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)