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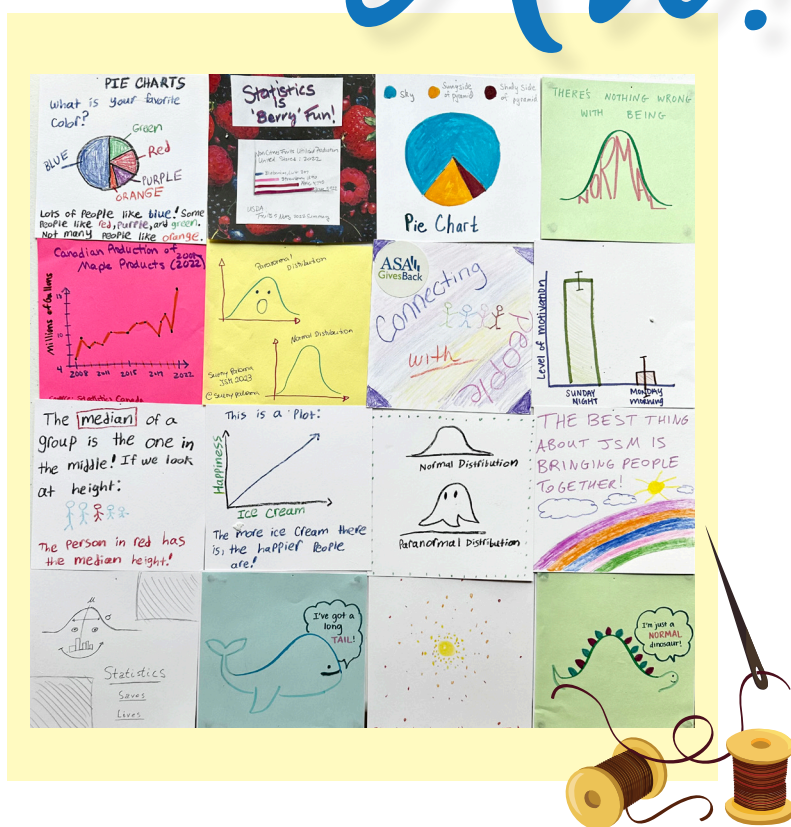
Members of the ASA GivesBack leadership team had to make a tough decision when it came to the **2023 ASA Virtual Science Fair entries**, which were outstanding. After much discussion, they awarded the top prize in the 9–12 grade category to Anissa Li for her project, “An Improved Iontophoresis Device to Treat Hyperhidrosis,” and the top prize in the 5–8 grade category to Amol Bansal for “Accurate or Predictive: A Bayesian Insight.” Prizes were given to the top three finishers in each category and included a certificate and Amazon gift card.

The annual virtual science fair is part of the ASA’s education program and gives students the opportunity to formulate an investigation, collect data, analyze the collected data, and interpret and communicate their findings.

The ASA GivesBack team has adopted the virtual science fair as a signature program and will be partnering with the ASA to expand its reach.

Another of the team’s annual projects is the JSM Impact Project.

This year, the project focused on giving back



ASA GivesBack art project at JSM 2023 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada

to the ASA community by giving attendees a place to relax and mingle with others while exploring their creative side. Participants were asked to create a piece of art from two available prompts. The art pieces will be compiled to create a patchwork art collage that will be displayed in the ASA office in Alexandria, Virginia.

Moving Forward with StatsForward

The StatsForward program officially launched at JSM in Toronto with the inaugural cohort of nine early-career statisticians meeting face to face.

The purpose of the program is to provide mentoring and coaching for early-career statisticians and data scientists that develop their leadership potential, create a sense of community, and encourage their continued commitment to the profession.

Over the next year, the cohort will participate in leadership and professional development courses, participate in a mentoring experience with the ASA Board of Directors, and collaborate with the chairs and vice chairs of the ASA committee councils on leadership projects to be presented to the board.



Up Close and in Person at ASA STATFEST 2023



Participants in StatFest 2023, held at SAS headquarters in Cary, North Carolina

ASA StatFest, a signature program of the ASA Committee on Minorities in Statistics, was held in person this year for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The event was hosted by SAS at their headquarters in Cary, North Carolina. Nearly 150 attendees enjoyed a full day of sessions, panel discussions, and networking.

A special thanks to the sponsors and donors who made the program possible this year! **Donations to the BIPOC Fund also provided travel assistance to 20 students and five invited speakers.**

Student Member Receives Scholarship to Attend First JSM



Xiaoxia Champon (left) with her family in New York City

After pausing her studies to raise two young children, Xiaoxia Champon is finishing her PhD in statistics at North Carolina State University.

“I came back to my PhD in the height of COVID, which presented more challenges,” says Champon, “however, I was very lucky to have the support from the department, professors, and especially from my adviser and my peers.”

Nearing the completion of her PhD program, Champon knew it was the perfect time to attend JSM. The only thing in her way was securing funding. **She applied for grants and travel scholarships that would help offset the cost of attending and was awarded the ASA Student and Early Career Travel Award.**

“We receive numerous requests from students and early-career members who want to attend ASA meetings but cannot do so without financial assistance,” says ASA Associate Executive Director Donna LaLonde. “With the help of generous

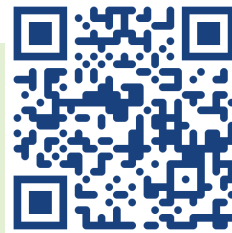
donors, we established the fund in 2017 so we could offer support to these individuals. We give out as much as we raise through the fund. The students and early-career members must find additional funding, but they are grateful for the support we provide. I wish we could do more!”

“The student travel award made my trip to JSM possible,” says Champon. “I appreciated the mentorship opportunities at JSM. I was able to connect with professors and other members to get advice on how to enter academia after I graduate.”

When asked what her favorite part of JSM was, she responded while laughing, “The food! Meeting at the receptions with all the different types of food made it feel more like a place to connect, instead of just a conference.”

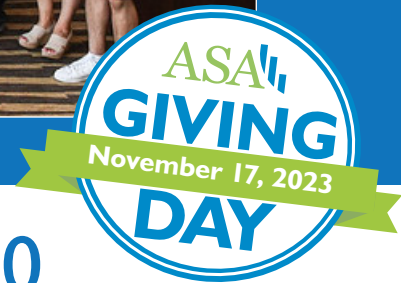
Post-graduation, Champon said she plans to be a teaching professor and mentor undergraduates. “I truly believe the department offered me a lot, and I want to give back to others,” says Champon.

The ASA Student and Early Career Travel Fund is made possible through charitable contributions. One hundred percent of donations go to offsetting travel and registration costs associated with ASA meetings. Visit ww2.amstat.org/giving to learn more and donate.





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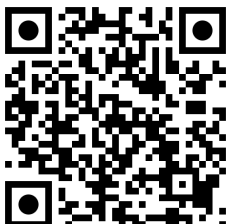


ASA Giving Day: Your Chance to Support ASA Programs Like These

The programs mentioned in this newsletter are just a few examples of what donations help fund. As the world's largest community of statisticians and data scientists, it is our responsibility to ensure a future world that relies on data to drive discovery and inform

decisions. This vision is the impetus behind the ASA's strategic plan and why these programs are so important.

ASA Giving Day—November 17—is a great time to celebrate what we have accomplished together toward our vision and to keep it going. Since giving day is a celebration, there will be several opportunities to win prizes, including an ASA goody bag and free webinar voucher.



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