

Dear Carleton College Math Major Alumnus/a,

Welcome to the kickoff of the Carleton math major alumni newsletter. The math department faculty and staff would like to know what you are up to and we hope that you will take this opportunity to reconnect with us and with each other.

Much has been happening in the Center for Mathematics and Computing (CMC) over the last few years and we'd like to fill you in on some of it:

- 1) The faces of the department have changed with the retirements of Dave Appleyard, Barb Jenkins, Rich Nau, and Cris Roosenraad, and the arrivals of Sue Jandro, our new administrative assistant, and faculty Eric Egge (Carleton BA '94, Wisconsin PhD), Katie St. Clair (UMinn BS and PhD), Helen Wong (Pomona BA, Yale PhD), and, for a two-year visit, Jon Armel (Oberlin BA, UC San Diego PhD).
- 2) Math comps has been reconfigured into a student research experience and our students are completing exciting projects. You can read the comps papers of most of our recent graduates on the department website.
- 3) Our statistics program has grown explosively; we now have three statisticians on staff and we now offer a statistics track within the math major for those interested in extended work in statistics.
- 4) Carleton math majors Erin Jones '12, Alex Fisher '10, Landon Chan '11 and Daniel O'Connell '10 all conducted research projects with faculty members this past summer. Max Olivier '09 was named the winner of the Steven P. Galovich Prize in Mathematics, an award established thanks to the generosity of alumnus William Lang '74 in honor of our late colleague.
- 5) The department has hosted a summer conference in Experimental Mathematics, an annual summer program for female mathematicians, an undergraduate mathematics conference, and lectures by world renowned experts in voting theory, mathematics education, the art of M.C. Escher and a statistical consultant to the *Lancet* Iraq casualty count.

If you'd like to know more about what our faculty, staff and students are up to, please go to our website [math.carleton.edu](http://math.carleton.edu).

We would love to hear what you have been doing since you left Carleton --- please update us on your activities, professional and personal, whatever you're willing to share. We plan to post replies on our website and send out a synopsis in our spring alumni newsletter. There is an alumni check-in form on our website for your reply, or you may e-mail Sue Jandro at [sjandro@carleton.edu](mailto:sjandro@carleton.edu).

We look forward to hearing from you,

Jon Armel	Laura Chihara	Bob Dobrow	Eric Egge
Jack Goldfeather	Deanna Haunsperger	Sue Jandro	Steve Kennedy
Mark Krusemeyer	Gail Nelson	Sam Patterson	Russ Petricka
Katie St. Clair	Mike Tie	Helen Wong	