
Meet Your Departmental Student Advisor!

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Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Cookies and Cream

Best Adjective to Describe You: Analytical

In 10 words or less, why should someone want to be a part of this department?

Math is the universal language.

When did you know you wanted to study this area? What pathway led you to this department?

I've wanted to study mathematics since I took calculus in high school, because it seemed more objective than other subjects – there was either a right or a wrong answer. Discovering how wrong I was has been an eye-opening experience!

What is the best way to get (and stay) connected to this department?

Hang out in the Math/Physics Center in the evening, talk with the professors about stuff that isn't math, and come have tea on Wednesdays!

What would you miss the most if you were no longer a part of this department?

The professors, of course. Not only are they all brilliant, but also they're all fascinating people in general. I could talk with any of them for hours.

What are your career aspirations/next steps after K?

I'm hoping to go to graduate school in applied mathematics.

What has been the biggest surprise you have encountered at K?

My biggest surprise has been going from never singing in my life to being the Music Director of the Kalamadudes Men's A Cappella group over the course of two years.

How does your department connect to your other interests and activities?

Mathematics and music are far more linked than anyone expects. Taking an analytical eye to music truly gives a new perspective that has helped me with my piano and a cappella activities.

What has been your favorite class at K? Why?

Differential Equations with Dr. Barth was my favorite class I've ever taken in my life. I love escaping the theoretical world of mathematics and describing the real world!

What is your SIP?

I'm studying with Dr. Barth to develop a method of modeling musical pieces using ideas from statistical mechanics and numerical analysis.
