> **This week:** The Final Exam is due at 10 a.m. tomorrow morning. That is the last of it, and there is no late submission. The Practice Final closes at the same moment, so if you are going to use it, use it tonight.



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The last one. **Dionne Price** directed a division in the Office of Biostatistics at the Food and Drug Administration, where the work included reviewing the statistics behind COVID-19 vaccines.

In 2023 she became the 118th president of the American Statistical Association, and the first African American to hold that office.

She died of cancer on Feb. 22, 2024, at 52.

She said she fell in love with biostatistics during a summer internship as an undergraduate, and that what inspired her was "being able to use statistics to make a difference in the lives of others." Asked what advice she would give, her first answer was "do what you enjoy."

This is the last announcement of the term, so let me say plainly why I ran this series at all. Most of you are in this course because a program required it, and that is a perfectly good reason to be here. But statistics is not a hurdle somebody invented to slow you down. It is a field where people spend entire careers, and the eight people you have met over these weeks were doing recognizable work: arguing about sanitation, looking at data before testing it, deciding whether a drug is safe enough to approve.

You have now done a compressed version of that same work. Whether or not you take another statistics course, you will read a number in the news this year and know to ask where the sample came from. That was the point.

Best wishes in your future studies and your next math course.

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