer Aaberg

Mortar Board Award
Honoring outstanding achievement in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Jeffrey Selden
John Spitler

Employee of the Quarter
First Quarter 2014

Beth Buskirk

The Tobin Memorial Award finalist
Outstanding Graduating Male

Milo Page