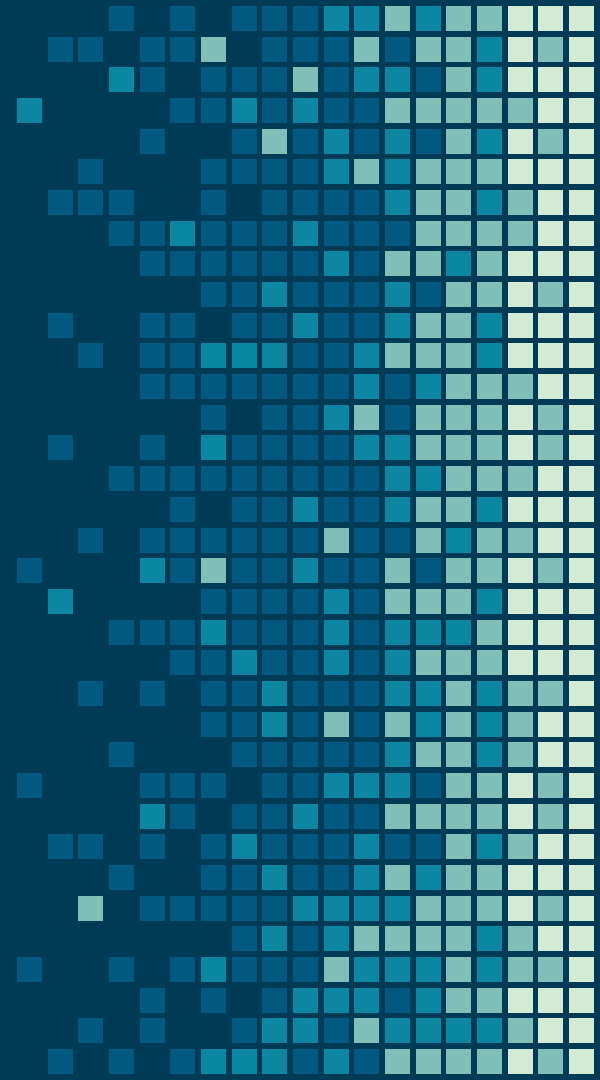


GETTING INVOLVED IN EXTRACURRICULARS

WiCS Orientation - 2023-09-09

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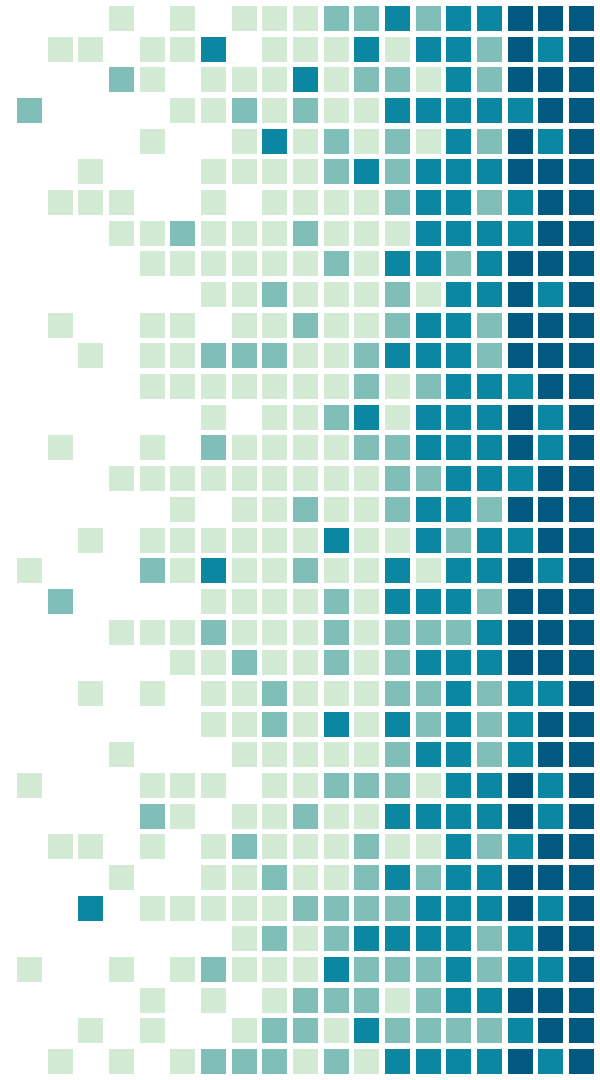
Hi, I'm Grace! (she/her)

- 3B CS, HCI specialization, creative writing diploma
- S23 MathSoc President
- W23 Math Grad Chair
- F22 MathSoc VP Comms
- F21 - S22 MathSoc Cartoons Producer
- And many more! :D



WHY EXTRACURRICULARS?

Why get involved in the first place?



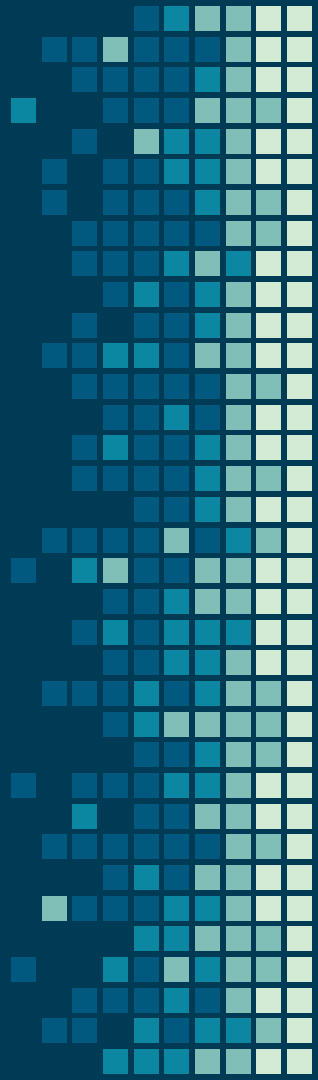
BUILDING COMMUNITY

- Meet people who share your interests!
 - A great way to meet new people and make lasting friends in the UW Community
- Hang out in club offices, social and academic events
- Meet FYs and upper years from all programs!



GIVE YOUR BRAIN A BREAK.

It is much more beneficial to spend some time away from your work and then come back to it, than it is to spend all day in your room doing homework and grinding resumes/leetcode.



GIVE YOUR BRAIN A BREAK

- Also helps rest your brain so that you can come back recharged and with new ideas.
- You will have an easier time when you feel that you have a group that supports you and when you take breaks to take care of yourself.
- You are more than just your academics.



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

- Volunteer and leadership opportunities
- Valuable transferable skills for your resume and interview talking points!
- Ex. collaborative work, project management
- These are important life skills too.



HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY

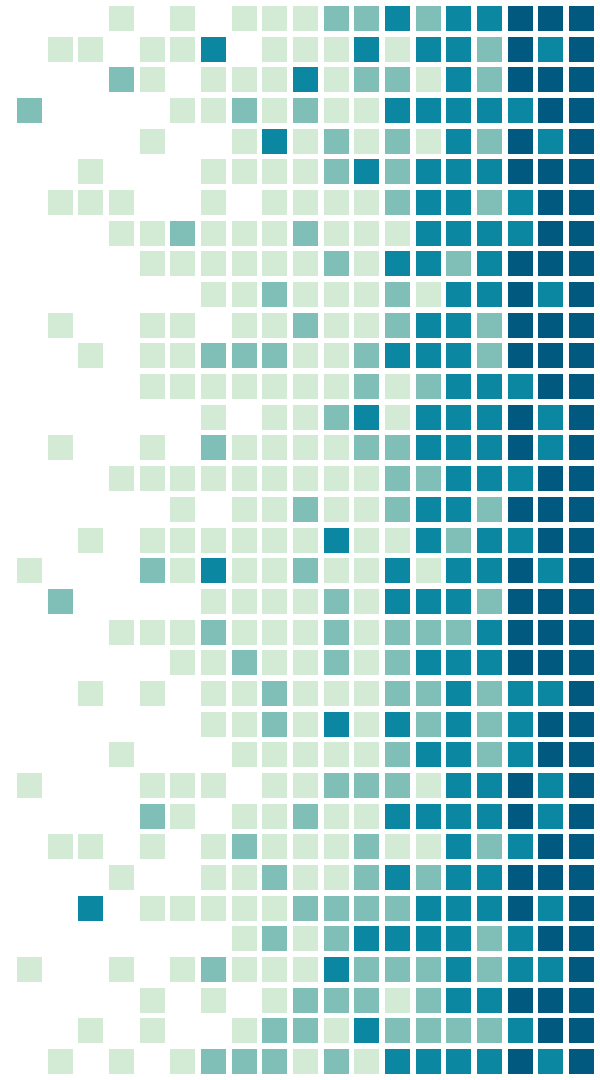
- You're a member of the UW Community - be the change that you want to see in it, and take part in it.
- If you want to (continue) seeing certain types of events, show up and get involved!
- Advocate for your program/cohort/year!



“ Also a really good way to get the most out of your student fees and university experience btw :)

WHICH EXTRACURRICULARS?

A small sample of what's available :)



MATHSOC CLUBS

- Program-oriented clubs, but you don't have to be in that program to join!
- Have club offices in MC or M3 to hang out and study in! They have whiteboards/chalkboards.
- Hold academic and social events.
- Great place to meet people interested in a certain program!
- Check out the link in Resources :)



WE LIVE IN A MATHEMATICS SOCIETY

- MathSoc = Mathematics Society
- Your undergraduate Math student society!
 - You are automatically a member.
- Runs academic and social events, has an office in MC 3038.
- Also provides services and advocacy for Math students.



EVENT EXAMPLES

- Code Parties, Prof Talks
- Student-run talks (ex. SASMS, Alt-Tab)
- Beginning and End of Term social events!
 - Ex. Bonfires, movie nights
- Industry Networking Opportunities
- Fun contests (ex. Kaggle, mini-hackathons)
- Bubble tea social, games nights, semi formal
- Review sessions, Workshops
- Destress events, Welcome Week



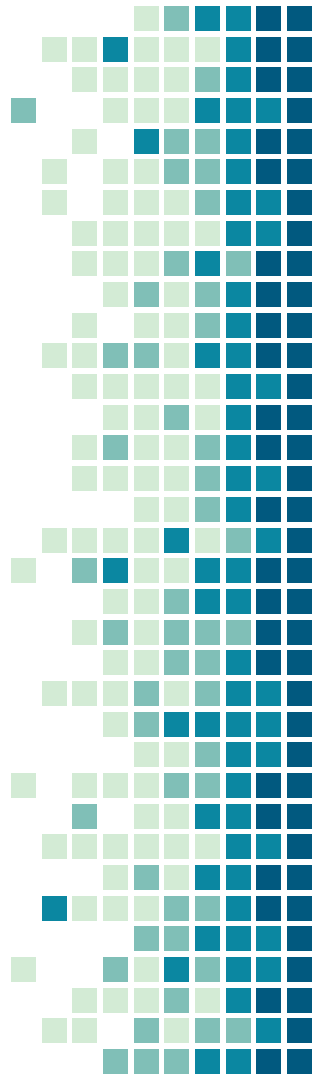
MATH COMMUNITY

- Other ways to get involved in UW Math that weren't covered before!
- They run events and have opportunities to volunteer.
- Ex. mathNEWS, Math Orientation, Math Endowment Fund, Math Grad Committee, Math Ambassadors



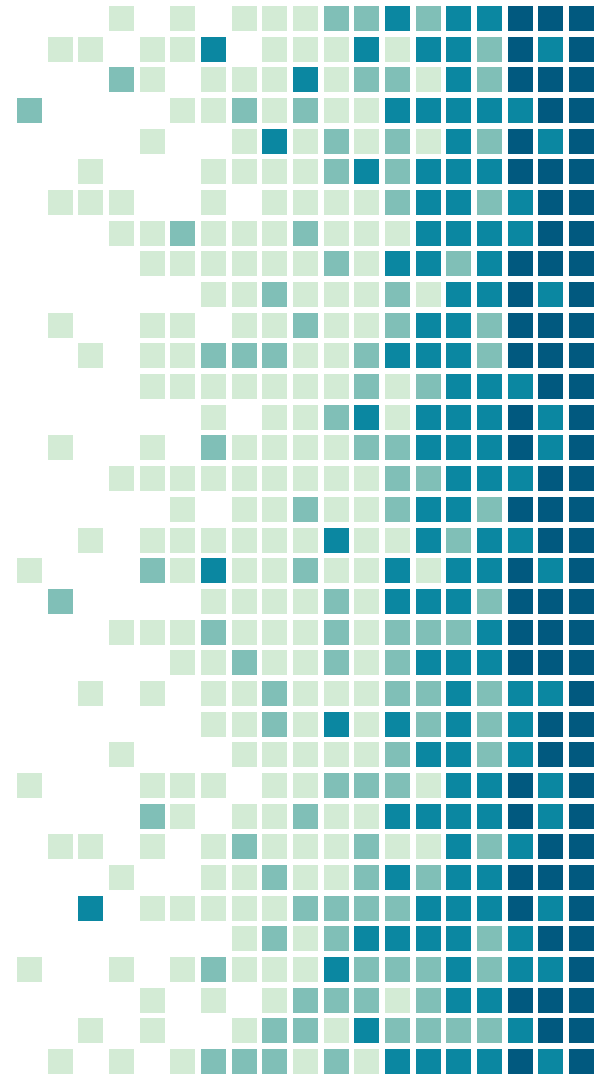
WUSA + WUSA CLUBS

- WUSA = Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association - for all undergrads at UW
- WUSA Clubs -> where you find interest-based clubs
 - Lots of them. (<https://wusa.ca/clubs/>)
 - Check them out - there's lots of variety
 - Or, start your own!
- There's organizations outside of MathSoc and WUSA that are great ways to meet people too!



GETTING INVOLVED

What's next?



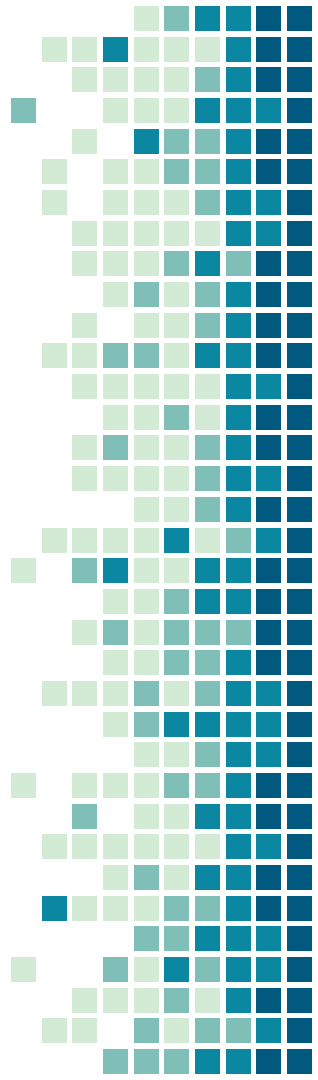
ATTEND SOME EVENTS!

- Hang out in club offices!
- Show up to events and chat with the people there!
- Discord servers!
- Just being *around* is a great way to get to know new people.



APPLY FOR VOLUNTEER POSITIONS!

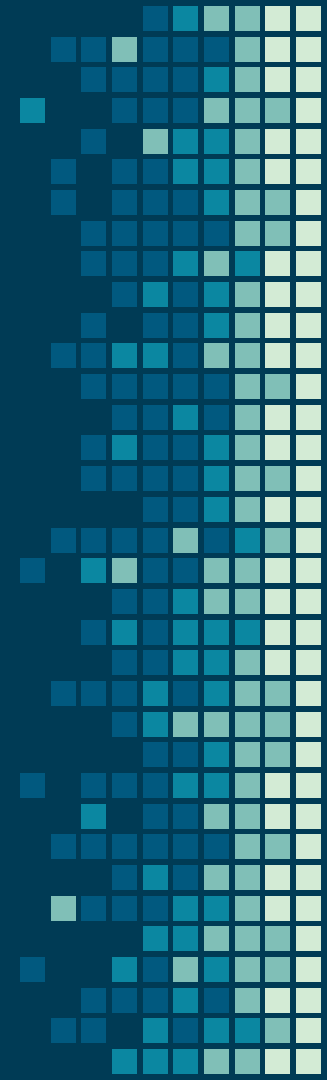
- **Planning:** Club exec roles, or join their organizing committee! (ex. WiCS, CSC, DSC, WUSA Clubs, MathSoc volunteers)
- **Advocacy:** MathSoc Council (FY Reps, Program Reps), MathSoc Board, SESoc Reps
- **I <3 Math:** Math Ambassadors, Math Orientation, mathNEWS, MEF, Math Grad
- And more! (I could seriously go on.)



THE BOTTOM LINE:

Extracurriculars are a really great way to gain experiences, make new friends, and have a good time, no matter your interests.

Contribute to your community, have fun, and enjoy this part of your university life :)

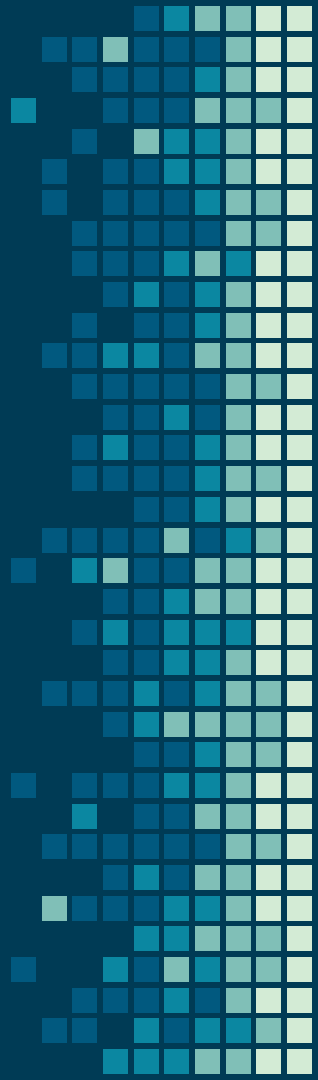


THANKS FOR LISTENING!

Feel free to ask questions :)

(and feel free to reach out if you want to chat!)

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RESOURCES

Math Community: <https://mathsoc.uwaterloo.ca/get-involved/>

MathSoc Clubs: <https://mathsoc.uwaterloo.ca/clubs/>

WUSA Clubs: <https://wusa.ca/clubs/>

WUSA Services: <https://wusa.ca/services/>

MathSoc: <https://mathsoc.uwaterloo.ca/>

SE Soc: <https://se-soc.notion.site/> (SE students: check out [EngSoc](#) too! Math <3 Eng)

