**Information on Course Compass for STA291 students**

Hello STA291 students! I am Pamela Lancaster, the online STA291 coordinator. Pearson’s Course Compass provides a forum for online assessment that complements the text that we use, *Business Statistics* 1/e by Norean Sharpe, Richard De Veaux and Paul Velleman. My job is to post online homework assignments for your class and assist you with any technical difficulties.

First on our agenda for online homework is to make sure that all STA291 students have a Course Compass/MyMathLab online account. There are a few things to keep in mind when setting up your account:

* Many of you will have purchased a new text that is bundled with an access code to the Course Compass site. If you have not, then I believe the bookstores will sell you the online access code separately from the text. You may also purchase an access code from www.coursecompass.com. You can just start the registration process as a new student account and then purchase the code with a credit card or PayPal account. Note that your online account will have the complete text within it.
* You will need to enter a course ID when you create your account. Your professor will give you this information. Note that this ID is unique to that particular STA291 course.
* The email address you use with your Course Compass will be the email I use to communicate with you, so you should use an account you check regularly.
* When you are creating your account and prompted to enter the zip code, use 40506 then choose your school as “University of Kentucky”.
* If you had a Course Compass account during the Fall2009 semester, but a different STA291 professor, you will need to enter the new course ID.
* If you have a CengageNOW account a previous semester, it will not be usable for STA291 assignments for this semester. We are using a new text and new online product starting with the Fall2009 semester, so all students will need an access code that allows access to MyMathLab for the *Business Statistics* text.
* Please keep all documentation for Course Compass online access (receipts, email, the access code itself, etc.).
* The Pearson provides technical support via coursecompass.com; click on “Support” under “STUDENTS” at the bottom left of that page. You may find this beneficial when creating your account. Another resource is the *Student Quick Start Guide* at http://www.coursecompass.com/help/ccstqs2.pdf . This provides information on how to use your MyMathLab account.
* Please note that there are certain computer system requirements for using MyMathLab; you will want to make sure that any computer you use meets those requirements. You may go to <http://www.mymathlab.com/installwiz.html> to check the requirements. We will not require that you use TestGen, so you do not have to install that plug-in.

You may email me at pamela.lancaster@uky.edu if you have any questions/concerns.