



# Academic Advising Services

-DIVISION OF STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER-

## ADVISING UPDATES: SEPTEMBER 2017

### What's New?

- Newsletter to keep DSU advisors up-to-date on academic advising resources and opportunities
- Updated and restructured academic advising resources via [www.deltastate.edu/advising](http://www.deltastate.edu/advising)
- Monthly modules to enhance academic advising efforts (see *Advising Resource of the Month* below)

### Advising Resource of the Month

These optional monthly modules are available to help enhance your advising efforts. Access the article listed below, and complete the short quiz by the end of the month to receive credit!

#### September 2017—Communication with Advisees

This resource correlates with "Advising Relationship," the relational aspect of the academic advising core competencies, and it can supplement Proactive Advising Tenet #2: *Initiate strong advisor-advisee relationships*, and #4: *Communicate strategies to show interest and involvement with students*.

- **Microskills: Advisor Behaviors that Improve Communication with Advisees**
- Quiz: **Communication with Advisees**

Have a resource to recommend, e-mail Darla Sisney at [dsisney@deltastate.edu](mailto:dsisney@deltastate.edu).

### Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, September 20, 5:00 PM**—*Sitting in the Driver's Seat: Navigating Your Success through Academic Advising; Study Skills Workshop—Advisors Welcome!* (location: Jacob Conference Center, Ewing Hall)
- **Thursday, October 19, 4:00 PM**—*Financial Aid for Advisors 101; Academic Advising Workshop* presented by Christie Rocconi (location: Baioni Conference Center)

### Advising Champion of the Month

**Name:** Dr. Jon Westfall

**Department:** Psychology

**Number of years advising:** 8 years

**What do you love about being an advisor?** The ability to watch students go from being very dependent to being very independent over a short period of time. Prompting them to take ownership of their future and see their advisor more as a mentor versus a secretary that schedules classes for them. And of course, keeping up with previous students.

**What is your best advice for building rapport with your advisees?** Despite all of the demands on our time, be available to them and excited to see them, trying not to rush students through the process.