

Advising Philosophy Statement
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BE PASSIONATE - I want any individual who works with me to know that I will give everything I can to help with any question or concern that is on their mind—not because I have to, but because I want to.

EMPOWER STUDENTS - It is my duty to give the best information and feedback to students and allow them to decide for themselves what the best course of action to take is. I want students to be empowered in the decision making process and to take ownership of their college experience.

HELP STUDENTS TO LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE - Sometimes students need a heart to heart talk about a situation or mistake. Within those teachable moments, I challenge my students to use reflection when examining how the matter could have been handled differently and apply that knowledge and experience in the future.

SERVE WITH INTEGRITY - I will treat every student fairly and I will always have their best interest at heart. Sometimes my advice may not be what they want to hear. If so, I want them to know why I may disagree with a course of action and offer alternative options.

GET THE MOST OUT OF COLLEGE - I share with all my students, “If you do not use your time in college to find out about who you are and who you want to be, then you missed out on half of the college experience.” Getting involved in student activities, studying abroad, internships and even taking a little time to enjoy life can help students to discover and affirm their passions, goals and who they want to become as an individual.