Good Grades Add Up

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As proud members of the mathematics and computer science departments, along with family and friends, looked on, twenty-one Bridgewater students were inducted into the Mass Gamma Chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon during a ceremony in the Moakley Center’s auditorium.

Dr. Ward Heilman, faculty advisor to the BSC chapter, said that more than 400 students and faculty have been inducted into the national honorary mathematics society at Bridgewater over the past 38 years.

"We have been fortunate to have had a Pi Mu Epsilon chapter since May, 1972, when Dr. Murray Abramson, then chairman of the department, brought the honor society to the college" said Dr. Heilman.

Each spring, along with the induction ceremony, a colloquium is held in honor of Dr. Abramson, who served on the faculty from 1966 to 1987. This year’s featured speaker was Dr. Sarah-Marie Belcastro, research associated at Smith College and visiting assistant professor at Mount Holyoke College. Her presentation was titled, "Topological Graph Theory and You."

The 2010 inductees are: (pictured, from left to right) Christopher M. Pierce of West Bridgewater; Bryan M. Hafferty of Sandwich; Michelle N. Chrisman of Hanover; Stephanie T. Zahnzinger of Brockton; Dr. Matt Salomone, assistant professor of math; Sarah A. Stefaniak of Webster; Dr. Laura Gross, assistant professor of math; Kathrynne Aussibel of Norton; Laura A. Jussaume of Dracut; Jun Yang of Taunton; Brittany M. Juszkwieicz East Taunton; Thomas P. Callahan of East Taunton; Kimberly R. Medeiros of New Bedford; Craig E. Johnson of Norton; Mateusz Pacha-Sucharzewski of Rybink, Poland; Jesse L. Berglund of Sharon; and (unpictured) Kayla M. Jones, Kerri L. Mann, Gregory H. Nahas, Emily Stephens and Kerstin L. Zinik.

Among those in attendance for the program were members of Dr. Abramson’s family. (Story and photos by David K. Wilson, ’71, Office of Institutional Communications)