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In December 2019, I decided to start a departmental initiative to prepare undergraduates for the 2020 COMAP MCM/ICM. In January 2020, I organized and co-ran twice weekly workshops on both mathematical and computational topics, as well as guided readings of previous competitions' winning solutions. In February/March a total of 7 teams from my school competed: all were successful, two received honorable mention, and one was a meritorious winner. In this talk, I'll talk about my department's journey, including soliciting help from my fellow graduate students, what resources we found most helpful, and what modifications we'll incorporate for future iterations, including workshops run during the Fall and Winter before the 2021 COMAP competition. (Received September 14, 2020)