

Independent Summer Statistics Community (ISSC): Building a sustainable online undergraduate student community with Co-curricular Activities and Experiential Learning Opportunities

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Agenda



Who?



What?



When?



Where?



Why?



How?



Who

- Students enrolled or on track to enroll in a stats program.
- UofT is a large research-intensive university.
- 4000+ students eligible.
- 500+ students enrolled & participated.

What

“Stats Camp”

- Americal Statistical Association (ASA) DataFest
- Case competitions
- TidyTuesdays
- Weekly Python tutorials
- Mental health workshops
- Career panels
- Others: decluttering, improv, socials, etc.





When

Summer 2020

Program was initiated & ran over 10 events

Fall 2020+Winter 2021

Monthly events & planned

Summer 2021

Second summer iteration

Where

Completely online

- Zoom
- Slack
- Sharepoint
- ...and some other platforms





Why

- To promote community in wake of COVID-19 closures.
- Equitable
 - Asynchronous & Synchronous.
 - Sync events were recorded.
 - Free
 - All platforms accessible to all UofT students.
 - Student driven.
 - Low-to-no pressure.



How

It takes a village...



How

The faculty & staff



Liza Bolton



Samantha-Jo Caetano



Nathalie Moon



Ivan Nguyen



Nathan Taback



Megan Whitehead-Douglas

How

Our RA team



Amar Dholakia



Stanley Hua



Shirley Wang



José Casas



Colin Conant



Poorva Seth

Missing:
Harriet Ware
Kexin Qin

How

Departmental Support

- + Faculty Support
- + Departmental Funding



Radu Craiu
(Department Chair)



Bethany White
(Department Undergraduate
Associate Chair)



Future Steps:

Graduate school Q&A

Prepping for "back to school"

Outreach

Improving overall participation



Thank you

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