

Congratulations to our graduating MS students.

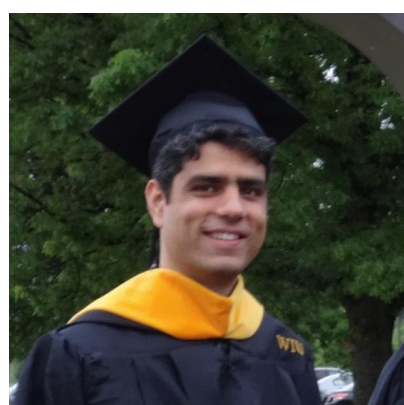
The Department of Mathematics would like to congratulate our 2014-2015 MS graduates. They are joining an excellent group of alumni and we hope to see them pursue the dreams that brought them here. We wish for their continued success.

Some success stories from the current graduating class...

Abolfazl Karimi

Abolfazl came to WIU in spring 2013 from Iran. He graduates in summer 2015 and his thesis work is in Reverse Mathematics.

In April 2013, Abolfazl presented "Unavoidable Patterns on Infinite Words", at the XIV Graduate Student Conference in Logic - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In July 2013, he participated in the Asian Initiative for Infinity (AII) Graduate Summer School in Singapore, organized by the Institute of Mathematical Sciences (IMS) - National University of Singapore and funded by the John Templeton Foundation. At the XV Graduate Student Conference in Logic - University of Wisconsin-Madison, Abolfazl presented "An Introduction to Reverse Mathematics" in April 2014. On May 8, 2015, Abolfazl presented "Foundations of Mathematics" as a WIU Mathematics Colloquium.



He will be attending the University of Connecticut, for a PhD in Mathematics, to pursue his dream of becoming a professor.

Amanda Meiners

Amanda is a former WIU undergraduate who graduated with a BS in Math Education in 2011. She graduates with her MS in summer 2015 and successfully completed her thesis, "Analysis of Student Achievement in Mathematics Using Data from Illinois and National Standardized Exams 2000-2014".

While at Western, Amanda served on the Math Club Board as the Graduate Student Representative in 2013-2014 and Vice President in 2014-2015. She presented in a number of conferences, including the 2014 WIU Graduate Research Conference, where she presented "Student Achievement in Mathematics: Where are We Now and Where are We Going". She was a speaker at the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference and at the WIU Mathematics Teaching Conference in both 2014 and 2015. Amanda also presented in one of the bimonthly WIU Math Club talks.



She will be joining the Math Education PhD program at the University of Iowa in Fall 2015.

Hassan Rafique

Hassan, a native of Pakistan, joined Western in August 2013. He is graduating in summer 2015 and his thesis is entitled "Biologically Feasible Epidemic Models and Stability of Disease Free Systems for Disease Control."

In the 2014 WIU Graduate Research Conference, Hassan presented "Analyzing the Effects of Density Dependent Dispersal on Population Dynamics." Based on his academic performance, he was awarded the WEOG Award for International Students in Spring 2015.

Starting in Fall 2015, Hassan will be attending the University of Iowa to pursue a PhD in the Applied Mathematics and Computational Science program.



Mohammed Deen Islam

Md Deen came to WIU as a Fulbright Scholar from Bangladesh and successfully completed his MA in Economics in summer 2013. He was awarded a teaching assistantship with the Mathematics Department and completed his MS in Mathematics in Fall 2014.

Md Deen was presented the Outstanding Graduate Award in Economics in 2013 for his exceptional performance. He was a Podium Presenter in the WIU Graduate Research Conference in 2014 where he talked about "Political Economy of Yuan-Dollar Exchange Rate".

Md Deen will be attending Boston University to pursue a PhD in Economics in Fall 2015.



Nazar Emirov

Nazar is from Turkmenistan and joined WIU in Fall 2013. Nazar's thesis is "Comparison of regions of asymptotic stability for nonlinear control systems" and graduates in summer 2015.

In 2014, he presented "Selecting Micro CHP Technology for Cold U.S. Regions" in the first WIU Graduate Research Conference and, in March 2015, he presented "Effect of combined control strategies on wildlife disease control" in the second WIU Graduate Research Conference.

Nazar aspires to become an outstanding scientist and work for his country. He will be attending the University of Central Florida to pursue a PhD in Mathematics in Fall 2015.

