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**Cory H Colbert\***, ccolbert@wlu.edu. *Growth Through Outreach: How I Became A Better Mathematician & Educator Through Outreach Programs.*

My journey to becoming a professional mathematician was heavily influenced by my work with outreach programs, such as Bridge to Enter Advanced Mathematics (BEAM). I will speak about how I grew as a mathematician and educator by working at BEAM, and how BEAM and my academic life came to complement each other in a very useful way. (Received September 17, 2019)