

No Math Seminar This Week – Founder’s Day on Thursday!

So that the math community at Union can attend the Founder’s Day events on Thursday, there will not be a math seminar this week.

DATE: THURSDAY, February 23

Time & Location: 1:00pm in Memorial Chapel

Founder’s Day commemorates the official chartering of Union College in 1795. As part of the festivities, **Andrea Barrett '74**, who majored in biology at Union and is a National Book Award winner will deliver a keynote address. Below is an excerpt from a [Union news story](#) about Barrett and the event.



Andrea Barrett '74

In 1996, Barrett was a gifted but obscure writer when she stunned the literary world by winning the National Book Award for fiction for “Ship Fever and Other Stories.”

Publishing’s version of the Oscars, the National Book Award (which included a \$10,000 prize) firmly established Barrett as a literary force. In the 25 years since winning the award, Barrett has written five other books, including “Servants of the Map,” a finalist for the 2003 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction. Her latest collection of stories, “Natural History,” was released last fall.

In addition to the National Book Award, Barrett has received a Guggenheim Fellowship and a MacArthur Fellowship, or genius grant, which carries a prize of \$500,000. ...

Also at Founders Day, the College will present the Gideon Hawley Teacher Recognition Award. Named for the 1809 graduate of Union who was New York state’s first superintendent of public education, the award is given to secondary school teachers who have had a continuing influence on the academic life of Union students.

A Peek Inside the Classroom: Math 234, Differential Equations

Students in **Professor Jue Wang’s** Math 234 (Differential Equations) have done some very cool projects. Some of their work on the “Curve of Pursuit” and on “Modeling Pandemics” is display on a bulletin board on the second floor of Bailey Hall, across from their classroom, Bailey 207. Here is a quick teaser.

