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The Academic Advisor Newsletter

Helpful Advising Session Tips

Registration/advisement period is here! Appointment slots will be filled and students may line the halls waiting to meet with you for their fall 2018 course advisement. While you may be inundated with course scheduling during advisement sessions, remember to take the time to connect with your students and to find out about their experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Advising is NOT simply giving a course schedule!

Below are some tips to use during your advising sessions:

- **Ask your students open-ended questions** during the advising session. This is a useful strategy to gather information to effectively advise students and to make appropriate referrals.
- **Silence is OK** when meeting with students. This gives the student a chance to think about what was asked or to formulate their own questions/thoughts.
- **Allow and support** students to **generate their own solutions** to problems or issues.
- Just as a student's nonverbal cues are important, so too are yours. Remember the acronym **SOLER**: S– **sit squarely** facing the student; O - **open posture**; L - **lean slightly** towards the student; E - **eye contact**; R - **relax**.
- **Be present!** Your student should have you **full attention** during advising sessions. If you are taking notes, inform the student at the beginning of the session that you will be periodically taking notes during your conversation.

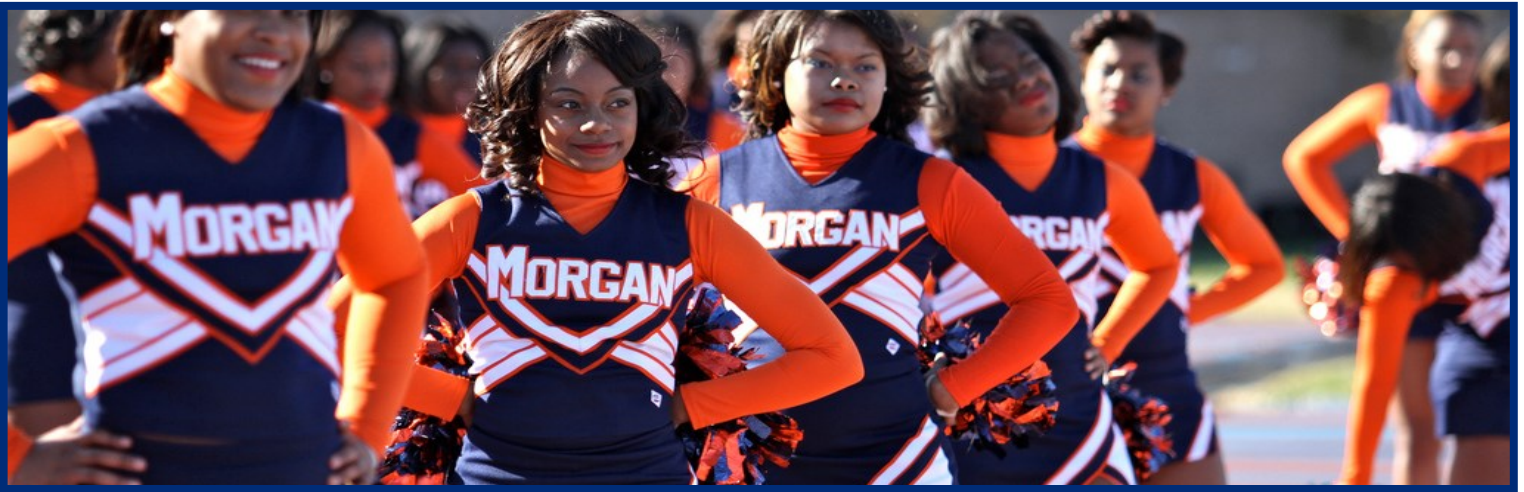
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Student Services Spotlight: Office of Transfer Student Programming

Each year, transfer students select Morgan State University to complete their baccalaureate degrees. Whether they have completed a semester, an associate's degree, or have attended a variety of schools previously, our goal is to help each student to become one of Morgan State University's distinguished alumni. The Office of Transfer Student Programming (TSP) welcomes newly admitted transfer students with a virtual orientation to campus life, culture, and resources.

Additionally, TSP coordinates the path for and lends guidance to students pursuing alternative admission to the University through either the NEXUS Program or the Connect Program. The NEXUS Program is in partnership with The Community College of Baltimore County providing the opportunity for students to live and study on campus. Successful completers are offered guaranteed admission to MSU within one or two semesters. The Connect Program provides guaranteed admission to in-state students who attend any Maryland community college upon completion of select academic criteria.

Further, TSP engages students pursuing MSU courses and degrees at satellite locations, providing connectivity as students work to advance their academic and career goals.

Finally, TSP is the hub for the MSU Delta Gamma Chapter of Tau Sigma National Honor Society designed exclusively to recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students.

Our University motto, "Growing the future, leading the world", begins with students. The Office of Transfer Student Programming is committed to assisting students transitioning from other institutions of higher learning to Morgan State University, and with supporting their efforts toward earning a bachelor's degree.

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Important Dates

April 2018

April 2nd

Fall 2018
Priority
Registration
Begins

April 5th

Honors
Convocation

April 6th

Spring Open
House

April 11th

Spring Job Fair

April 28th

Last Day of
Classes for
Prospective May
Graduates

April 30th

Final Exams for
Prospective May
Graduates Begins

Nominations for Fall 2017–Spring 2018 Outstanding FY Academic Advisor Award



Eligibility: Any staff member, from the Center for Academic Success and Achievement (CASA) and the Office of Student Success and Retention (OSSR) departments, whose responsibility includes the academic advisement of freshmen students at Morgan State University.

Selection Criteria:

- Is student-oriented. Has an interest in and concern for advisees as individuals
- Uses an proactive advising approach versus simple course registration
- Provides accurate advisement to advisees (i.e. course selection, academic regulations, and institutional policies etc.)
- Refers advisees to the appropriate campus resources
- Maintains consistent contact with advisees
- Is available to advisees, staff, and faculty
- Collaborates with faculty and other staff to provide holistic support to advisees
- Maintains accurate recordkeeping of all advisement sessions in Starfish
- Engages in professional development offered by the institution and/or external entities

Nomination Procedure: Students, faculty, or staff are invited to nominate candidates for the Fall 2017– Spring 2018 Outstanding FY Academic Advisor Award. Self-nominations are also accepted. All nominators must submit an online nomination form.



Nomination forms will be available at

www.morgan.edu/fyaaward

from April 13th - May 4th