

Letter of Support

Sharon Blatt has been working on the research for the paper “RISKY Business : An In-Depth Look at the Game of Risk” with me since February 2001. All of her research was completed during her spring semester junior year and her senior year as an undergraduate student. Her research began as a senior project and was supported this past semester by the Elon University A.L. Hook Endowment.

Sharon has continually critiqued and improved this paper throughout the past year. It is very well written, includes clear supportive examples, and should be of interest to a wide range of readers. This paper does display the level of mathematical maturity that I believe is necessary to submit to the undergraduate journal. Although Sharon has concentrated on two specific questions about the board game RISK, she has also included many other interesting questions in her paper that we hope will generate the interest of other undergraduate mathematicians.

I have mentored Sharon for the past year in her research and feel that her work should be considered for publication in the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Undergraduate Mathematics Journal.

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