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Joy L Becker* (beckerjoy@uwstout.edu), MSCS Dept., UW-Stout, P.O. Box 790, Menomonie, WI 54751. *Engaging Students through Applications and Discussion Boards*. Preliminary report.

Students often ask the question "Where am I going to use this?" when taking general education courses. A SoTL project focused on answering that question in an online college algebra course. One main part of the project was the use of group discussion boards. Students were grouped by major or interest and were challenged to find applications of course material to share with their peers. They were also asked to write problems with applications of their interest. Preliminary results about engagement and student attitudes will be shared. (Received September 07, 2007)