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When a Mathematics Department connects, a transformational community can develop and flourish. We are a large department of mathematics and statistics in a state university with about 23,000 students. Our department serves over 5,000 students each semester, including around 600 undergraduate mathematics majors and around 60 Master's students. We are diverse. Within what might be considered a large bureaucracy, through the intentional work of our leadership, a stunning community has grown up. From our compassionate and collaborative students, to our office staff who treat each student with undivided attention and care, to our faculty who mentor and teach with creativity and dedication, to our leaders who are visionary and focused on serving, we are on mission to help our students grow, dream big, accomplish their goals, and thrive. I will share some thoughts and stories of transformation in community from my career serving in this department that is committed to connecting. (Received September 17, 2018)