

The Department of Mathematics hosted the first session of the Fullerton Mathematical Circle in the morning of August 25, 2012. Over 60 students, from grades 2-12, attended the event which was held in two groups. In the Junior Session, Dr. Adam Glesser introduced his audience to challenging problems appropriate for grades 2-6; in the Senior Session, Dr. Bogdan Suceava presented several olympiad problems with inequalities; the talk culminated with the solution of one of the problems proposed in the International Math Olympiad, that took place in Mar del Plata, in Argentina, in June 2012. On September 8, the second session of the Fullerton Math Circle had four sections, corresponding to grades 2-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-12, respectively. The speakers were Adam Glesser, Carol Kempniak and Bogdan Suceava (all from California State University at Fullerton) and Mihaela Vajiac (from Chapman University).

On August 25, several students presented their solutions to problems from the Romanian monthly "Gazeta matematica". The students attending the sessions of the Fullerton Mathematical Circle have been solving problems from "Gazeta matematica" during the last year, submitting a total of 49 solutions to the editor. Several times the Southern California students's solutions have been acknowledged by the editor in the solvers section. The following students presented solutions on August 25: Nikolay Grantcharov (from M.L. King High School, Riverside), Bryan Brzycki (from Troy High School), Brendan Brzycki (from St. Mark's School), Kyle Kishimoto (from Fairmont Private School), Joshua Park (from Columbus Middle School, Tustin).

In a ceremony, the Fullerton Mathematical Circle presented Diplomas of Excellence issued by the office of the President of the Romanian Society of Mathematical Sciences (a partner of the American Mathematical Society) to the following students: Bryan Brzycki, Brendan Brzycki, Alex Glesser, Nikolay Grantcharov, Anagul Ibragimova, Rasul Ibragimov, Ruslan Ibragimov, Kyle Kishimoto, Joshua Park, Samantha Rumford, Albert Suceava, Henry Sun, Emily Yao, Grace Yao. Additionally, the CSUF graduate student Carol Kempniak received an Educator's Diploma of Excellence for her work on behalf of the students attending the Fullerton Mathematical Circle.

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Among the future guest speakers of the Fullerton Mathematical Circle there will be Horia Pop (from Mt. San Antonio College), Adrian Vâjiac (from Chapman University), Zhiqin Lu (from University of California, Irvine), Ioan Bejenaru (from University of California San Diego) and Ciprian Manolescu (from University of California Los Angeles).