

MSCS Mess

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Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship

Would you like to put your MSCS knowledge to work for the young people who need it most?

The prestigious Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship Program offers its fellows a \$ 30,000 stipend toward completion of a one-year master's degree program at a partner institution in Georgia, Indiana, or New Jersey. During the year, fellows undergo a year-long clinical experience teaching in a high-need school while taking rigorous subject matter courses. Upon completion, fellows then commit to teach for three years in urban or rural secondary schools, with mentoring throughout the process.

The final deadline to apply for the Program is January 31, 2015. Any qualified, interested student can apply online now, or simply find more information at <http://woodrow.org/fellowships/ww-teaching-fellowships/>.

Wanna Work for the MSCS department?

The MSCS department is now accepting work study applications for Semester II. If any students are interested in grading or working as a teachers assistant, they need to apply. Applications are available in RMS 307, from Patty Martinez, or if you are not on campus, you may email martinep@stolaf.edu to have one sent to you.

and for Your Reading Pleasure...

a Stats Joke

One day there was a fire in a wastebasket in the Dean's office and in rushed a physicist, a chemist, and a statistician.

The physicist immediately pulled out a pencil and some paper and started writing out calculations furiously to work out how much energy would have to be removed from the fire to stop the combustion.

The chemist looked at the fire to see what was burning and then started flipping through a textbook to see which reagent would have to be added to the fire to prevent oxidation.

While they were doing this, the statistician pulled out a box of matches and started setting fires to all the other wastebaskets in the office.

"What are you doing?" they demanded.

"Well, if we're going to solve the problem, we're clearly going to need a larger sample size" the statistician replied.

and a Riddle

A word I know,
Six letters it contains,
Remove one letter,
And twelve remains.

What is the word?

and another Riddle

I drive men mad
For love of me.
I'm easily beaten,
Never free.

What am I?

(The answer can be found in the next Mess!)

(Last week's answer: a match)

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