

Upcoming Events

•Student Orientation Marathon

- August 10, Acworth
- August 11, Cartersville
- August 13, Floyd
- August 15, Cartersville
- August 16, Cartersville
- August 18, Floyd

In the Next Issue

•Organizing Random Acts of Advisement- A Pilot Project

•Advising Specialist Highlight

Georgia Highlands College

What is Academic Advising? Why is it important?

At Georgia Highlands College, the mission statement of Academic Advising states “in support of Georgia Highlands College Mission and Goals, academic advising is a joint venture for a student aided by a faculty member to explore and to determine educational options, which will ultimately lead to achievement of personal and professional goals, whether that is within the realm of the core curriculum, transfer programs, cooperative

degree programs, or career programs.” Academic advising is available to all students, regardless of need, at each educational site.

Academic advising can and should be seen as a teaching opportunity. Faculty members assist students in setting realistic educational goals, in learning and applying decision-making strategies, and in making appropriate choices.

The importance of

academic advising can be summed up in one word, **retention**. In, *Leaving College: Rethinking the Causes and Cures of Student Attrition*, Vincent Tinto said, “Effective retention programs have come to understand that academic advising is at the very core of successful institutional efforts to educate and retain students.”

Advising Nuggets

When advising a student, keep the following nuggets in mind:

- Only students admitted to the Accelerated Transfer Program (ATP) can take classes on the University of West Georgia campus
- A student must earn at least a “C” in ENGL 1101 and ENGL 1102 in order to take a Literature course

- MATH 1111 is a prerequisite for enrollment in MATH 1113
- ISCI 2001 and ISCI 2002 are *Early Childhood Education* courses. They do NOT and will NOT satisfy Area D of the core. ISCI 2001 and ISCI 2002 have a prerequisite of a completed science sequence in Area D.

Quote of the Month

“College is more than a collection of courses or a ticket to a trade”

Dr. Betty L. Siegel
Former President
Kennesaw State

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