

## **Math Autobiography**

Write your mathematical autobiography. The paper will be worth 5 test points and should be 2-3 pages in length. Use the questions listed below to help guide your narrative. Please do not use any names of instructors and everything you write will be kept confidential.

**\*\* Due Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>\*\***

What can you recall of learning to count, learning to tell time, what fractions mean, how to use money, of teachers and classes? Reach as far back into your personal history as possible. Review old report cards, talk to friends, parents, siblings, caretakers, etc.. to collect information, anecdotes and experiences. Does your recollection of grades in your mathematics match the actual grades? Discuss how those experiences have influenced current attitudes, feelings, and thoughts about math and life goals.

### **Your elementary and junior high experiences**

- Did mathematics come easy to you?
- Did you enjoy it?
- What were your favorite activities?
- What are your most memorable mathematical experiences from these grades?

### **Your high school experiences**

- What math courses did take?
- Which classes did you enjoy?
- What are your strengths?
- Did you have any “bad” years or units?
- What gaps or weaknesses do you think you are leaving here with?
- Did the material come easily or did you have to work?
- Did you develop study habits?
- Do you have plans after high school that involve math or science related fields?

### **Computer/calculator experiences**

- Have you used graphing calculators or computers in math classes?
- Were they used often and in what way?
- Discuss your experiences with Desmos, IXL, Wolfram and Mathway or any other online programs?
- How did you feel about these experiences?