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## COLLOQUIUM

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## **GENERATING FUNCTIONS**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Generating functions are a powerful algebraic tool that forms the basis of algebraic combinatorics, a branch of discrete mathematics that uses algebra to solve counting problems. These counting problems come from many branches of mathematics and computer science. In this talk, I will introduce basic generating functions and give a few examples of problems they can be used to solve.

This colloquium is sponsored by the NSF-STEM Scholarship Program at CCSU; therefore all recipients of the scholarship are urged to attend.

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