As part of Collins Barrow Toronto’s continued commitment to community involvement, actuarial analyst Rian Dewji gave a talk at Math Quest, an all-girls math camp sponsored by the Canadian Mathematical Society and the Queen’s University Department of Mathematics and Statistics, August 8-11.

Rian’s presentation focused on the mathematics of cryptography, but also served a broader purpose: to help foster the students’ interest in math and encourage them to consider pursuing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) degree at university. According to Rian, such programs and mathematics in particular are often dominated by males despite high levels of interest in such subjects among female secondary school students.

“This is why I was keen to participate at Queen’s Math Quest… to get the opportunity to speak with the female students about their interests, point out the endless career opportunities available with a math degree, and encourage them to enroll in such programs,” said Rian.

Rian’s presentation was also highlighted in the Queen’s Gazette.

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