

My Personal Advising Philosophy

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“Student persistence and success is enhanced when students have access to advising, access to information, and access to resources so that they can be empowered to make well-informed decisions regarding their educational, career, and life goals”. (Dr. Jessica Simmons)

I commit to the following with every student:

- ❖ **Embrace diversity and inclusive environment.** I committing myself to respecting and honoring each member of the community. I believe that the strongest communities include those are representative of different ethnic cultures, races, religions, economic backgrounds, geographic origins beliefs, etc. I learn something new from every student I interact with. Students learn the most from people with different views from their own as well. My goal is to build trust from my students, they can feel comfortable to share questions or concerns with me.
- ❖ **Meet students where they are.** Students I work with came from different background and their academic journey. I want meet them where they are and work as a team to reach the goal they have set for themselves. I would provide resources, connections to help students to be successful in their own journey.
- ❖ **Develop purpose.** I will have conversations about why the student chose the University, and specifically the degree they are seeking or considering. I will also utilize resources to help the student determine a major if they are undecided. Other questions to consider: What do the students ultimately want to do with their degree? What is the timeline they have in mind? Are they involved in any clubs or organizations? Students tend to perform better when they have a purpose of being in school.
- ❖ **Develop Competence and Autonomy.** I believe each student has the capability to be responsible to their won educational development and goals. I am here to provide them the tools to bring out the student’s sense of self-authorship, and take responsibility on their own actions.