

# GVSU Math Major Newsletter

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Welcome to winter in West Michigan! Time to get out your big coat and winter boots. If you haven't experienced lake effect snow yet, you'll get to enjoy that for the next few days! GVSU has a handy page about [being ready for winter](#) that has something useful for everyone.

This newsletter comes to your inbox each week from the [GVSU math department](#).

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## Upcoming events

Interested? Find details on the [newsletter webpage](#) and the [calendar of math major events](#) (add it to your calendar at <http://gvsu.edu/s/25s>).

**Featured event:** [Applied Math Seminar](#): Friday November 18, 1 - 2 pm, MAK A-2-167.

This week's talk is on the [Computation of Minimum-Volume Enclosing Ellipsoids](#) by Dr. Nathaniel Bowman, GVSU School of Computing. You can also join by Zoom – see the website for details. Everyone is welcome, and there's pizza available too, plus a featured **seminar cookie** courtesy of Dr. Bailey.

**Other events listed on the [newsletter webpage](#) and the [math calendar](#):**

- **new!** [Writing Center Night Against Procrastination](#) - December 1, 8 pm - 2 am. Do you have portfolios to revise for MTH 210? Need to write some proofs or construct a final portfolio? Surround yourself with productivity and support in the writing center!
- **new!** **Math Club movie night: Hidden Figures!** December 7, 6 pm in Mackinac A-1-151. Everyone is welcome!
- **new!** **Student research presentations:** December 8, 3 - 4 pm and December 9, 1 - 2 pm. Come see GVSU students present about their math-related research projects! More details and a schedule of speakers coming soon.

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## Opportunities (Jobs, internships, scholarships, ...)

Find details on the [newsletter webpage](#).

**Featured opportunity:** Free [registration for OURFA<sup>2</sup>M<sup>2</sup>](#) is still open!

*The conference is November 19 and 20 – register right away!*

OURFA<sup>2</sup>M<sup>2</sup>, the Online Undergraduate Resource Fair for the Advancement and Alliance of Marginalized Mathematicians is a free, virtual, student-organized conference. Participants will learn about how to start a mathematics-oriented career and have access to networking

opportunities. This is a great opportunity, free, and can connect you with all kinds of resources and people!

The conference is held **November 19 and 20 online**. Ignore the registration deadline if you see it anywhere -- the resource fair is still accepting late registrations at <https://sites.google.com/view/ourfa2m2>

**Scholarships listed on the [newsletter webpage](#):**

- [Barry Goldwater Scholarship](#) for sophomores and juniors interested in STEM research
- [McNair Scholars Program](#) for underrepresented and/or first-generation and limited income students interested in graduate work. Apply by November 30.
- [SMART Scholarships](#) - scholarship, access to internships, and guaranteed employment with the Department of Defense.
- [Scholarships for students with unpaid internships](#) - up to \$500
- [MI Future Educator Student Teacher Stipend](#) - up to \$9600 for student teachers

**Jobs, internships, and other opportunities listed on the [newsletter webpage](#):**

- [Michigan Education Corps](#) interventionist jobs at Kentwood - apply by December 5.
- Winter independent study: Are you interested in trying your hand at math research with [Dr. Clark](#) and [Dr. Bailey](#)? We will study the game minesweeper with errors! No background required. Email or see either of us by December 1st for information or to get on our mailing list.
- [Student Essay Contest](#) - biographies of women in math. Submit by February 1. Cash prize!
- [RIPS \(Research in Industrial Projects for Students\)](#) - A summer research program in applied math. Apply by February 13.
- [Budapest Semesters in Mathematics](#) and [Math Education](#) - spend a summer studying math or math education at this famous study abroad program!

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## Save the date

**Put these dates on your calendar now! More information will be available later.**

- Thanksgiving Break: November 23 - 27. No classes!
- Last day of regular classes: December 9.
- Final exam week: December 12 - 17.

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## One important thing to know

The upcoming **Thanksgiving break** lasts from Wednesday November 23 - Sunday November 27. There will be no classes during that time, but there *are* classes on Monday and Tuesday (November 21 and 22) as usual. Watch out for due dates that come right after the break (such as November 28 or 29) and plan ahead!

There also won't be a newsletter next week either. See you in December!

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If you have any questions about the newsletter, suggestions for things to add, or general advising questions, please email me!

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