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## RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

DEAR INTEGIRLS COMMUNITY.

This is the first edition of our monthly newsletter, a newly-instated tradition that we, the executive team over here at "big" INTEGIRLS, hope will increase transparency within our organization, influence more widespread communication, and more consistently highlight accomplishments across our chapters.

Since its founding, INTEGIRLS has strived to help diminish the gender-based disparities seen in STEM across the globe. A grassroots organization first started by a few hard-working girls in Washington D.C., INTEGIRLS has since expanded to represent something beyond its original expectations, and it continues to do so today with the help of inspiring teens worldwide. Each chapter hosts biannual math competitions and periodic virtual puzzle hunts for girls and non-binary students affected by (trans)misogyny, using team-based problem solving to encourage contestants to work together to solve difficult problems. As of this year, we have over 20 chapters and 120 members, and these numbers continue to grow as people start new chapters and broaden chapter scopes. Our INTEGIRLSadjacent competition participant community continues to swell, with 2,200+ students participating in the previous fall and spring competitions. This year, we have also grown our executive team: we now have a sponsorship ma-





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From top row to bottom row, left to right: Shubha Gautam (Executive Director), Michelle Han (CFO/Website Manager), Marina Lin (Tech Director), Sophia Fu (Sponsorship Manager), Olivia Xu (Social Chair), Minerva You (Outreach), Ramya Rajan (Social Media Manager), Harini Venkatesh (Problem Writing Director), Sabina Khizroev (Statistics/Scoreboard Director).

nager, social media manager, website manager, CFO, outreach coordinator, tech coordinator, social chair, and statistics/scoreboard director. Our goals include making the INTEGIRLS community more well-connected, selling merch, increasing social media engagement, and possibly reinvigorating our dormant puzzle team. Additionally, we are now a Presidential Volunteer Service Award certified nonprofit, have an official volunteer log (with 220+ hours already recorded!), host mandatory monthly chapter head meetings, and set up one-on-one chapter advisor meetings. We hope to see more improvements in the coming months.

One goal of this newsletter is to also spotlight the work of our chapters and chapter members. First, we would like to thank Harini Venkatesh, the problem writing director, for her leadership. The organization of our problem writing process has significantly improved at an impressive rate, and our fall season tests are already compiled. Additionally, Sydney Spangler of the LA/OC chapter and Michelle Han of the Bay Area chapter have received bronze and gold level Presidential Volunteer Service Awards. respectively. Moreover, the Singapore chapter has launched its own mentorship program, Indianapolis held a bake sale, STL created its own





sticker shop, and the Bay Area set up a problem of the week series. We are proud of the ambition clearly exhibited within our members, and it is exciting to wonder what else will soon be accomplished. This newsletter itself will begin hosting a problem of the month series starting September, and winners will receive stickers from the STL sticker shop (with love).

If there are any INTEGIRLS-related accomplishments, activities, shoutouts, etc. you would like to see included on this newsletter, feel free to reach out to us. Regardless, we plan to pass by even more impressive information next month.



Best,
THE INTEGIRLS EXECUTIVE TEAM









Check out all of our chapters' instagrams!

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