

MATH CELEBRITIES LOST AT SEA STUDENTS TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES!



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Members of the esteemed Green River Community College Math Department have been missing since last fall. This photo, found off the coast of Washington state in a floating bottle, may shed some light on where the shipwrecked crew ended up. While they don't appear to be suffering, their exact whereabouts are unknown. This leaves the students of the revered learning institute without leadership, and they must find ways to help themselves in their instructors' absence.

One may find assistance on the website of the Green River College's Math Department. A vast amount of resources have been placed there for students' use. (It's as if the instructors had a premonition of their impending "demise.") Students can learn how to use their graphing calculators and look up the manuals for them to follow step by step instructions on their proper use. How many times have you wondered what all those buttons do? There's also an extensive list directing students to online resources for every type of math imaginable: Algebra, Basic math, Calculus, online Courses, Exponents, Factoring, Fractions, Geometry, and Graphing. All you need to do is click on the topic of your choosing and help pops up on the subject, providing everything from worksheets to assessments. My personal favorite is www.algebrahelp.com, where I have found many activities and worksheets I could download or copy and take with me to use in that "emergency math situation."

Although the leaders are missing, you can still get assistance from the dedicated tutors who work in the Math Learning Center on campus (SMT 355) Monday through Thursday 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM and Fridays 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The cheerful staff is most helpful and patient with struggling students. In addition to personal assistance/tutoring, you can also use the Learning Center's videos, computers, calculators and textbooks for your individual needs.

If you are the special kind of individual who excels and has a passion for your math, the Green River Math Department hosts an annual math contest! The contest is part of the National Math Contest sponsored by the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC). Students can compete in a Fall or Spring contest, or choose to do both. The students with the highest scores will be celebrated at the end of the school year by receiving special awards. The most brilliant scholars, scoring in the top 10 of the school, are eligible to compete at the national level! This could open doors to fame, fortune, and perhaps, a scholarship or two.

Whatever your math need, you are sure to find it met at the highly acclaimed Green River Community College Math Department. Help is waiting at the stroke of your fingertips: <http://www.instruction.greenriver.edu/div-math/default.htm>

I wish this were a graded class so I could give you extra credit for your creativity and originality! Well Done!!