

A Word from the Chair

I heartily welcome the second issue of the *Ball State Undergraduate Mathematics Exchange*. The editorial committee, led by Hanspeter Fischer and Ahmed Mohammed, has collected a strong set of articles for this issue.

In this issue, you will find articles by eleven of our current and recent students. These range from an extended abstract of an honor thesis to descriptions of actuarial science internships. They are high quality articles produced by some of our upperclassmen. I urge those of you in the early stages of your major to follow the lead of these upperclassmen in carrying out research projects in mathematics.

Of course, there are many individuals to thank. The editorial board plays a major role in the quality of the journal. A special thanks goes to the student editor, Matt Davis. His work on this issue is clearly up to the high standards that he sets for himself in all of his endeavors. The sponsorship of the Ely Lilly Foundation through a Lilly II grant has been an essential ingredient in getting this issue of the *Exchange* to print. I would especially like to thank all of the students who have contributed to this issue. It is ultimately the quality of the work of our students that will make the *Exchange* a success.



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