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I completed my undergrad at Framingham in the spring of 2018 in Mathematics with a concentration in Secondary Education. I loved my experience at the school and knew that when I would pursue a Master's, I would do it at Framingham. I spent that summer researching various programs and trying to figure out how I would be able to balance grad school and my first year of teaching. I found the Educational Technology program and was immediately intrigued that it was completely online. I have always been interested in technology and being a new teacher, was eager to learn how to effectively integrate technology in my lessons. I immediately applied and began classes in the fall of 2018.

Through the various courses, I was challenged and given a tremendous amount of tech tools to explore to see the pros and cons of each. I enjoyed being able to view my classmates' creations and seeing how certain tools would fit with specific content areas better than others. I was eager to learn that there was an entire course dedicated to using technology in the math class and took a lot away from that course. I have used and altered a lot of the plans that I created for various courses with my students and have received great feedback from them. My students loved being able to see my assignments and give feedback!

Fast forward to this past spring when COVID-19 hit and we were forced to teach remotely... while it was still very stressful, the knowledge, skills and tools I had acquired through this program prepared me to adapt better than I thought I could. I was able to share quick tips and new tools with colleagues that I wouldn't have known about without the classes and feedback from my peers in the program. The fact that this program was entirely online was also beneficial during this time because our schedule was not altered.

I thoroughly enjoyed my experience at FSU as a student, both undergrad and grad, and would highly recommend the M.Ed. Educational Technology program!