Help Us Connect With GMP Alumni

At GMP we love staying connected with our alumni. It is a diverse and highly successful group including multiple professors, engineers, CEOs, financiers and, yes, even math teachers. We graduated medical school professors at Harvard and Duke, a candidate for state attorney general, a robotics expert at Carnegie Melon, engineers who work on rockets for Virgin Galactic and electric cars for Tesla, and a commander of a nuclear submarine in the US navy. Our 800 plus graduates are making contributions far and wide.

Starting this year, you’ll see some new efforts to recognize and connect our alumni with each other, including an alumni newsletter and an anniversary party we’re planning for next May.

If you have family or friends who graduated from GMP, please:

2. If they are willing, send us an email at gmpmath@buffalo.edu with their current email address so we can reach out.
Welcome to our New Staff!

INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS

Julia Sosnowski, GMP 1  
Maria Disorbo, GMP 1  
Sana Zubairi, GMP 3  
Valerie Bevan, GMP 4  
Rachel Dorr, GMP 5

American Mathematics Competition

Every year at GMP, we offer all of our students the opportunity to try their hand at a national mathematics contest. Our students have done well in the past, and a few have been invited to compete at the next level. Your GMP tuition includes registration for the American Mathematics Competition (AMC).

On Monday, November 18th, students in GMP I and II who are in 8th grade or below will be taking the 2019 AMC-8. This contest can be taken only once a year. The contest will be administered during the second half of class time. Upper level students who are in 8th grade or lower may also participate (please call the GMP office to make arrangements).

For the AMC-8, participants have 40 minutes to complete a 25 multiple-choice question exam. We will provide the needed materials. Calculators are not permitted for this contest. We encourage you to visit the AMC website, https://www.maa.org/math-competitions, to find out more about it. The website has resources for students who would like extra preparation.

On Thursday, January 30, 2020, we will be administering the 2020 AMC 10A to interested students in GMP III and IV and AMC 12A to interested students in GMP V and VI. More information will follow.

For any students who score well enough on the AMC 10/12 to qualify for the American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME), that contest will be administered on Wednesday, March 11th. It must be proctored by someone at GMP during the school day. We want to make you aware of the date now as there is usually very little turn-around time between when we find out which students qualify and when the exam must be administered.
Distinguished Accomplishments

**Stephanie Atlas** (GMP I) will be inducted into the Wilson Junior Honor Society.

**Addison Barth** (GMP II) was elected President of her 8th grade class. She also started a school newspaper as is currently serving as editor.

**Josiah Borgstedte** (GMP VI) was named a National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student.

**Grace Czech** (GMP II) was a Team Leader for a WNY STEM program called Hand in Hand, which creates prosthetic hands for children in need in WNY and Ghana.

**Grant GianGrasso** (GMP VI) is a National Merit Semi-finalist. He also made All-State band for trumpet.

**Anna Johnson** (GMP I) and her family became Adirondack 46ers by hiking to the summit of all 46 “high peaks” in the Adirondacks. She and her family will be recognized by the 46er Organization for their accomplishment.

**Giorgi Kharchilava** (GMP VI) earned the “AP Scholar with Honor” award by the College Board. He also received honorable mention at the Nazareth Piano Competition.

**Sumitra Pandit** (GMP IV) was presented the President’s Gold level award for community volunteering with Amherst Youth Consortium for 100 plus hours of service and leadership. She was also appointed to the Amherst Youth Court which is an alternative to the criminal justice system for young people.

**Reese Rudnick** (GMP VI) was awarded the Rensselaer Medal this past June.

**Vidya Shah** (GMP III) won the Principal’s Award upon graduating from Transit Middle School. She also raised around $1,500 for the Ride for Roswell and was named to the Extra Miler Club.

**Eric Yang** (GMP III) won First Place at the 2019 American Protégé International Competition of Romantic Music. He will perform at Carnegie Hall this December.

We are happy to recognize the accomplishments of our students. Call the office or send us an email (gmpmath@buffalo.edu) and tell us about your activities so we can include them in a future issue of GMP’s Now & Again News!
Ready for Winter

In the event of inclement weather, GMP class cancellations will be announced on WBEN Radio 930 AM, WGRZ, and WKBW. We are always closed when the University is closed.

We will also continue using the notification feature this year through Remind.com. Remind is an application that will allow you to receive a text message on your phone whenever GMP classes will be cancelled due to weather-related issues. To subscribe to GMP’s Remind feed, follow the instructions here, http://giftedmath.buffalo.edu/_docs/remind_instructions2019.pdf.

Our students come from schools all over Western New York. If the weather is causing problems where you live, PLEASE remember to use common sense when determining if the trip to UB will be a sensible one. We would rather have you miss class than put lives and property in jeopardy. Students will be excused from class when parents decide not to drive due to weather.

We are crossing our fingers that this winter is easier on our calendar than some recent ones! However, if snow days do occur, here is how we would make up for them. There is no make-up class for the first two snow days. After a third snow day, May 4th would be added to the calendar. After a fourth snow day, May 6th would be added to the calendar.

Calendar Mentions

- AMC 8 Contest for GMP I and II will be given in class on Monday, November 18th.
- No class will be held on Wednesday, November 27th as part of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Winter break begins on December 18th. Students return on January 6th.

We in GMP wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season!