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Hello,

I'd like to welcome you to this spring's online section of Introduction to Statistics at Massasoit Community College. Statistics is a branch of mathematics that involves the collection, analysis, and presentation of data. Statistical methods are used in a wide variety of fields including biology, economics, engineering, medicine, public health, psychology, marketing, education, and sports.

Although most of this class is online, there will be two required proctored exams (the midterm and the final exam) which will be given at Massasoit's Brockton campus. For each exam you will have a choice of two sessions:

- Midterm Exam: Friday, March 23 from 3:00 – 5:00 or Saturday, March 24 from 11:00 – 1:00
- Final Exam: Friday, May 11 from 3:00 – 5:00 or Saturday, May 12 from 11:00 – 1:00

This course will be taught using a program called MyMathLab/MyStatLab located at www.coursecompass.com. You will be able to register at this site anytime on or after January 16. To register, you will need

1. A MyMathLab/MyStatLab student access code (available for purchase at the campus bookstore or online at www.coursecompass.com)
2. The course ID number
3. An email address that you check regularly.

Once you are registered, please log into the CourseCompass site and click on the Start Here button. Then complete the following tasks.

1. Watch the orientation video.
2. Read the syllabus.
3. Post a short introduction to the discussion board.
4. Run the MyMathLab/MyStatLab Installation Wizard.

Please contact me with any questions you might have. My email address is msullivan@massasoit.mass.edu. I look forward to working with you this semester.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary E. Sullivan".

Mary E. Sullivan