Dear Student,

My name is Mrs. Cindy Alder and I will be your instructor/facilitator for Math 1010-107, an online course in Intermediate Algebra. My e-mail address is cindy.alder@snow.edu . My office is in Room 107 in the Science Building on the Ephraim campus. My office phone number is (435)283-7517. **E-mail is the preferred method of communication for this course.**

This is a four-hour course that will focus on the study of the properties of the real number system, use of set notation, the use of symbolic language, algebraic and graphing methods of solving linear and quadratic equations, and an introduction to inequalities. Heavy emphasis towards the last of the semester is on problem solving. There is no pre-requisite but students are expected to have some background knowledge of basic math principles including fractions, decimals, and exponents and solving basic linear equations. A grade of "C" or better is required in this course to be eligible to move on to Math 1030, Math 1040, Math 1050, or Math 1080.

The work load for this course will be **challenging. Students should plan to spend at least 15-20 hours as a minimum every week working on this course, including weekends.** The first few weeks will be busier as you learn how to use the math software program, move around in the learning management system, and get a feel for what is expected of you. Throughout the semester, students will be **logging into Canvas & *MyMathLab*, reading and responding to posts in Discussion Boards online periodically, checking e-mail regularly, learning math content online or from the textbook on a regular basis, and completing homework problems online, typically 5 days a week, taking tests online every week or other week, and communicating electronically with the instructor on a regular basis. This is an online course, not a self-paced course.**

This course will be conducted completely online with the exception of the midterm and final exams. **Students in Central Utah must take the midterm and final exams at the testing center on the Snow College Campus (Ephraim or Richfield). Students who live outside of Central Utah must arrange for and have a proctor approved through your instructor. This must be done by the second week of the semester or you will be expected to take the exams at one of the Snow College Testing Centers. (Email your instructor for information on arranging a proctor.)** Dates and times of the exams are posted on the course syllabus and on the instruction schedule.

Regular access to a computer with internet service is required for all aspects of this course. The components utilized for this course are **Pearson's *MyMathLab*, Canvas,** and **e-mail. For this course, students should be able to send and receive e-mails, attach files, work independently without reminders on a daily basis, participate in Discussion Board forums electronically, work in a computer program and complete homework online by specific deadlines.**

The textbook for this course is ***Intermediate Algebra, 11th Ed.***, Lial, Hornsby, and McGinnis. **Students are required to register at** https://pearsonmylab.com **to gain access to MyMathLab which includes an electronic copy of the textbook.** (You may also purchase the actual textbook but it is not required.) Students may purchase an access code from the Snow College Bookstore, Majock (190 East Center – Ephraim), or online from Pearson using a credit card, debit card or PayPal account. (See MyMathLab Registration Instructions for more details.)

The first assignment in MyMath Lab is an orientation assignment that will be due on Thursday, August 23rd. Students must register in MyMath Lab and begin working before then if they want their assignment to be turned in on time.

Students who are having difficulty getting started with any aspect of the course need to contact me and I will be happy to assist you over the telephone or in person at my office – Room 107 in the Science Building on the Ephraim Campus. I will be available to assist students with logging into the MyMath Lab system, logging into the canvas course site, navigation of both MyMath Lab and Canvas, and to answer any other questions you may have at that time.

I look forward to working with each of you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail me.

Mrs. Alder