THE WILLIAM LOWELL PUTNAM MATHEMATICAL COMPETITION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS of the seventy-second competition held on December 3, 2011

WINNING TEAMS

| Rank | School | Team Members (in alphabetical order) |
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| 1 | HARVARD UNIVERSITY | Eric K. Larson, Evan M. O'Dorney, and Alex (Lin) Zhai |
| 2 | CARNEGIE-MELLON UNIVERSITY | Michael T. Druggan, Albert Gu, and Archit U. Kulkarni |
| 3 | CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY | Zarathustra E. Brady, Samuel S. Elder, and Brian R. Lawrence |
| 4 | STANFORD UNIVERSITY | Seok Hyeong Lee, Gyujin Oh, and Lyuboslav N. Panchev |
| 5 | MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY | Vlad Firoju, Colin P. Sandon, and Jacob N. Steinhardt |

The first place team receives an award of \$25,000 and each member of the team receives \$1,000. The awards for second place are \$20,000 and \$800; for third place \$15,000 and \$600; for fourth place \$10,000 and \$400; and for fifth place \$5,000 and \$200.

In each of the following categories, the listing is in alphabetical order.

THE PUTNAM FELLOWS—THE FIVE HIGHEST RANKING INDIVIDUALS

Each receives an award of \$2,500.

| SAMUEL S. ELDER | California Institute of Technology |
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| BRIAN R. LAWRENCE | California Institute of Technology |
| SEOK HYEONG LEE | Stanford University |
| XIAOSHENG MU | Yale University |
| EVAN M. O'DORNEY | Harvard University |

THE NEXT NINE HIGHEST RANKING INDIVIDUALS

Each receives an award of \$1,000.

| MICHAEL T. DRUGGAN RAVI K. FERNANDO | Carnegie-Mellon University Stanford University |
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| ALBERT F. GU | Carnegie-Mellon University |
| BENJAMIN P. GUNBY | Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
| BRIAN C. HAMRICK | Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
| MITCHELL M. LEE | Carnegie-Mellon University |
| XUE (BAKU) LIU | Princeton University |
| PALMER C. MEBANE | Harvey Mudd College |
| JONATHAN T. SCHNEIDER | Massachusetts Institute of Technology |

THE NEXT NINE HIGHEST RANKING INDIVIDUALS

Each receives an award of \$250.

| BENJAMIN C. ALPERT | Carnegie-Mellon University |
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| VLAD FIROIU | Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
| MENDEL M. FRIEDMAN | Touro College |
| MICHAEL Z. R. GOTTLIEB | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute |
| VLADISLAV O. KONTSEVOI | Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
| ZIPEI NIE | Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
| DAVID S. ROLNICK | Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
| FEI SONG | University of Virginia |
| ALEX (LIN) ZHAI | Harvard University |

HONORABLE MENTION—TEAMS

HARVEY MUDD COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Craig Burkhart, Sorathan Chaturapruek, and Palmer C. Mebane Karlming Chen, Ronnie Chen, and Aram Ebtekar Paul Lewis, Nicholas Triantafillou and Zeyin Zhang Casey Mihaloew, Christopher Olund, and Fei Song Carlos Dominguez, Jared Hallett, and Liyang Zhang

HONORABLE MENTION—INDIVIDUALS

ALEXANDER G. ANDERSON, Washington University, St. Louis NOAH M. ARBESFELD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology HARRISON R. BROWN, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa SIYUAN CAI, Northwestern University WESLEY H. CAO, Princeton University JEFFREY CHEN, Stanford University RUIYUAN CHEN, University of British Columbia, Vancouver PAUL F. CHRISTIANO, Massachusetts Institute of Technology CESAR A. CUENCA, Massachusetts Institute of Technology THEODORE M. DOKOS, The Ohio State University AKASHNIL DUTTA, Massachusetts Institute of Technology PETER Z. FEDAK, Harvey Mudd College GREGORY J. GAUTHIER, Vanderbilt University WHAN GHANG, Massachusetts Institute of Technology TRAVIS J. HANCE, Massachusetts Institute of Technology YANGZHOU HU, Massachusetts Institute of Technology JIAOYANG HUANG, Massachusetts Institute of Technology HYUN SUB HWANG, Massachusetts Institute of Technology TIAN-YI D. JIANG, Massachusetts Institute of Technology ZHAORONG JIN, California Institute of Technology SUPANAT KAMTUE, Massachusetts Institute of Technology ARCHIT U. KULKARNI, Carnegie-Mellon University REED S. LAFLECHE, Massachusetts Institute of Technology ERIC K. LARSON, Harvard University ALEXANDER S. LEAF, Princeton University HOLDEN LEE, Massachusetts Institute of Technology SHIYU LI, University of California, Berkeley BOWEI LIU, Princeton University CHENG MAO, University of California, Los Angeles

CASEY R. MIHALOEW, University of Virginia TUDOR PADURARIU, University of California, Los Angeles LYUBOSLAV N. PANCHEV, Stanford University GREGORY A. PEAIRS, Stanford University AARON D. PRIBADI, Harvey Mudd College TIMOTHY B. REYNOLDS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology ZEV S. ROSENGARTEN, Princeton University COLIN P. SANDON, Massachusetts Institute of Technology WILLIAM A. SCHLIEPER, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill JEFFREY D. SHEN, Massachusetts Institute of Technology XIAOLIN SHI, Massachusetts Institute of Technology JONATHAN W. SIEGEL, University of California, Santa Cruz DEYAN S. SIMEONOV, Stanford University JIALIN SONG, University of Toronto WARUT SUKSOMPONG, Massachusetts Institute of Technology MATTHEW C. SUPERDOCK, Princeton University NOAH J. TAYLOR, The Ohio State University NICHOLAS G.TRIANTAFILLOU, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor BOGDAN VEKLYCH, Massachusetts Institute of Technology MARK L. VELEDNITSKY, Massachusetts Institute of Technology DANIEL R. VITEK, Duke University TENGYAO WANG, Princeton University TIANQI WU, Massachusetts Institute of Technology KERRY K. XING, Massachusetts Institute of Technology ALLEN L. YUAN, Harvard University TONG ZHAN, Yale University QIUYI ZHANG, Princeton University ZEYIN ZHANG, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor ANDY ZHU, Princeton University

ELIZABETH LOWELL PUTNAM PRIZE

Winner receives an award of \$1,000

FEI SONG

University of Virginia

QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

Izabella Laba (Chair), University of British Columbia, Vancouver; and George T. Gilbert, Texas Christian University, and Djordje Milićević, Max Planck-Institut für Mathematik.

A total of 4440 students from 572 colleges and universities in Canada and the United States participated in the Competition. There were teams from 460 institutions. More complete details will appear in the American Mathematical Monthly.