



# 2024 Contributors



Dear Friends of the Mathematical Sciences:

It's been just over a year since I was named CEO of the American Mathematical Society, and I have been amazed and humbled by the dedication and generosity of this community. You all are remarkable! Early in my career I directly benefited from the programs and support of the AMS, made possible by the efforts and generosity of AMS members, and I could not have imagined that I would have the opportunity to lead this society. All of us at the AMS are deeply thankful for the many ways you have supported the mission of the AMS over the past year.

With your support, the AMS continued to expand its travel grants program to ensure that mathematicians from around the world and various career stages could experience the Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM) and other important convenings. The busy AMS conference schedule included sectional meetings, international gatherings, and summer research communities; the JMM in Seattle alone attracted over 5,400 participants. Thanks to the generosity of the Simons Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and many individual donors, the travel grant opportunities promoted collaboration and mentorship, fostered career development, and catalyzed new research for mathematicians across ages and subjects.

Also, I'm pleased to share that the mathematical community will benefit for many years from several recent donor bequests. These donors are honored in the Thomas S. Fiske Society, which celebrates the legacy of support for the AMS and mathematicians around the world created by including the AMS in estate plans. These gifts are often unrestricted, giving the AMS the flexibility to decide where

funds are most needed, and they can also be directed to a particular strategic priority. Thanks to a wonderfully generous bequest, the AMS dramatically expanded the Publication Support Fund, which helps underwrite the production and distribution of AMS publications. Last year two additional named endowed funds were established to support AMS publications—the Fred and Maggie Dennis Fund for the Cornell University Mathematics Library and the Sigurður Helgason Fund for Publication Support. Our thanks to the growing circle of donors and families who have chosen to honor mathematics and mathematicians in this way.

Donors also increased the number of AMS fellowships and scholarships for faculty and students, enhanced communication and collaboration through Mathematical Reviews (MathSciNet)—the growing database of mathematical literature dating back to the early 1800s—and expanded membership opportunities around the world. Thousands of volunteers have advocated on behalf of the mathematical sciences on Capitol Hill, served as peer reviewers, or served on AMS committees.

For all who have contributed to the mathematical sciences in these and other invaluable ways, I thank you. I am grateful to support mathematics and our community alongside you.

Warm regards,

John Meier PhD, Chief Executive Officer

## Named Endowed Funds

The American Mathematical Society offers donors the opportunity to establish named endowed funds at the AMS. These endowed funds support research and the mathematical community for future generations while commemorating a family member, colleague, or mentor. In 2024, three new endowed funds were established.

**Georgia Benkart Legacy Fund for the Next Generation.** This permanent endowment will join the Next Generation Fund in support of programs for early career mathematicians.

**The Fred and Maggie Dennis Fund for the Cornell University Mathematics Library.** In honor of their parents, Professor R. Keith Dennis, his sister Barbara, and her husband Harry E. Kolkhorst established this fund to support the Cornell University Mathematics Library's purchase of AMS e-books.

**The Sigurður Helgason Fund for Publication Support.** Established in memory of Sigurður Helgason by his family, the Fund resides within the AMS Publication Support Fund, which supports book and journal publishing at the AMS.



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Rosalind "Roz" J. Guaraldo, PhD, of East Elmhurst, New York, was a member of the American Mathematical Society for 48 years. As part of her legacy, Dr. Guaraldo left a gift in her will to the AMS Centennial Fellowship Fund, which makes an award to an outstanding mathematician to help further their career in research. The US\$75,000 fellowship can be used toward course release, research-related travel, and research-related expenses, and has supported more than 110 awardees since 1974.



The 2024–2025 Centennial Research Fellowship was awarded to Francesc Castella, an associate professor of mathematics at University of California, Santa Barbara, for his research in number theory and arithmetic geometry, specifically  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions, Euler systems, and Iwasawa theory.

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 Estate of John J. Fitzpatrick, in support of the AMS Publication Support Fund  
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John J. Fitzpatrick (1961–2022) of Lancaster, PA, a lifelong enthusiast of math, language, religion, and chess, left a generous gift to the AMS Publication Support Fund after he passed in 2022. Fitzpatrick graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School and Duke University with a bachelor's degree. After college, he moved to New York City and worked at The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Barnes &

Noble until his return to Lancaster. He was an avid reader of mathematics texts as well as countless other fields of study, and we thank him for his support of the AMS publishing program.

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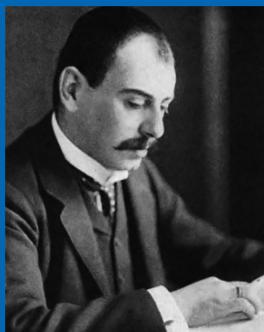
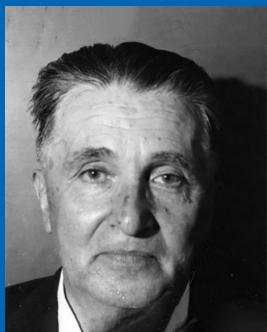
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The I. Martin Isaacs Prize is awarded for excellence in writing of a research article published in a primary journal of the AMS in the past two years. The prize focuses on the attributes of excellent writing, including clarity, grace, and accessibility. Ben Green, Waynflete Professor of Pure Mathematics, University of Oxford, received the inaugural I. Martin Isaacs Prize for Excellence in Mathematical Writing for his article "On Sárközy's theorem for shifted primes," published in *Journal of the American Mathematical Society* in 2024.

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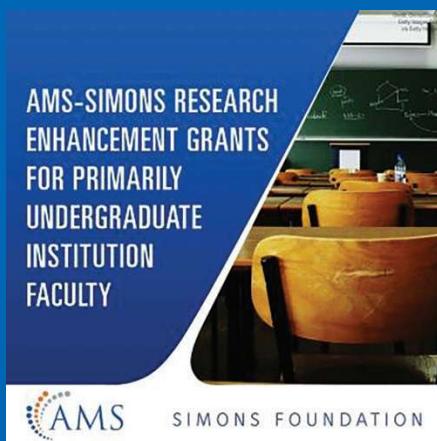
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