

MATH & STATS
STUDENT UPDATE

SEPT. 14
2026

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THIS WEEK & COMING UP

Special Math Club Presentation — The Joy of SET!

Tuesday, September 15 | 12:00–1:00 PM | Math Lab, Darwin 108

Join us for a **special Math Club presentation** and preview of the September 16 M*A*T*H Colloquium! **Liz McMahon** and **Gary Gordon** will give instructions on how to play the game **The Joy of SET**. Come learn the game, meet other Math & Stats students, and get connected this semester.

Math Club meets regularly every other week.

Next Math Club Meeting: Tuesday, September 22 | Math Lab, Darwin 108

M*A*T*H Colloquium

Wednesday, September 16 | 4:00 PM | Darwin Hall 103

IN-PERSON

The Joy of SET: The Many Mathematical Dimensions of a Seemingly Simple Card Game

Liz McMahon and Gary Gordon | Lafayette College, Professors Emeriti

The card game SET is played with a special deck of 81 cards. Explore the mathematics behind the game, including combinatorics, probability, and especially geometry. The talk also looks at questions that can lead to deeper mathematical understanding and even research projects.

[View Colloquium details →](#)

The Semester's M*A*T*H Colloquium Schedule:

Our Weekly Public Lecture Series

[The Fall 2026 M*A*T*H Colloquium Poster of Events →](#)

Whiskeytown Lake Mathematics Congress

September 25–27 | Dry Creek Group Campground, Whiskeytown NRA

Join fellow students, faculty, family, and friends for a weekend of mathematics, camping, student posters, conversation, swimming, and community. **Students attend free!**

Featured talks: John Lind (Chico State) and Matt Krauel (Sacramento State).

[Program & details →](#)

87th Annual Putnam Competition

Saturday, December 5, 2026

The William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition is the premier mathematics competition for undergraduate students in the United States and Canada.

Participating SSU students will receive a free lunch and a commemorative T-shirt.

Interested in competing? Contact Sam Brannen at brannen@sonoma.edu.

AWM/MfA Essay Contest

Calling all Grades 6–8, Grades 9–12, and Undergraduate Students!

Interview a woman or someone of another underrepresented gender identity with a mathematical career, write a biographical essay based on your interview, and enter it in this contest!

Entries open **November 1, 2026**, and the deadline is **February 1, 2027**.

[Essay contest information →](#)

OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

Careers for the Common Good

Thursday, October 29 | 3:30–5:30 PM | Student Center Ballrooms

Explore opportunities to connect your education and career goals with organizations working for the common good.

BroadStreet Community Data Internship

A remote, multi-month experience focused on data-guided decision-making and career-ready data skills.

Please note: an application fee applies.

[Explore the BroadStreet Internship →](#)

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

 **M*A*T*H Colloquium — TODAY**

Who Gets to Be a Math Person? Victoria Wambua, Pacific Union College
Wednesday, September 2 • 4:00 PM • Darwin 103
Coffee, tea, and a conversation worth showing up for.

[View Colloquium details →](#)

[Join by Zoom →](#)

FULL FALL SERIES: [View the Fall 2026 M*A*T*H Colloquium Poster & Semester Schedule →](#)

÷ **Math Club — First Meeting**

Tuesday, September 8 • 12:00–1:00 PM

Math Lab • Darwin 108

Come meet other Math & Stats students and get connected this semester.

DON'T MISS THESE



Grad Studies Book Club — RSVP by Friday, Sept. 4

For advanced undergraduates considering graduate school and new SSU graduate students.

Meets one Wednesday each month, 12:00–1:00 PM via Zoom. Free; RSVP participants can borrow the book.

[Reserve your spot →](#)



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