

1125-A5-3128 **A E Francis*** (afrancis@carroll.edu), Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science,
Carroll College, 1601 N Benton Ave, Helena, MT 59625. *Are final projects in math classes worth
the effort?* Preliminary report.

Semester-long projects can be an effective way to focus students' attention on a problem that has the potential to be richer and more application based than a typical homework problem. In this talk I will discuss some of the benefits and costs of these projects, as well as give some thoughts on how to make them work well. (Received September 21, 2016)