ASU SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL & STATISTICAL SCIENCES
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear colleague,

As part of the National Mathematics Awareness Month (MAM) 2009, the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences (SoMSS) at Arizona State University is organizing several events to which we would like to invite you and your students.

Friday, April 17, 2009

Starting at 1:30 pm	Activities for high school students
3:45 – 4:45 pm	Mathematics Awareness reception
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Public lecture by Lord Julian Hunt from University College London and Cambridge University on "Mathematics and the Climate"

The lecture is open to the public. However, as we have only limited capacity with regard to the high school student activities, we ask that students please register by Sunday April 12 using the form that is available at http://math.asu.edu/mam.html.

The high school program will focus on the undergraduate curriculum in mathematics, undergraduate research opportunities in mathematics, and information about admission to college, financial support, scholarships, and jobs for mathematics majors. Visitors will meet current undergraduate mathematics students, several of whom have just returned from presenting the results of their undergraduate research
at a professional conference in Florida.
All participating students and company are welcome to join the reception and invited to stay for the lecture. A detailed program, parking information, and maps will be e-mailed to registered participants and posted at the website.

Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, ASU is unable to provide student transportation. While every school is different, we understand the complexity of organizing field trips sponsored by the school. We recommend that groups of students, parents/guardians and/or teachers consider this an invitation for a private visit. The location of our program is close to several new light-rail stations; ample visitor parking is available nearby as well.

We are also planning to visit mathematics classes and/or math clubs at a few high schools to initiate contact and extend personal invitations to students and teachers for these events. If you are interested in arranging such a visit, or if you have questions or need further information, please contact Dr. Matthias Kawski at kawski@asu.edu or at (480) 965 3376.

We would like to ask you for your help in identifying students and teachers who would benefit from participating, as well as facilitating early releases that might be necessary. You are welcome to freely distribute the official flyer http://math.asu.edu/files/talks/docs/mam_09_flyer.pdf to interested parties and print and post copies of it.

We hope that this will be just be the beginning of a closer cooperation in the future, in the name of our common interest, the success of all our students

Sincerely,

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