

Angela's Professional Philosophy

Having the opportunity to dedicate myself to the development of students and be a catalyst for their growth is a phenomenal experience. Witnessing students utilize their knowledge and experiences to seek out that which is challenging, achieve success, and create the future drives my desire to strive for excellence as a leader in the collegiate community. As a student affairs professional I see the quote below from Barack Obama as my call to action to work with others in the field to develop the students of today into the leaders of today.

"We're going to need your help. We need young people like you to step up. We need your daring, we need your enthusiasm, we need your energy, we need your imagination." -Barack Obama

Students First I will put the needs and betterment of students first in all that I do and I will limit my employment to organizations that demonstrate serving students as their highest priority.

Teach and Learn I will contribute to and learn from the shared body of knowledge in the field through publications, conferences, presentations, and other professional development opportunities.

Understand Others As a leader I will seek to understand others before striving to be understood. I will acknowledge the value and unique perspectives of each individual.

Dedication to Students' Development As an educator I will dedicate myself to the holistic development of students through educational initiatives, programs, and advising.

Equal Access and Equity I will challenge discrimination, microaggressions, and systemic oppression and strive to create an environment of access and equity for all.

Nurture Growth I will be conscious of how I can nurture growth in myself, in others, and in the organization I serve. I will surround myself with colleagues who will challenge and support me to grow.

Think Positively I will maintain passion and enthusiasm for the work I do and exude a positive attitude. I will look for and assume the best in situations and in people.

Advocate I will be a fierce advocate for students, colleagues, the institution, the associations I affiliate with, and the causes of education and social justice.

Find Peace and Happiness I will embrace the ambiguous nature of life and the field of student affairs and find peace in the moment while considering the possibilities of the future.

Foster Student Success I will collaborate with others to remove barriers to student success so that students can have an exemplary experience that results in their educational goal attainment.

Achieve Excellence I will strive to achieve excellence over perfection. I will do the best job I possibly can to serve others with the time and resources I have.

Interconnectedness I will acknowledge the interconnected nature of the field of student affairs, the collegiate community, and the students I work with.

Represent the Organization and Field I will be a positive representation of the organization and the field for which I serve.

Satisfaction I will value the satisfaction I gain from the work that I do and I will see the satisfaction as a larger remuneration than could ever be provided by formal compensation.