

# Event scheduled to inspire young women to pursue math

The Department of Mathematics will host a mathematics event for young women titled “Sonia Kovalevsky Mathematics High School Day” on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Minard Hall room 136.

High school teachers throughout North Dakota and Western Minnesota have been invited to bring female students, grades nine through 12, to NDSU to meet mathematics faculty, professional women from the Fargo area who use math in their careers and other high school students who are interested in math.

The event includes activities and games. All participants will receive books and prizes. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Kovalevsky was the most widely known Russian mathematician of the late 19th century. She was the first woman to earn a doctorate in mathematics. She received the prestigious Prix Bordin from the French Academie des Sciences for one of her research papers in 1888 and was appointed to full professor of mathematics at Stockholm in 1889.

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