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Mission Statement

The Division of Student Engagement and Success educates and empowers our diverse student body, campus partners, and the broader community with data-driven interventions and student success initiatives. We support students' academic success and personal development through active engagement and collaboration.



Dr. Michelle Rosemond, vice president for
Student Engagement and Success

Message from the Vice President

Welcome: Student Persistence and
Graduation is our Guiding Light

As we move further into the Spring semester, we want to call your attention to our newly revised mission statement and say thank you for all you did to keep students engaged during the holiday break and to welcome our students to the new semester. Student Engagement and Success (SES) integrates many high-impact practices to foster relationships among students, faculty and staff. These relationships are central to student success at GGC and beyond.

One of the questions I brought to this position was, "What do we need from each other to do our best work?" SES brings together the main areas on which student success depends. The virtual work setting has complicated this process, but students, faculty and staff are coming together to make it a success. As we begin our third semester with much of our work, collaboration and student activities having gone virtual, it is important for us to discern what we need from each other to do our best work.

1. Reduce assumptions and shift from expectation to shared understanding: [Assumptions – 5 Ways to Challenge Assumptions](#)
2. Collaborate and communicate with colleagues in the virtual space: [10 Ways to Improve Virtual Communication and Collaboration](#)
3. Connection and collaboration equal greater innovation and improved outcomes: [How Virtual Teams Can Create Human Connections Despite Distance](#)

During the months of January and February, we have focused on expectations, with student persistence and graduation our guiding lights. We endeavor to help students find high levels of personalized support and guidance and to assist each student on their journey to becoming a self-directed, responsible scholar and effective member of their respective communities. SES is the first stop for advising, information and support for each student as they complete their degree at GGC.

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Please join us as we welcome our new Student Success Advisors.



Jessica Martinez



Meagan Dugan



Pamela Maxey



Marcela Cadavid



Emily Thompson



Stephanie Abbott



Kelli Hickson



Justyna Kikowska

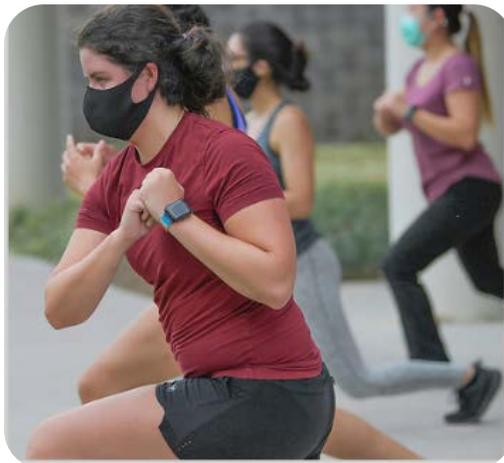
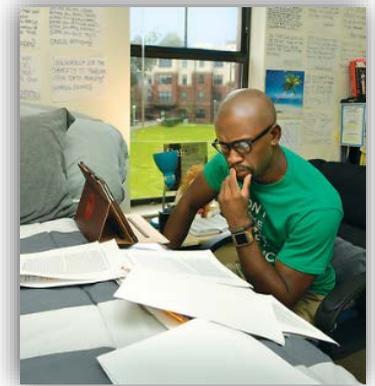
Please do not hesitate to contact us [Here](#) and also encourage students to contact us. We are here for them and are excited about how they will grow as scholars and leaders.

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Academic Enhancement Center (AEC) Helped Students During the Holiday Break

One of our initiatives for this semester break was to keep students engaged during their time away from regular instruction and activities. The AEC offered online test preparations during the holiday break. Students were provided the opportunity to meet with professional tutors to help them prepare for standardized test such as TEAS, GACE and MAC.



Social Campaign Promotes “45 Days of Wellness” for Students



Fall semester ended early last year and during the 45 days before the start of classes Jan. 19, SES worked with Communications for a social media campaign with videos about coping over the holidays and community resources, as well as a [welcome-back video](#) to kick off the new year. In this social media campaign, Drs. Rosemond, Marni Brown, Margaret Schmidt and Tomas Jimenez encourage students and connect them to resources on food, housing, shelter, mental health, physical health and exercise, substance abuse, holiday help and emotional wellbeing, and various services on campus.

SES Data-Sharing Tour Returns

This series increases community and fosters scholarship, leadership, service and creativity as staff from all areas converge to help GGC students engage and succeed. To kick off the Spring 2021 Data-Sharing Tour, Dr. Teresa Winterhalter, school of liberal arts dean, and Dr. Marc Gilley, school of liberal arts interim associate dean presented a session on “Retention Patterns at GGC” on Jan. 15. To view the current Spring Data-Sharing Tour schedule, [Click Here](#).

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SES Partnership with Carl Vinson Institute

The newly formed partnership between the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and IRA is providing a plethora of new decision-support dashboards. Through this partnership, we have launched the GGC Grades App, a new tool you can use to analyze historic grades and course data. This app was developed over the past five months with significant input from our GGC leadership and is a tool to help with retention and completion. A training session on how to use this app took place in late January. For more information contact us at ses@ggc.edu.

Accessing the App

This app is accessed using your USG Dataviz Qlik Portal login. To access the Grades app, go to:

1. <https://dataviz.usg.edu/login/>
2. Enter your GGC email as your username
3. Enter your password for the USG Qlik Dataviz Portal

Name Change for OPPA

There has been an office name change within Student Engagement and Success (SES). The Office of Plans, Policies and Analysis (OPPA) is now Institutional Research and Analytics (IRA). Please make a note of the new name.

Survey Calendar 2020-21

From Nov. 2020-Jan. 2021, Institutional Research and Analytics (IRA) distributed a Fall survey for students, faculty and staff. Three versions were created to address the needs of these faculty, staff and student groups.

FALL Term Student Survey

Survey	Date	Notes	Responsible Party
Fall Survey	Nov. 20- Jan. 21	IRA survey on behalf of units across campus in need of data on campus awareness, utilization or satisfaction. Three versions of the survey were created to meet the needs of faculty, staff and students	SES
GGC Veterans & Family Members Needs Assessment Survey	TBD	A survey is being prepared to understand the opportunities and challenges for student veterans and their dependents.	SES

FALL Term Faculty/Staff Survey

Survey	Dates	Notes	Responsible Party
Fall Survey	Nov. 20-Jan. 2021	IRA survey of students on behalf of units across campus in need of data on students' campus awareness, utilization or satisfaction.	SES