

Can you get more than
ZERO
On a math test?
Then
YOU
might be able to
Win Fame and Fortune
in the PUTNAM!

Come to the mathematics department's weekly problem solving sessions in preparation for the infamous William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition. NO prerequisite math needed.

Participation will sharpen your critical thinking skills and improve your performance in all levels of math courses!

Every Thursday at 4:45 in SCEN201

Starting, with ICE CREAM on September 15th.

Started in 1927, the Putnam exam is held every December and consists of 12 tricky math problems. Famously the median score is zero! Unlike nearly every other math test, the goal is not to do everything perfectly, per se. The competition is about solving math puzzles in elementary, possibly unconventional ways. Any answers, even partial answers, that you get really are special.

Past competition winners include future Fields Medalists (Milnor, Mumford and Quillen) and physics Nobel Laureates (Feynman and Wilson). The top 25 people receive prizes (\$250 to \$2,500) with one prize of a \$12,000 scholarship for graduate work at Harvard. Even lower scores - anything above zero - look very attractive to nearly all graduate programs. AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO COMPETE TO ATTEND THE PROBLEM SOLVING SESSIONS, JUST COME BY AND JOIN THE FUN!