NEW: We have added a new section to the website homepage called “DataJam News”. Check it out regularly to see the newest information about the DataJam!

This month DataJam News is focused on the 2022 DataJam finale, with a video of the finale and posters of the four winning teams. Click on the posters to see them enlarged with brief summaries of the winning projects!
Check out the 2022 DataJam Finale video!

Go to the http://www.pghdataworks.org homepage. Under DataJam News you can watch the whole Finale and click on the four winning posters to view them in detail. See the 1st place project by Aaron Berger, Dmitri Berger & Rex Wu at Norwin High School on Analyzing the Legacy of Redlining in Pittsburgh, the 2nd place project by Tiffany Chen, Matthew Bretz & Jacob Miller at Central Dauphin High School on Forecasting COVID-19 Infections & Vaccinations in PA, the 3rd place project by Addison Gindlesperger, Kiana Kazemi, Lindsay Liebro, Eileen Lin, Becky Zhou, Gary Farrell & Aaron Peng at Hampton High School on Availability of Inclusive Parks & ADA Accessibility within the City of Pittsburgh, and the Best New Team project by Maniya Zwicker & Amara Sanchez at the Pala Youth Center in San Diego, CA on Examining pH Data in the San Luis Rey River within the Pala Native American Reservation and Beyond!

The 2022 DataJam was made possible by donations from PPG Industries. The expansion of the DataJam into states outside of PA was made possible by a National Science Foundation pilot grant from the NorthEast Big Data Innovation Hub.

See All of the 2022 DataJam Posters presented at the 2022 DataJam Finale!

The posters are available on the DataJam page of the website. Scroll down the DataJam page to the 2022 posters and click on the 2022 DataJam Posters button to see the posters, or click here to be taken directly there.
Meet a DataJam Mentor!

Hello! My name is Nate McDowell, and I am a rising senior at the University of Pittsburgh pursuing a major in Information Science and a minor in Economics. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy spending time in the outdoors doing things like hiking, biking, or kayaking. I have been a DataJam mentor for about two years now and am only becoming more invested in the program!

This summer, I will be working as a University of Pittsburgh Community Research Fellow. The Community Research Fellowship is designed to help students work with non-profits, full-time, helping students build a connection between academic and social work. My project this summer, Python for the DataJam, will consist of developing GitHub and Python tutorials to help DataJam teams utilize more sophisticated tools in their projects. As the DataJam grows and teams become more advanced, additional computing resources will help stimulate intellectual growth in DataJam participants.

The new GitHub and Python tutorials that Nate is making this summer will be available to everyone on the Resources page of the website by the end of this summer.

See the DataJam Timeline for 2022-2023

On the DataJam page of the website the new 2023 DataJam Timeline has been posted. Click here to see the Timeline.

- Proposals due Fri., Dec. 2, 2022
- Feedback will be received by Fri., Dec. 16, 2022
- Posters will be due Fri., March 31, 2023
- 2023 DataJam Finale will be Thur., April 27, 2023
Your team can start working on a DataJam2023 project any time!

If your team has ideas for a DataJam 2023 project they would like to do you can submit your 2023 DataJam proposal at any time---just follow the proposal directions in the DataJam Guidebook and send the proposal to pittsburghdatajam@pghdataworks.org.

The Advisory Board will be happy to review your proposal at any time during the year and give you feedback so you can get started on your project. Use the guides on the DataJam page of the www.pghdataworks.org website to get started.

New Teams from Across the United States are Welcome to Participate in the DataJam!

The DataJam is expanding outside the Pittsburgh region! This year we had numerous teams from across the country --- from Harrisburg, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and California. Two of these teams won awards at the 2022 DataJam! The team from Harrisburg, PA won “2nd place” and the team from San Diego, CA won “Best New Team”.

We hope to continue expanding to reach more and more communities in the coming years. As we emerge from COVID, we plan to do this in two ways.

First, high school students anywhere are welcome to form a DataJam team, submit a DataJam proposal and participate in the “Virtual DataJam Finale” that will be held via zoom for all participating DataJam teams at the end of April each year.

Second, we hope to have DataJam “nodes” established across the country where several DataJam teams have formed within the same area. We will aim to provide training to local DataJam Mentors in these areas so that teams in the node can work with local mentors, online and in person. Nodes can also hold their own local DataJam Finale’s in person so students can present their posters to their parents, teachers and other teams at an in-person event. Of course, all students will also be able to participate in the large “Virtual DataJam Finale” --- available to students everywhere. Two nodes we are hoping to develop in 2022-2023 are in San Diego, CA and in New Jersey! If you are in these areas and interested in the DataJam email us at pittsburghdatajam@pghdataworks.org and we’ll help you find or start a team!

We are looking forward to DataJam 2023!
We Hope You Are Too!