Dear Online Students,

You are receiving this letter because you have enrolled in, or are hoping to enroll in, my Math 152 Intermediate Algebra Online course for Fall 2013.

As you know, there is a mandatory in-class orientation scheduled for September 1, the weekend before school starts. What I had not realized, is that this year that weekend happens to be Labor Day Weekend. I know many of you have plans for that weekend, some which are out of town. Therefore, I'm cancelling the in-class orientation and I will instead create a mandatory online orientation. This will be a short video or two that you need to watch, and a short form that you need to fill out and submit to me online. The online orientation will most likely be posted by Saturday, August 31, but I will send you another email to let you know when it is available.

Students who do not do the online orientation on or before Monday September 2 will be dropped from the class or waitlist, and students from the waitlist who has done the orientation will be added instead.

Some of you have had questions regarding what books we use for this class. There is only piece of materials required for this class, which is access to the course website (MyLab and Mastering, previously called Coursecompass/MyMathLab). See options below how to purchase the software license.

- You can purchase access to the course website directly from the website pearsonmylabandmastering.com for $91.30. Digital copy of Textbook and Student Solutions Manual is included. This is probably the easiest and least expensive option, and you will get access to the course website immediately.

- Or you can purchase an access code from the Cabrillo College Bookstore “MyMathLab Student Access Kit” (ISBN: 9780321199911) for $110.65. Digital copy of Textbook and Student Solutions Manual is included. Do not open this packet unless you are sure you are going to take the course; it is non-refundable if opened!

- A physical textbook is optional, but many students do like having a real book to read and to highlight and take notes in. If you prefer having a real textbook at hand you can purchase a package consisting of both a textbook and an access code from the Cabrillo bookstore “Intermediate Algebra for College Students, 6th Edition, by Blitzer, textbook w/ MathLab pkg” (ISBN: 9781269367714) for $130.70. This is a good price! Do not open this package unless you are sure you are going to take the course; it is non-refundable if opened! Or you may find an inexpensive used copy of the book online that you can buy in addition to the access code, either ISBN: 9781269389426 (Cabrillo custom copy) or ISBN: 9780321758934 (non-custom copy). The custom text is the
same book as the non-custom text, except that it's missing a couple of sections that we don't use anyway.

In order for you to purchase the software license online and for you to access the course website, you will need a Course ID, which I will give you after completing the online orientation.

Before the start of the semester I will post more information regarding the class on my website www.cabrillo.edu/~vlundquist. I will send you an email to let you know when this information, as well as the online orientation, has been posted.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me (always write 152OL in the Subject field on your emails, so that I can spot it if it accidentally gets sorted as junk mail).

I'm looking forward to working with you this fall!

Veronica Lundquist