

# The Journey of Student Advisors

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"There are several paths but in the end we must choose and while the result is the same the journey is different."

-Chambers, p.5, 2004
Research That Matters: Finding A Path

with Heart

# Ol What is a Student Advisor

Helping students make their dreams a reality.







- Point of contact between students,
   staff, and faculty
- Cater to student experiences
- Find appropriate resources for students
- Mentoring
- Developing programs for the benefit of students
- Hold meetings between members

#### Resource

Personality Quiz

A series of 10 questions that will help guide students to see if they have the aptitude for this career

## Storytime



Beginning

PAST



Middle

**PRESENT** 



End

**FUTURE** 

# **Beginning**

- Interviewees did not have the intention of becoming student advisors
- Different career path in mind
- Explored various paths after post-secondary education



### Middle

- Opportunities arose for them to get involved in student advising
- New experiences that shaped their interest in entering student advising
- Experimenting with pathways and interest
- Specific alignment towards student lifestyle and their interest



#### End

#### Career

Advance to a higher position and gain more responsibility.

#### **Family**

Start a family.
(Significant other and children)

#### Personal

Go back to school, grow as a person through life experiences to be in a better position to help others.

#### **Advice for Students**

- Be open to explore different opportunities
- Always have a growth mindset
- What in the world of education makes you passionate?
  - Reflect on the moments/experiences that you realize you have made an impact on a student...
     What did you do, say?
- Networking not to grow own profile but to understand journeys of others
- Interest evolve overtime, think of your own passions and continue forward



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