



**2015 Joint Mathematics Meetings, San Antonio, TX**  
**MAA Undergraduate Student Poster Session, January 12**  
**Outstanding Presentations**

**7. Methods of Relating Types of Canonical Algebraic Curvature Tensors**

Elise McMahon, Ave Maria University

*Advisor: Corey Dunn, California State University San Bernardino*

**10. Hall-Littlewood Polynomials and a Twisted Six-Vertex Model**

Roger Van Peski, Princeton University

Vineet Gupta, Stanford University

Uma Roy, Boston University – PROMYS

*Advisor: Daniel Bump, Stanford University*

**19. On the divisibility and valuations of the Franel numbers**

Samantha VanSchalkwyk, Mount Holyoke College

Adela Yang, Bowdoin College

Abraham Schulte, Northwestern University

*Advisors: Herbert Medina, Victor Moll, Loyola Marymount University, Tulane University*

**30. The Toppling Polynomial of a Graph**

Megan Chambers, Youngstown State University

*Advisor: Luis Garcia-Puente, Sam Houston State University*

**34. Error-Correction of Linear Codes via Colon Ideals**

Benjamin Anzis, University of Idaho

*Advisor: Stefan Tohaneanu, University of Idaho*

**37. Infinite Products Arising in Paperfolding**

Hadrian Quan, University of California, Santa Cruz

Fernando Roman, Kansas State University

Michole Washington, Georgia Institute of Technology

*Advisor: Victor Moll, Tulane University*

**38. A Morphological Classification of the Arithmetic Sum of Two-Parameter Affine Cantor Sets with  $C_{1/3}$**

Sharat Chandra, University of California, Irvine

*Advisor: Anton Gorodetski, University of California, Irvine*

**50. Polynomial expansion method for the numerical solution of the Lenard-Balescu equation**

Andrew Belt, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Nathan Ng, University of Maryland

*Advisor: Susana Serna, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*

**60. Matching video segments with relevant documents**

Ilan Morgenstern, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

Lingxin Zhou, Rutgers University

*Advisor: Bin Bi, UCLA*



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**71. Mathematical Modeling and Optimal Control of Alternative Pest Management for Alfalfa Agroecosystems**

Cara Sulyok, Ursinus College

Julia Senkevich, Ursinus College

*Advisor: Mohammed Yahdi, Ursinus College*

**78. Linear long wave propagation over discontinuous submerged shallow water topography**

Megan Golbek, California State University Monterey Bay

*Advisor: Sergei Fomin, California State University Chico*

**81. Performance Sensitivity in Vertical Geothermal Energy Harvesting Systems**

Sophia Novitzky, Virginia Tech

Mahalia Sapp

Samuel Naden, Macalester College

Keenan Hawekotte, Nebraska Wesleyan University

*Advisors: Burt Tilley, Suzanne Weekes, Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

**93. Cellular Automata and Shrinking Cities: A Mathematical Model of Youngstown, Ohio**

Eric Shehadi, Youngstown State University

*Advisor: Alicia Prieto Langarica, Youngstown State University*

**100. Barcode Decoding Using M-band Wavelet Transform**

Jordan Marquis, Western Connecticut State University

Josh Torres, Western Connecticut State University

*Advisor: Xiaodi Wang, Western Connecticut State University*

**103. Analysis of the Discrete Maximum Principle**

Arman Green, Morehouse College

Cassidy Krause, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

*Advisor: Johnny Guzman, Brown University*

**107. A Mathematical Model for the Interaction of the Proteins MMP-1, TIMP-1, and ECM in a Wound**

Hannah Pennington, Western Kentucky University

Nitin Krishna, University of Chicago

*Advisor: Richard Schugart, Western Kentucky University*

**116. The Effects of Regional Vaccination Heterogeneity on Measles Outbreaks with France as a Case Study**

Nicholas Roberts, Arizona State University

Elaine Alexander

Savanah McMahon

*Advisors: Sergei Suslov, Kamuela Yong, D. Burkow, M. Manning, Arizona State University*



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**126. Estimating Bacterial Diversity in Defined Regions**

Krista Kernodle, University of California, Irvine

*Advisor: Katherine Pollard, University of California, San Francisco*

**127. A Bio-mathematical Approach to the Stability of HIV and AID**

Talon Johnson, Morehouse College

*Advisor: Shelby Wilson, Morehouse College*

**132. K-Knuth Equivalence for Increasing Tableaux**

Michelle Mastrianni, Carleton College

Colleen Robichaux, Louisiana State University

Christian Gaetz, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

David Schwein, Brown University

*Advisor: Rebecca Patrias, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*

**133. Touch-based Continuous Authentication**

Wendy Rummerfield, University of Redlands

*Advisor: Kiran Balagani, New York Institute of Technology*

**138. Experimental and Numerical Studies of Oceanic Overflows**

Frederick Hohman, University of Georgia

Thomas Gibson, Baylor University

Theresa Morrison, San Diego State University

*Advisor: Shanon Reckinger, Fairfield University*

**141. Motif-based clustering of directed networks**

Thomas Reith, Davidson College

*Advisor: Laurie J. Heyer, Davidson College*

**148. Do Polygons Become Asymptotically Regular under Flow by Curvature?**

Ryan Gallagher, University of Connecticut

Jessie De La Cruz Santos, College of the Holy Cross

Sarah Hadaidi, University of Kentucky

*Advisor: Andrew Cooper, North Carolina State University*

**150. Constant Vector Curvature in Three Dimensions**

Albany Thompson, Central Washington University

*Advisor: Corey Dunn, California State University San Bernardino*

**167. Saturation Number of Trees in the Hypercube**

Kavish Gandhi, Newton North High School

*Advisor: Chiheon Kim, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*



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**171. Construction and Optimality of Undirected de Bruijn Sequences**

Christie Burris, Colorado State University

*Advisor: Patrick Shipman, Colorado State University*

**184. A Game of Cops and Robbers on Generalized Petersen Graphs**

Jonathan Guzman, California State University, Long Beach

Nikolas Schonscheck, Vassar College

*Advisor: Robert Bell, Michigan State University*

**187. Laplacians Associated with Regular Bipartite Graphs and Application to Finite Projective Planes**

Jesse Zhang, Fairview High School

*Advisor: David B Rush, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

**188. Diameters of polytope graphs and an improved upper bound on subset partition graphs**

John Gallagher, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

*Advisor: Edward D. Kim, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse*

**201. Density of Primes Dividing Terms in the Somos-5 Sequence**

Bryant Davis, Wake Forest University

Rebecca Kotsonis, Wake Forest University

*Advisor: Jeremy Rouse, Wake Forest University*

**204. On the Distribution of Discriminants over a Finite Field**

Soonho Kwon, Princeton University

Jonathan Chan, Bergen County Academies

*Advisor: Keith Conrad, University of Connecticut*

**210. Improving the Speed and Accuracy of the Miller-Rabin Primality Test**

Shyam Narayanan, MIT PRIMES-USA, Blue Valley West High School

*Advisor: David Corwin, MIT*

**216. Sequences of  $p$ -adic valuations of polynomials: an analysis of aperiodic and non  $p$ -regular behavior**

Amber Yuan, The University of Chicago

Alyssa Brynes, Tulane University

*Advisor: Victor Moll, Tulane University*

**223. Counting The Number of Real Roots of Random Polynomials**

Joseph Cleveland, Sam Houston State University

Jeffrey Dzugan, Samford University

Anthony Morse

Taylor Schlenk

*Advisor: Dhagash Mehta, University of Notre Dame*



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**228. Economical Extremal Hypergraphs for the Erdős-Selfridge Theorem**

Emily Heath, Occidental College

*Advisor: Eric Sundberg, Occidental College*

**239. Tauer of Terror: Not as Scary as One Might Think**

Elizabeth Matys, Gettysburg College

*Advisor: Béla Bajnok, Gettysburg College*

**243. An Algorithm for Maya Division**

Nicholas Heil, Millersville University of Pennsylvania

*Advisor: Ximena Catepillan, Millersville University of Pennsylvania*

**255. Topological Data Analysis - The Use of Non-Parametric Statistical Methods to Distinguish Between the Topologies of Data Sets**

Joshua Kiers, Taylor University

Christopher Cericola, Seattle University

*Advisors: Inga Johnson, Jordan Purdy, Willamette University*

**259. On the Probability of Weak Lattice Point Visibility**

Rebecca Rachan, North Central College

*Advisor: Neil Nicholson, North Central College*

**260. Tug-of-war games with spatial and temporal dependence in noisy environments**

Yair Shenfeld, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

*Advisor: Scott Sheffield, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

**265. Closing Open Knots with Random Equilateral Polygons**

Nicole Lopez, University of St. Thomas

Madeline Shogren, University of St. Thomas

*Advisor: Eric J. Rawdon, University of St. Thomas*

**271. A reduced presentation of the virtual singular braid monoid**

Andrew De la Pena, California State University, Fresno

Sarah McGahan, California State University, Fresno

*Advisor: Carmen Caprau, California State University, Fresno*