

## ***Dear Parents:***

On behalf of the academic advisors at the ***University of Louisville***, welcome! Academic advising plays a vital role in your student's success. For that reason the university offers an excellent academic advising program to assist your student in reaching his/her academic and career goals. An academic advisor can provide a personal relationship that is on-going throughout your student's college career. This is very important when your student navigates the policies, procedures and resources of the university.

Parents can be supportive to their student by encouraging him or her to take advantage of the academic advising and academic support services available. The advising relationship between your student and the academic advisor is a shared one. Both the academic advisor and your student will have responsibilities in the advising partnership, but your student is responsible for making his or her own decisions based on the information provided by the academic advisor. An academic advisor is someone with whom your student can consult regarding academic procedures and problems. Your student will work with an academic advisor to: **1)** develop an academic plan that includes the requirements for the degree, **2)** understand the general education, major, and other curriculum requirements, **3)** understand the policies of the university, **4)** understand his or her academic standing, **5)** discuss opportunities for personal growth and academic development, **6)** learn about campus or community resources such as career information, study skills, and financial literacy, **7)** explore careers and degrees that lead to careers, and **8)** learn about activities and programs on campus that meet your student's interests such as clubs and organizations, service learning or study abroad programs.

Academic advisors appreciate the support and encouragement parents give their student as this involvement contributes to the student's likelihood of reaching the academic and career goals. Again, welcome to the U of L Cardinal family!

Best wishes,

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