

End of the Semester Meeting with Department Students

On Wednesday, December 5th, the department held its semesterly meeting with its students. This meeting provided a socializing opportunity across the department as students, faculty and staff shared in a pizza lunch provided by the department. The meeting also provided an opportunity for the Math Club to distribute its t-shirts.



As part of the meeting, graduating students and leaders of the Math Club shared their experiences with our younger students, offering advice on how to navigate their education here at Lincoln and how to plan for their future after graduation. A recurring theme here was the usefulness of various campus and departmental events, from socialization events that help students feel more welcome to invited speakers who help students identify and pursue a plethora of post-graduation opportunities.

Several faculty and staff members also used the meeting as an opportunity to share some of their experiences. Many of them shared memorable experiences they had with our graduating students.

The department would like to take this opportunity to thank the Math Club leadership for its help in organizing this event.



An Ongoing Relationship with Princeton University



On Thursday, December 6th, and again on Wednesday, December 12th, department faculty met with the faculty of the Mathematics department at Princeton University to continue discussions of developing a complementary partnership. These discussions began back in October with a visit by Dr. Gabai, chair of the department of Mathematics at Princeton University. The group brainstormed several ideas for a partnership involving faculty and students from both departments. The department is excited at this partnership opportunity and eager to see where it leads us.

One promising suggestion from the brainstorming meeting was a "Path to a graduate program at Princeton" plan that would give undergraduate students here at Lincoln a course plan to prepare them for a graduate program in Astrophysics or Applied Mathematics and Computational Mathematics at Princeton after graduation. Such a program would offer our students more guidance and help them consider their post-graduation pursuits earlier. The group also discussed the potential for partnership through a faculty exchange program, whereby faculty from each university could spend a semester or year teaching and/or conducting research at the partner university. Such a program would open new opportunities for faculty development and collaborative research projects both here at Lincoln and at Princeton.

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