“After exam one I started focusing much more on my classes. I realized that the effort I had put in in high school would not be sufficient for college.

I also met with Bev Louie, the BOLD center director, who gave me a sheet titled "Study Strategies for Success" From: Donna O. Johnson and the Guaranteed 4.0 System.

**The main points from it that I thought were most helpful were:**

Take notes from the textbook; for each section, theorem, definition, etc, write out an example and outline the steps

Set up homework problems as soon as possible after class; I would write out the bookwork problem, leave a page, and write the next one; by the time I got to actually doing the problems a few days later, I would be able to solve them quickly and effectively because I had been inadvertently thinking about them.

**Some strategies that I came up with that have also helped include:**

Quickly read the section the night before the class and maybe do a few practice problems (I’ve noticed the your webAssign includes two questions from the next section at the end of each assignment, so you must also think this strategy is effective)

Make flashcards one week before the exam

Take notes in class more neatly; even if I never look at the notes again, the act of writing them neatly helps me remember them better

I started using a separate notebook for notes I take out of the book versus the notebook I use in class and do my homework in

I figured out who the other kids in the class that really enjoy math are and have started sitting by them

I started doing the review sheet the day that it was posted and I did several past exams

Reviewed problems and definitions with my friend, writing them on a blackboard and then explaining to each other anything that the other did not understand (we did this after we had each studied quite a bit already)

Started going to sleep and waking up earlier

I attended one review session
Strategies that I plan on employing between this exam and the next include:

Review notes taken in class and finish all examples

Review and fix past homework problems and exams

Start a study group

Do past exam problems throughout the term, not just a few days before the exam

I hope this is helpful for you and your students. For me, I knew I should be doing better so I made myself focus more. I plan on doing even better on the next exam, so I'll let you know if I change any of my strategies and if they help.”

From a “Calculus 1350 Student” Fall 2015.