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Independent Study 901 – Peer-Assisted Learning

Professor A.E. Dreyfuss

I was selected by the Director of the College Learning Center, Dr. Judith Rockway, to conduct a Math workshop and became interested in the challenge of being a Peer Leader. I saw an opportunity to contribute to the development and growth of a group of students and was supported in the Independent Study course with Professor A.E. Dreyfuss. I intend to explore my experience in three ways: 1) Deci and Ryan’s Self-Determination Theory to explore why students may have stopped coming to Workshop; 2) Kolb’s Experiential Learning Theory to explore how the experience of workshop forms new learning; and 3) Schon’s work on the Reflective Practitioner to explore how more learning can be achieved if a reflective approach is taken. Serving as a Peer Leader has enabled me to put together a puzzle that was in the making for some time in understanding why I learned what I learned the way I learned it, which may benefit other students as well.