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## College Algebra (ABAC)

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# College Algebra

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Each collection contains the following materials:

- **Linked Syllabus**
  - The syllabus should provide the framework for both direct implementation of the grant team's selected and created materials and the adaptation/transformation of these materials.
- **Initial Proposal**
  - The initial proposal describes the grant project's aims in detail.
- **Final Report**
  - The final report describes the outcomes of the project and any lessons learned.



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# Initial Proposal

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## Application Details

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### Manage Application: Textbook Transformation Grants: Round Ten

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**Award Cycle:** Round 10

**Internal Submission Deadline:** Friday, September 29, 2017

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**Application Title:** 344

**Application ID:** 001884

**Submitter First Name:** Sue

**Submitter Last Name:** Mastrario

**Submitter Title:** Associate Director

**Submitter Email Address:** smastrario@abac.edu

**Submitter Phone Number:** 229-391-4899

**Submitter Campus Role:** Sponsored Programs Office

**Applicant First Name:** April

**Applicant Last Name:** Abbott

**Co-Applicant Name(s):** --

**Applicant Email Address:** aabbott@abac.edu

**Applicant Phone Number:** 229-391-5161

**Primary Appointment Title:** Mathematics Lab Coordinantor

**Institution Name(s):** Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

**Submission Date:** Monday, October 2, 2017

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**Proposal Title:** 344

**Proposal Category:** No-Cost-to-Students Learning Materials

**Are you using an OpenStax textbook?:** Yes

**Final Semester of Instruction:** Fall 2018

**Team Members (Name, Title, Department, Institutions if different, and email address for each):**

All team members are from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's Math Department.  
 April Abbott, Mathematics Lab Coordinator, aabbott@abac.edu  
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 Dr. Eunkyung You, Associate Professor, eyou@abac.edu

**Sponsor, (Name, Title, Department, Institution):**

Dr. Joe Falcone, Head, Science and Mathematics, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College,  
 jfalcone@abac.edu

**Course Names, Course Numbers and Semesters Offered:**

College Algebra, MATH 1111 (Spring, Summer, and Fall)

Trigonometry, MATH 1112 (Spring, Summer, and Fall)

Statistics, MATH 2000 (Spring, Summer, and Fall)

<b>List the original course materials for students (including title, whether optional or required, &amp; cost for each item):</b>	College Algebra/Trigonometry textbook and MML software bundled: \$195.35 Title: Precalculus by Sullivan and Sullivan Statistics textbook and Connect software bundled: \$235.00 Title: Elementary Statistics
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<b>Average Number of Students per Course Section:</b>	30
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<b>Number of Course Sections Affected by Implementation in Academic Year:</b>	55
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**Average Number of Course Sections Per Semester:**

College Algebra

Avg. Fall – 28

Avg. Spring – 14

Avg. Summer - 3

Trigonometry

Avg. Fall – 4

Avg. Spring – 5

Avg. Summer – 1

Statistics

Avg. Fall – 5

Avg. Spring – 5

Avg. Summer - 1

<b>Total Number of Students Affected by Implementation in Academic Year:</b>	1650
<b>Requested Amount of Funding:</b>	\$26,636
<b>Original per Student Cost:</b>	\$195.35/\$235.00
<b>Post-Proposal Projected Student Cost:</b>	\$22.95
<b>Projected Per Student Savings:</b>	\$172.40/\$212.05
<b>Projected Total Annual Student Savings:</b>	\$300,000

**Project Goals:**

- To provide our students with significant without compromising the quality of instruction or our commitment to an internationalized general education curriculum.
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### **Transformation Action Plan:**

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**Quantitative & Qualitative Measures:** -The data will be analyzed from every team member who teaches a no/low course and will be compared to that instructor's spring 2017/fall 2017 average. This data includes DWF rates and Learning Objective success. All ABAC MATH courses have their final assessed and each team member gives the same final. The learning outcomes are assessed from questions on the final. The faculty will survey the students to obtain qualitative and quantitative data. A Likert-type survey has already been created by Dr. You and Ms. Abbott which was used by students to rate their opinions on the OpenStax book and WebAssign. This survey may be modified to provide more information. Quotes will be taken from open-response questions on the survey. The math faculty are prepared to fill out similar reports to the final reports that Dr. You and Ms. Abbott filled out.

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**Budget:**

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	Pantha	Pantha	\$2,000
		Pearman*	\$1,000
*-Tentative		Partlow*	\$1,000
			\$24,000
Benefits (7.65% FICA)			\$1,836
Travel/ overall project expenses			\$800
		TOTAL REQUEST	\$26,636

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time/overload/replacement coverage), project expenses including related department needs, and travel expenses.

**Sustainability Plan:**

The faculty plan to continue offering no/low cost courses into fall of 2018. The faculty plan to continue offering the classes if there is no difference in our success rates. We will continue to improve WebAssign assignments every semester to better suit the needs of the students. We will review and implement new OpenStax editions. If needed, we will create and provide our students with supplemental material that we find lacking in the new editions.

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September 29, 2017

Affordable Learning Georgia Textbook Transformation Grants  
University System of Georgia  
270 Washington Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Review Committee;

It is my pleasure to write in support of Ms. April Abbott's application to participate in "Open Mathematics in Action: Expanding the Successful Use of OER in Mathematics Courses" grant opportunity.

This opportunity would be a substantive benefit to our student body. Our students, many of whom are first generation college students, are often unprepared for class for lack of the ability to afford their textbooks. Through this grant the Department of Science and Mathematics will transform our College Algebra, Statistics, and Trigonometry classes into low-to-no-cost-to-student classes, which is expected to result in better student performance in these classes. The new course material will be accessed online through the D2L course shell that will direct students and instructors to pre-existing GALILEO materials, including full-text magazines, journals, encyclopedias, e-books, audio recordings, films, and other electronic resources. The faculty who are proposing this grant all have significant experience teaching the course that is targeted in the proposal. I believe the effort of this project to be sustainable over the long term, and am excited at the potential financial savings our students would experience.

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Thank you for this opportunity to assist our students and others in obtaining an affordable quality learning opportunity through participation in the ALGTT grant program.

Sincerely;

Joseph M. Falcone Ph.D.

Department Head of Science and Mathematics  
School of Arts and Science

# Affordable Learning Georgia Textbook Transformation Grants

## Round Nine

For Implementations beginning Summer Semester 2017

Running Through Spring Semester 2018

### Proposal Form and Narrative

- *The proposal form and narrative .docx file is for offline drafting and review. Submitters must use the InfoReady Review online form for proposal submission.*
- **Note: The only way to submit the proposal is through the online form in Georgia Tech’s InfoReady Review at:**  
<https://gatech.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1757803> \_
- *If you are copying and pasting into InfoReady Review from this form, first convert the file to **plain text** and copy/paste from the plain text file.*
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  - o *Be sure to save both copies in case you are asked to resubmit.*
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- *Italicized text is provided for your assistance; please do not keep the italicized text in your submitted proposal. Proposals that do not follow the instructions may be returned.*

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<b>Submitter Campus Role</b>	Sponsored Programs Office
<b>Applicant Name</b>	April Abbott Team Lead
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<b>Applicant Phone Number</b>	(229)391-5160
<b>Primary Appointment Title</b>	Mathematics Lab Coordinator
<b>Institution Name(s)</b>	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
<b>Team Members</b>	<p>All team members are from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's Math Department.</p> <p>April Abbott, Mathematics Lab Coordinator, aabbott@abac.edu</p> <p>Gary Dicks, Assistant Professor, gdicks@abac.edu</p> <p>Dr. Jan Gregus, Assistant Professor, jgregus@abac.edu</p> <p>Avi Kar, Assistant Professor, akar@abac.edu</p> <p>Dr. Buddhi Pantha, Assistant Professor, bpantha@abac.edu</p> <p>Melanie Partlow, Assistant Professor, mpartlow@abac.edu</p> <p>Lori Pearman, Assistant Professor, lpearman@abac.edu</p> <p>Amanda Urquhart, Assistant Professor, aurquhart@abac.edu</p> <p>Dr. Eunkyung You, Associate Professor, eyou@abac.edu</p>
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<b>Proposal Title</b>	Textbook Transformation Grants: Rounds Ten and Eleven				
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<b>Award Category (pick one)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No-or-Low-Cost-to-Students Learning Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Core Curriculum Courses				
<b>Are you planning on using an OpenStax textbook?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				



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<b>Projected Total Annual Student Savings</b>	Using the average number of College Algebra courses and Statistics courses, it can be estimated that the ABAC students would save almost \$300,000 in textbook and software costs.

## NARRATIVE

## 1.1 PROJECT GOALS

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## 1.7 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

*What is your plan for offering the course in the future, including maintenance and updating of course materials?*

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## 1.8 REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

The letter of support is attached.

# Syllabus

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**Instructor:** April Abbott  
#: 229-391-5160

**Office:** Britt 225A  
Email: aabbott@abac.edu

**School Office:** Cindy Epperly  
(229) 391 – 5100

King Hall 121  
cepperly@abac.edu

**Office Hours:** Attached schedule

**Class Hours:** Nursing 242      MWF      11:00 am to 11:50 am.

**Text:** *Algebra and Trigonometry by Openstax*: 1<sup>st</sup> edition. Free Textbook

**Course Requirements:** Students must have successfully passed or exempted out of Learning Support Mathematics. Students are required to have the **textbook and a graphing calculator**. TI-83, 83+, 84, 84+ are preferred; the instructor cannot help with technical issues with other graphing calculators. WebAssign will be used in this course and each student will need to purchase an access code.

**Homework/Quizzes:** Homework and quizzes will come in two forms: written and online Webassign. Written HW and Quizzes will be given periodically throughout the semester. Students are required to be continuously working on the WebAssign.

**Withdrawal & Drop/Add Deadlines:** The deadline for Drop/Add is **August 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The instructor's signature is required for Drop/Add after this time. Students may withdraw on **October 8<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm** and receive a W in the class. Students withdrawing after the **8<sup>th</sup>** will be assigned a grade of WF.

**Grades:** Student's grades are on a percentage system where each item is worth:

Tests	50%	A	90-100
Hw/Qz	10%	B	80-89
WebAssign	20%	C	70-79
Final	20%	D	60-69
		F	60 and below

**Absences:** Students are expected to attend class each session. A record of your attendance will be kept and sent to the Registrar with your final grade. If a student arrives after the attendance has been taken or leaves before class has ended, he or she will be marked tardy for the class period. Note that two tardies count as one absence. **An excused absence will be *required* for all make-up quizzes or exams.** In order of an absence to be excused, appropriate documentation (doctor's notice, authorization from the Vice President, etc.) must be submitted to the instructor.

**Exam Days:** Exams will be held during the evening in **Bowen 100** from **6:15PM to 8:15PM**. Students are required to the following exam dates. Please see the instructor if you can't attend a session.

**Exam 1: Tuesday 09/11 from 6:15PM to 8:15PM**

**Exam 2: Tuesday 09/25 from 6:15PM to 8:15PM**

**Exam 3: Thursday 10/11 from 6:15PM to 8:15PM**

**Exam 4: Tuesday 11/06 from 6:15PM to 8:15PM**

**Exam 5: Thursday 11/29 from 6:15PM to 8:15PM**

Nothing except pen/pencil and calculator is allowed at a student's desk before the exam begins. Bags are to be placed at the front of the room. **If an internet capable device is found on the desk or in view during a test, the student will be considered cheating and will receive a zero on the exam.** Such as phones, smart watches, etc.

**Learning Disabilities:** Students with documented learning disabilities should bring this to the teacher's attention *as soon as possible* so the proper arrangements can be made.

### **Expectations:**

Students are expected to:

- arrive for class with proper tools (notebook, pencil, calculator)
- keep personal phone out of sight and on silent during class time (speak to your instructor before class should you experience an emergency)
- be in class on time (two tardies count as one absence)
- treat faculty in a kind and courteous manner
- present assignments on the assigned date
- be attentive and actively participate in class

Faculty are expected to:

- begin class on time
- be prepared for class (textbook, markers, calculator, handouts)
- treat students in a kind and courteous manner
- provide students with a schedule of events

**Repercussions:** Students will be asked to leave class and will be marked absent for the day if:

- they arrive in class without the proper tools
- they are found sleeping, cursing, or engaging in disruptive behavior
- they are texting or receiving phone calls during class (except for emergencies)
- they leave the room to answer a phone call (except for emergencies).

### **Final Exam:**

The final will be **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 10:15 am to 12:15pm** in this classroom.

Students are required to provide their own scantron, pencil, and calculator for the final exam.

# Final Report

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# Affordable Learning Georgia Textbook Transformation Grants

## Final Report

### General Information

**Date:** 12/18/2018

**Grant Round:** 10

**Grant Number:** 344

**Institution Name(s):** Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

**Project Lead:** April Abbott

**Team Members (Name, Title, Department, Institutions if different, and email address for each):**

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**Course Name(s) and Course Numbers:** College Algebra (MATH 1111), Trigonometry (MATH 1112), and Statistics (MATH 2000)

**Semester Project Began:** Spring 2018

**Final Semester of Implementation:** Fall 2018

**Total Number of Students Affected During Project:** 1380

## 1. Narrative

A. Describe the key outcomes, whether positive, negative, or interesting, of your project. Include:

### **Summary of your transformation experience, including challenges and accomplishments**

I really didn't notice many differences with teaching grant courses for ABAC M1111 as compared to the original book we used. It will just as well as the original mini-grant Dr. You and I did in 2016. Students seem to model what their teachers' attitudes are. Individuals like myself and Dr. You are truly for low/no-cost resources and our students embraced our ideas. Other instructors aren't as sold. They don't like the Openstax book as well as the old textbooks we used, especially in Statistics, and their students seemed to adopt that attitude in their survey results.

This was certainly a challenge when dealing with the faculty. One of my team members dropped out of using the grant in College Algebra at the last minute. It caused me, the project lead, a major headache at the time. However, this turned out to be a good thing because the extra money was used to purchase used calculators to be donated to the library for student use.

I think the best accomplishment of the class was how so much more relaxed the students were. They didn't have to wait until the end of add/drop to enroll in their WebAssign like the MML students do. They had instant access to their ebook and could start on their homework the first day. They just didn't stress over homework like courses using MML did. There was even a problem with Pearson and our Non-STEM pathway students didn't have access to physical books until October. Pearson had simply ran out of them and had to keep extending some of my student's free trial codes.

### **Transformative impacts on your instruction**

Overall, I don't believe the grant had any impact on my instruction or my colleagues. As good teachers, we know the material. We provide the same instruction and do the same problems that the students need to see to pass their exams.

### **Transformative impacts on your students and their performance**

The students were able to receive significant savings while maintaining the same academic rigor as other math courses. They seem to really enjoy the books were free and commented that they wished other classes had free books.

Their performance, as you can find below, is comparable to both pre-grant and against faculty members still using the old textbook during the grant. I think this shows wonderful promise and the department agreed. We will continue to use Openstax for College Algebra and Trigonometry.

B. Describe lessons learned, including any things you would do differently next time.

I think the grant went fantastically. I am currently working on a grant proposal to switch our Non-STEM pathway to also low/no-cost resources. I think we can truly save our students money while providing them with the same education.



## 2. Quotes

- Provide three quotes from students evaluating their experience with the no-cost learning materials.

“While I appreciate the lower cost of WebAssign, I would have willingly paid more for a service that actually provides helpful examples”

“Yes because it’s not always accessible for students that have very little extra money. So I was able to do the work without paying hundreds of dollars for a textbook.”

“It absolutely affected my grade. Higher costs simply means more pressure. It is extremely obvious that less stress means better performance.”

### 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Measures

#### 3a. Uniform Measurements Questions

The following are uniform questions asked to all grant teams. Please answer these to the best of your knowledge.

##### **Student Opinion of Materials**

**Was the overall student opinion about the materials used in the course positive, neutral, or negative?**

Total number of students affected in this project:     1129    

- Positive:   44   % of   325   number of respondents
- Neutral:   25   % of   325   number of respondents
- Negative:   31   % of   325   number of respondents

##### **Student Learning Outcomes and Grades**

**Was the overall comparative impact on student performance in terms of learning outcomes and grades in the semester(s) of implementation over previous semesters positive, neutral, or negative?**

*Student outcomes should be described in detail in Section 3b.*

Choose One:

- X   Positive: Higher performance outcomes measured over previous semester(s)
- Neutral: Same performance outcomes over previous semester(s)
- Negative: Lower performance outcomes over previous semester(s)

## Student Drop/Fail/Withdraw (DFW) Rates

**Was the overall comparative impact on Drop/Fail/Withdraw (DFW) rates in the semester(s) of implementation over previous semesters positive, neutral, or negative?**

### **Drop/Fail/Withdraw Rate:**

*Depending on what you and your institution can measure, this may also be known as a drop/failure rate or a withdraw/failure rate.*

33.2% of students, out of a total 1129 students affected, dropped/failed/withdrew from the course in the final semester of implementation.

Choose One:

- X Positive: This is a lower percentage of students with D/F/W than previous semester(s)
- \_\_\_ Neutral: This is the same percentage of students with D/F/W than previous semester(s)
- \_\_\_ Negative: This is a higher percentage of students with D/F/W than previous semester(s)

### 3b. Measures Narrative

#### **DWF Rates**

For Spring/Fall 2018, 1129 students took classes implementing the grant's low/no-cost resources. There were 375 students that dropped, failed, or withdrew. That percentage is 33.2%.

There were a few teachers who did not use the grant for College Algebra and Statistics. These instructors had 324 students and out of those, 102 dropped, failed, or withdraw. This DWF percentage is 31.5%.

Though the non-grant courses have a better success rate, it is important to know that over half of those students (167) were in Statistics classes which overall have a lower DWF rate of 30% or below. College Algebra and Trigonometry frequently have a DWF rate of 40% to 50%.

Another cofactor is that all learning support courses were grant courses. The non-grant teachers had no learning support courses affecting their grades.

Comparing the grant versus the previous year for the spring semester, it is clear the success rate had increased and the DWF rate had decreased by 6 to 10% across College Algebra, Trigonometry, and Statistics. This is very promising.

So overall, with the DWF rate being comparable and in some cases, better, we're pleased with the grant results.

Attached in supporting data zip file will be an Excel Document for a comparison of Spring 2018 using the Grant Versus the previous year (2017) without the grant. It is titled "Grant Comparison 201805."

Also attached is 'Grades for Final Report' which is the grade analysis for Spring/Fall 2018.

## Student success in learning objectives

All ABAC MATH courses have their final assessed. MATH 1111 is assessed on 6 outcomes taken from the learning objections. The six outcomes are listed below. After the outcomes is a table on how the grant classes scored on the assessment as compared with the overall MATH 1111 average from Spring 2017 (pre-grant), Spring 2018 (during-grant), and Spring 2018 (Non grant full time faculty). Fall 2018 is currently unavailable as all the finals have not been analyzed.

- **Outcome 1:** Students shall demonstrate the ability to evaluate functions, compute with and solve application problems, and be able to use the basic field properties to simplify expressions and solve problems.
- **Outcome 2:** Students shall graph and operate with basic functions including  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$ ,  $/$ , composition translations, reflections over the axes and over the line  $y = x$ , and graphing transformations, and shall demonstrate the ability to use the field properties of identities, inverses, and commutativity for these operations.
- **Outcome 3:** Students shall demonstrate the ability to use the remainder theorem, factor theorem, and the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra to solve polynomial and rational equations and inequalities.
- **Outcome 4:** Students shall determine coordinates and interpret uses for the following functional notations: zeros, relative maximums, relative minimums, points of inflection, and intervals of increasing or decreasing values.
- **Outcome 5:** Students shall analyze rational functions and model equations.
- **Outcome 6:** Students shall use exponential and logarithmic functions, solve exponential and logarithmic equations, and solve application problems using exponential and logarithmic functions.

<b>MATH 1111 Learning Objective Comparison</b>			
	<b>Pre-Grant Spring 2017</b>	<b>Grant Spring 2018</b>	<b>Non-Grant Spring 2018</b>
Outcome 1	70% correct	71% correct	79% correct
Outcome 2	60% correct	73% correct	68% correct
Outcome 3	65% correct	70% correct	63% correct
Outcome 4	68% correct	77% correct	74% correct
Outcome 5	51% correct	63% correct	57% correct
Outcome 6	62% correct	69% correct	64% correct

Overall, the grant students (third column) seem to get the same amount or more questions correct on the final as compared to the pre-grant classes. The grant students as compared to non-grant students did about the same in the Spring 2018 comparison.

MATH 1112 is assessed on 8 outcomes taken from the learning objections. The six outcomes are listed below. After the outcomes is a table on how the grant classes scored on the assessment as compared with the overall MATH 1111 average from Spring 2017 (pre-grant) and Spring 2018 (during-grant). Fall 2018 is currently unavailable as all the finals have not been analyzed.

- **Outcome 1:** Students shall demonstrate the ability to use both degree and radian measures to analyze basic trigonometric functions and their inverses, including right triangle and circular functions.
- **Outcome 2:** Students shall demonstrate the ability to use both operations and transformations of functions to analyze sinusoidal curves.
- **Outcome 3:** Students shall demonstrate the ability to graph and use trigonometry models to study real data and appropriate application problems, to include the ability to write clear, logical, and concise solutions to problems that can be solved with trigonometric or circular functions.
- **Outcome 4:** Students shall demonstrate the ability to analyze and prove trigonometric identities.
- **Outcome 5:** Students shall demonstrate the ability to appropriately model and solve exercises by using the Law of Sines, the Law of Cosines, and Area of Triangle Theorems.
- **Outcome 6:** Students shall demonstrate the ability to re-coordinate the coordinate plane into polar coordinates, and demonstrate the ability to graph some familiar curves when those relations are written in polar coordinates.
- **Outcome 7:** Students shall demonstrate the ability to write complex numbers in polar form and use this form to do arithmetic with complex numbers.
- **Outcome 8:** Students shall demonstrate the ability to use appropriate notation to write vectors and to use vector space properties to perform arithmetic with vectors and scalars to include dot products and finding the angle measure between vectors, as well as to appropriately use the arithmetic to solve force and work exercises.

<b>MATH 1112 Learning Outcome Comparison</b>		
	<b>Pre-Grant Spring 2017</b>	<b>During-Grant Spring 2018</b>
Outcome 1	76.7% correct	81.3% correct
Outcome 2	65.5% correct	68.8% correct
Outcome 3	67.0% correct	71.0% correct
Outcome 4	57.4% correct	71.0% correct
Outcome 5	82.1% correct	82.6% correct
Outcome 6	59.6% correct	53.6% correct
Outcome 7	66.8% correct	67.3% correct
Outcome 8	69.3% correct	65.2% correct

Overall the grant students (third column) answered about the same amount of questions right on the final as compared to the previous year.

MATH 2000 is assessed on 6 outcomes taken from the learning objections. The six outcomes are listed below. After the outcomes is a table on how the grant classes scored on the assessment as compared with the overall MATH 1111 average from Spring 2017 (pre-grant), Spring 2018 (during-grant), and Spring 2018 (non-grant full time faculty). Fall 2018 is currently unavailable as all the finals have not been analyzed.

- **Outcome 1:** Students shall, given a data set, calculate and use appropriate measures of central tendency, variation, and position to describe the data.
- **Outcome 2:** Students shall, given a data set, construct frequency distributions and statistical graphs to display the data. These graphs include the stem-and-leaf plot, box plot, dot plot, Pareto chart, histogram, circle graph, frequency polygon, time-series graph, and ogive. Students are also to classify distributions as symmetric, positively or negatively skewed.
- **Outcome 3:** Students shall determine the number of outcomes for a probability experiment using a variety of methods; find the probability of an event using classical and empirical methods; find the probability of compound events, including conditional probabilities; understand permutations and combinations; and solve problems involving the binomial and standard normal distribution.
- **Outcome 4:** Students shall, given a data set or summary statistics, find the confidence intervals for the mean, proportion and standard deviation. Students will also determine minimum sample sizes.
- **Outcome 5:** Students shall, given a data set or summary statistics, conduct a hypothesis test involving mean(s), proportion(s), and standard deviation(s) using the traditional method, p-value method, or confidence intervals. These applications involve the binomial, normal, t, chi-square, and F distributions.
- **Outcome 6:** Students shall, given a data set, find the correlation coefficient using a calculator/appropriate software and conduct a hypothesis test involving the significance of the correlation; find the least squares regression equation; and use the least squares regression equation to make predictions

	<b>Pre-Grant Spring 2017</b>	<b>Grant Spring 2018</b>	<b>Non-Grant Spring 2018</b>
Outcome 1	95.5% correct	88.9% Correct	95.9% Correct
Outcome 2	91.4% correct	90.0% Correct	91.7% Correct
Outcome 3	77.6% correct	72.0% Correct	84.4% Correct
Outcome 4	81.4% correct	65.8% Correct	79.2% Correct
Outcome 5	77.1% correct	71.0% Correct	79.2% Correct
Outcome 6	75.0% correct	70.7% Correct	89.7% Correct

Overall, the grant students (third column) seem to get less questions correct on the final as compared to the pre-grant classes. The grant students as compared to non-grant students did worse than the non-grant students. This is an interesting result when you compare that the DWF rate was higher in the grant courses.

## 4. Sustainability Plan

- *Describe how your project team or department will offer the materials in the course(s) in the future, including the maintenance and updating of course materials.*

The department will continue to use the low/no-cost resources in College Algebra and Trigonometry with the exception of Bainbridge campus which will switch over in a semester or two. This means the Openstax Algebra and Trig book as well as WebAssign. There is some talk of switching to WebWorks since it will be free with the exception of server cost.

It was decided that Statistics would return to the original book since many of the professors relied on its information. The Openstax Statistics book was found not to be up to par. Perhaps if the Openstax Statistics books get a major upgrade, this could be revisited.

With leftover budget money we purchased 110 used calculators that were donated to the library so that students could check them out on a weekly basis. This provides students access to a required element of the math classes for free. We plan on doing whatever we can to maintain the calculators. All future, unclaimed lost and found calculators at the school will be donated to the library.



## 5. Future Plans

- *Describe any impacts or influences this project has had on your thinking about or selection of learning materials in this and other courses that you will teach in the future.*

We truly believe the low/no cost resources help our students. With the Non-STEM pathway growing, our school will be submitting a grant to change over all of our Quantitative Reasoning courses on both Tifton and Bainbridge campuses in Round 13. Perhaps even changing over the Calculus sequence if a suitable free book becomes available.

- *Describe any planned or actual papers, presentations, publications, or other professional activities that you expect to produce that reflect your work on this project.*

As of now, there are no planned papers, presentations, publications, or other professional activities expected to be produced from the reflection of this project. I'm not sure our institution would grant late IRB approval to allow us to do such research.

## 6. Description of Photograph

- *On the Final Report Submission page, you will be submitting a photo. In this document, list the names of the people shown in this separately uploaded photograph, along with their roles.*

A photo was forgotten to be taken. There will be a school meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. I will collect all members of the team, take a picture, and forward you the image.

Or if you really need a picture and don't mind a very small team member, I can offer the following. This picture was taking of a College Algebra Exam giving at night by Ms. Abbott and Ms. Partlow. They offer night exams in two hours blocks so that their students can take all the time they need to finish the exam instead of in a 50 minute period. Three classes were in attendance. If you look at the bent over figure in the very back behind a student in a white baseball cap, you can see Ms. Partlow discussing something with a student.