



# Computational Times

Newsletter for the Wittenberg University Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

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## WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A MATH OR CS MAJOR? by Kate Snead

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and computer science majors/minors post-graduation choices.

Next fall, senior **Brandon Bock (math '10)**

The department of Mathematics and Computer Science is extremely proud of our many students recognized for their exceptional scholarship during the Honors Convocation and this Spring.

Each major department at Wittenberg recognizes the students that best represent academic excellence among their students. The Mathematics and Computer Science department offers three awards to be split amongst several students. Established in memory of Paul Hessler, (Wittenberg faculty member from 1969 to 1978), the Paul Hessler Award, was given to **Amanda Furness (math '10)**, for outstanding achievement in mathematics or computer science.

Named in honor of the late Norman Dodson, the Norman E. Dodson Award was given to **Robert Bock (math '10)** and **Paul Weber (math '10)**, two graduating seniors who display excellence in their preparation to teach mathematics and computer science.

Dr. Richard A. Little, a graduate of Wittenberg established a fund in memory of his parents to provide awards to outstanding junior or senior mathematics or computer science majors. There were two recipients of the Richard A. Little Mathematics Fund this year: **Alexander Griffith (math '11)** and **Alexandra Sitarik (math '11)**.

Our students were also recognized by other departments. Mathematics major **Kaitlyn Sherrock ('10)** received the Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Biology for her outstanding achievement and demonstration of strong potential in Biology. She will be attending The Ohio State University Medical School in the fall.

Math/econ major **Nam Vu ('10)** won the Economics Prize, awarded by the Economics department for high standards in coursework and research. He was also given the Stan Mickel Award, awarded by the Languages department, presented to outstanding senior students of East Asian languages. A student given the Stan Mickel Award must be completing a minor in Chinese or Japanese, have an overall GPA of no less than 3.5 and show promise of further engagement with East Asian language and culture.

Other math students were acknowledged by various Honor Societies at the honors convocation. First year math major **Shelby Cummings ('13)** and math minor **Elizabeth Scruton ('13)** were inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta. Math major **Lauren Henry ('12)** Z D V L Q G X F W H G L Q W R , Y \ 5 L Q J D M X Q L R U Z R P H Q \ V V

Lauren Henry was also inducted into Pick and Pen, (junior honorary emphasizing leadership, service and scholarship) along with five other math and computer science students: Computational Science major **Brian Hedges ('12)**, math major **Savannah Kiser ('11)**, and math minors **Melanie Muszelik ('12)** and **Jacob Weide ('12)**, and computer science major **Jordan Hildebrandt ('12)**. Mortar Board recognized math major **Alexander Griffith ('11)** and statistics minor **Julianne Lininger ('11)** for their exceptional scholarship, leadership and service.

Omicron Delta Kappa, a national senior leadership honor society recognizing leadership in scholarship, athletics, university publications, cultural life and student affairs awarded **Melanie Muszelik** the Sophomore Involvement Award and inducted

## FIRST DEPARTMENT PICNIC A SUCCESS

April 2010 saw the first annual spring picnic sponsored by MAAWUC (Mathematical Association of America, Wittenberg University Chapter), and it was a huge success.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION (SI) CONTINUING IN DEPARTMENT





## MAJOR NEWS (cont.)

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think it is a good idea to take Analytical and Organic Chemistry II in the same semester as it results in way too much lab time!

**Courtney Dollinger (math '12)** will be working for NASA in Huntsville, Alabama this summer, doing modeling of the cost of reflecting telescope lenses vs. refracting telescope lenses.

