No talks this month
The research seminar and colloquium series will continue next semester—use this break to build up anticipation for some exciting talks!

Student work applications
Students interested in working for the MSCS department next semester should fill out applications by January 20th. Graders, TAs, and office assistants are all needed. Contact Ellen Haberoth if you cannot locate the form in your email archive.

Thank you to Jumpstart 2020 workers
This past week, Jumpstart 2020 provided gave first year students the chance to reflect on their interests and goals and consider the possibility for gaining experience at college by pursuing student employment, internships and other opportunities. The MSCS Mess offers a special thank you to the majors who volunteered their time at the job fair to highlight the opportunities MSCS has to offer for student employment who were a large part in making this a successful event, including Rachel Frantsen, Margaret Zimmerman, Miranda Tilton, Omar Shehata and Corey Brooke.

Pi Mu Epsilon applications
Are you interested in joining a mathematics honor society? St. Olaf is home to the Minnesota Kappa chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon (PME), which is a national honor society dedicated to recognizing and promoting scholarly activity in mathematics. To join PME, you must meet the following requirements:

· Be a declared mathematics major
· Complete at least one transition course by induction (i.e. Math 242, 244, or 252)
· Maintain a 3.5 GPA in mathematics and a 3.0 GPA overall
· Pay a one-time national dues fee of $30

If you have any questions or would like to join Pi Mu Epsilon, please contact the president, Miranda Tilton (tiltonm@stolaf.edu).

Ph.D. Program at UChicago
The University of Chicago has created a new Ph.D. program in Computational and Applied Mathematics. The admissions committee will accept a few highly-qualified students this year; applications are due January 31st. For more information, visit http://www.stat.uchicago.edu/ccam/

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