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Student project: Women Speaker Series

Simon Fraser University (SFU) has been host to a Discrete Math Seminar since the early 1980's. Unfortunately, over the past several years the gender distribution of speakers in this seminar has skewed overwhelmingly male. Indeed, this reflects a more general lack of inclusion at SFU as further indicated by SFU's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion report.

In the Fall of 2020, in a student led project, we decided to challenge the narrative by creating the Women in Discrete Math Speaker Series. In this talk we discuss the inspiration, implementation, and challenges behind this project. Additionally, we ask what the next steps in furthering EDI initiatives are.