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As we move further into the Spring semester, we want to call your attention to our newly revised mission statement and welcome you to the new semester. Student Engagement and Success 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 came to this position with was, "What do we need from each other to do our best work?" Student Engagement and Success brings together the main areas on which student success depend. 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.

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

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.

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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](#). We are here for you and are excited about how you will grow as scholars and leaders.

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CircleIn Encourages Student Engagement and offers prizes

We have amazing news! This Spring semester, you will have access to **CircleIn**, an easy-to-use study app that instantly connects you with all of your classmates. CircleIn offers a variety of studying features, all in one place that will help you stay productive and pass your classes. You'll be able to create and review flashcards, generate quizzes, share notes, chat with your classmates, get on-demand help, and so much more.

Here's the cool part...

CircleIn is game-based, which means the more you study and collaborate with your classmates, the more points you earn. These points matter because you're able to get **awesome rewards like Amazon and Best Buy gift cards, and even scholarships**, just for studying and collaborating. Think of it as the app that helps you and rewards you for being a great student.

Getting started on CircleIn is super easy:

Web

1. Visit app.CircleInApp.com on your computer or laptop.
2. Search for **Georgia Gwinnett College**. This will take you to GGC's D2L login page.
3. Enter your credentials and select "authorize."
4. You're all set! Select your rewards and start studying.

Mobile

1. Download the app on your mobile phone by searching for "CircleIn" in your Apple App store or Google Play Store.
2. Open the app and search for **Georgia Gwinnett College**. This will take you to GGC's D2L login page.
3. Enter your credentials and select "authorize."
4. You're all set! Select your rewards and start studying.

To learn more, [click here](#) to view your student welcome guide.

If you have any issues logging in, please email support@circleinapp.com.

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Flynn Heathcliff, '21, CMAP

Flynn is an all-around creative (model, musician, photographer, content creator, etc.) entering his last semester. He serves as a digital media specialist for Student Involvement as well as a mentor for The Elite Scholars.

GRIZZLY STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES



Ngan Nguyen, '22, biology

Ngan is in her third year at GGC. She shares that the journey she took to get here wasn't easy, but it brought many unforgettable memories.

Hey Grizzlies!

Please join us for an exciting new speaker series this spring: Grizzly Student Success Stories. Come hear from your fellow students how they've pursued and achieved success here at GGC and what success means to them.

Each Grizzly Success Stories session will include two students sharing their journey here at GGC, with time afterward for discussion and Q&A.

Our first session is next Tuesday, 2/9, from 2-3 p.m. and features senior CMAP major Flynn Heathcliff and junior Biology major Ngan Nguyen. To join us via Zoom, click [Zoom Link](#)

Grizzly Success Stories virtual sessions will be held from 2-3 P.M. on Tuesdays. 2/9, 2/23, 3/23, and 4/13.

For links to the sessions or answers to questions you may have, please email ses@ggc.edu or visit [Student Engagement and Success](#)

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What is the difference between academic advising, tutoring and academic coaching?

What is academic coaching?

Academic coaching is a partnership between students and a student success advisor who helps the student examine academic concerns and develop a plan to overcome barriers to success. Students will collaborate with a coach to create goals, identify relevant resources and plan action steps to support the students' academic success. Additionally, students and coaches work together to cultivate success skills, but not limited to study skills, organization, time management and test-taking strategies.

Academic coaching appointments can be scheduled through the GradesFirst system by phone at 678-407-5645 or email at sesadvising@ggc.edu.

What is academic advising?

Academic advising supports students as they navigate the degree process by helping with course selection, registration, major selection and explaining academic policies and graduation requirements.

Academic advising appointments can be scheduled by phone at 678-407-5645 or email at sesadvising@ggc.edu.

What is the [Academic Enhancement Center \(AEC\)](#) and what services do they provide?

The AEC provides currently enrolled students with personalized, free tutoring for a variety of subjects such as math, writing and information technology. Faculty and staff are encouraged to refer students in need of tutoring support to the AEC. Virtual tutoring is available 24/7 by clicking [Here](#) and clicking on the free online tutoring drop-down.

The AEC can be reached at 678-407-5191 or students can send questions to aec@ggc.edu.

How do I contact Student Engagement and Success?

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