

Center for Advising and Student Development Profile



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Statement of Advising Philosophy: My advising philosophy is to use a developmental and advising as teaching approach. I want to educate students on how to navigate college, career planning, etc., and empower them to be their own best advocate. My goal is to meet students where they are at developmentally, and provide respectful, kind, and compassionate support as they progress through their college career. I always try to be mindful that each student is unique and comes with their own set of circumstances, so it is important to me to treat students as individuals. It is incredibly rewarding to see students reach their goals and graduate, and that is one reason why I enjoy working in higher education so much.

Higher Education Experience: I have a Bachelor's degree in Communications from Michigan State University, and a Masters of Education degree in Counseling and Personnel Services, with a concentration in College Student Personnel, from the University of Louisville. I have worked at U of L and in the College of Education and Human Development for 13 years, beginning as a graduate assistant and then Academic Counselor for the Elementary Education program. I currently serve as the Assistant Director of Undergraduate Student Services.

Personality profile, interests, etc.: I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, and being outdoors. My two young children keep me busy and on my toes, but I enjoy watching them grow and develop into little people. Being from Michigan, I like a variety of outdoor activities: skiing, hiking, going for walks, running, boating, etc. My happy place is on a boat in northern Michigan in the summer time; it is beautiful and there is nothing else like it! I also enjoy going to local restaurants wherever I am and enjoying new cuisine.