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The Mathematics Department at Mary Washington has seen an increase in the number of declared majors due, in part, to a number of new initiatives. While the department typically sees approximately 15 new majors each semester, 37 new majors joined the department last spring alone. In this presentation a summary of our initiatives and strategies for creating a "student centered" environment will be provided. (Received September 26, 2005)