Stories of Student Success

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The Mathematics Assistance Center (MAC) at IUPUI prides itself on supporting students to achieve their definition of academic success in mathematics. Negative experiences in mathematics have led many students to question their mathematic ability, and more troubling, their own intellect and academic capabilities. Our student success story, Brittany Crider, found herself in a similar mindset. “I went into this class thinking the very best I could get was a high C”, Brittany said. At the MAC, we build from an understanding that effective mathematical mentorship also involves building students’ efficacy towards mathematics. Brittany flourished in this environment, “The MAC tutors are willing to do anything to help you understand the concepts, whether it is telling you their little tricks or running through tasks by all the proper rules/steps as many times as needed. The tutors are encouraging and personable, it is evident they have a passion and want to share it by helping you succeed.”

Brittany, who thought only a C was possible in her mathematics course, received the highest grade in her section and also got a perfect score on her comprehensive final examination. More importantly, she now understands that math has a place in her life and that she is capable of a high level of academic success. In her words, “The tutors, along with my professor who runs the MAC, has opened my eyes at how math actually fits into and affects my life. They have taught me that anyone can be successful at math…” We agree, and are proud of Brittany and her hard work towards achieving her goals.