

Best of Region 1

Addicted to Undecided: A New Way of Approaching Undecided Students

Getting undecided students to decide on a major and successfully integrate into an academic program can prove challenging. Many times, after countless meetings and exploratory activities, progress is hard to see and frustration can be felt on both sides of the desk. This session will look at advising undecided students a bit differently than our traditional advising models have. Using a model of change from the health and addictions counseling field, a new foundational approach that the presenter has used will be discussed. Participants will learn a new way of looking at the tough cases they may have in their undecided populations. Basic concepts will be introduced and ample time for discussion will be allotted.

Best of Region 2

Educational Planning and the First-Year Experience (FYE): Helping Students Navigate their Journey...EARLY!

At Montgomery College, FYE seeks to assist our students in transitioning into college by providing them with experiences and tools for their success. A critical part of FYE is the Educational Portfolio which serves as a roadmap for students to chart their academic, transfer, and/or career course. This presentation will discuss how we are establishing a college-wide Educational Portfolio for students to start in FYE Seminars or with their Counselor/Advisor. Presentation participants will learn about our FYE program, the Educational Portfolio, and how a similar resource can be used at their institution. Assisting students in educational planning is paramount to the advising profession, so we encourage you to join us as we get our students "On The Right Track With Advising."

Best of Region 4

New to Online Learning: Think about Career Services as Well

Non-traditional students return to school for a variety of reasons, but generally they return because they are seeking a promotion, etc. The challenge for Saint Leo University's Center for Online Learning is to provide career services to this large segment of students who are unable to access the campus. The key is to provide career services that are designed for students who are experienced in the job market.

This presentation's aim is to show what strategies are used for non-traditional learners. The strategies will include a career plan that is more focused. It will highlight work experience in the development of Resumes, Cover Letters, and Thank You Letters. The presentation will demonstrate methods Saint Leo uses to help mature learners select a career.

Best of Region 6

Stressing your Noodle, Try Moodle

Do you feel crunched for time during advising appointments? Do you wish that students came more prepared for advising appointments? Do you find programmatic advising taking up a large portion of your advising appointment? Come explore how a pre-advisement module might help you when advising. The purpose of this workshop is to look at the impact of integrating a pre-advisement module with advising appointments. This interactive session will provide an opportunity to start brainstorming, look briefly at the process of development when using an online course management system, explore the impact of utilizing the pre-advisement module, and discuss student feedback.

Best of Region 8

Absorbing Transfer Shock: Utilizing Specialized Support To Counter Transfer Student Challenges

Transfer students are experienced college students but they are nonetheless new students. They have unique transition needs. While they often have a driven "get in, get out, get on with my life" attitude, they should have a chance to investigate all that your campus has to offer. Come discover how two different transfer seminars, one housed within an academic department and the other in a centralized advising office, provide specialized support for the unique challenges faced by incoming transfer students. Taught by academic advisors and supported by campus resource partners, these seminars have a proven track record of assisting transfer students to "hit the ground running" while, concurrently, allowing them to discover and explore the opportunities provided by their new majors and new campus.

Best of Region 9

The Student Advising Guide from Orientation and Beyond!

Looking for a guide that tells students everything they need to know about academic advising and success? Imagine an advising guide students will actually keep and refer to beyond orientation! CSUCI developed a student guide (Island Compass) that allows advisors to disseminate advising and success information to students in a professional and interesting format. This session will offer an in-depth look at the content, development, utilization and changes made since implementation. Participants will learn tips to utilize the guide with the companion PowerPoint. Additionally, strategies and ideas will be shared for future improvements and use in the University 100/101 student success seminar. Receive a copy of the 38 page guide and discover ideas to create or improve an existing student advising handbook on your campus.