

# FIRST PLACE WINNER - FEBRUARY 2022

## PROBLEM 2 OF THE MONTH

### Jamal Lawson



Jamal Lawson is a Mathematics major with a concentration in Pure Mathematics. He is from New Orleans, Louisiana, where he grew up in the Uptown area. Attending Jesuit High School, he discovered his appreciation of math in his Freshman Honors Geometry course. His love of outdoorsy things like running, rock climbing, and hiking led him to join the Louisiana Army National Guard where he maintains his service. Outside of math, he loves to read mystery novels, plays, and historical nonfiction. Among his favorite authors are Dean Koontz, Agatha Christie, Shakespeare and Oscar Wilde. He also finds enjoyment playing video games like Tomb Raider, Grand Theft Auto, and those of the Pokémon franchise. His favorite pastime, however, is spending hours-on-end in the forests of City Park in the Lakeview area of New Orleans and various other state parks observing the flora and fauna. When not in the forests, he can be found running or playing soccer or volleyball in the parks. He is a fanatic of horror films, especially older ones like Halloween and the Exorcist. After graduation, he would like to pursue further study and research in mathematics. He also hopes to one-day offer mathematics instruction at the university level.