



VirginiaTech

Academic Advising and Support Afternoon Chat Series

Fall 2008

VT Pathways

Friday, September 19, 3:00-4:30 PM

Squires, Brush Mountain B

Ron Daniel

Virginia Tech Pathways for Learning (VT Pathways) has been created to help students, faculty members, and advisors better envision and realize a holistic learning experience. Specifically, this session will include discussion of VT Pathways and the Pathways Planner as a critical tool to activate student engagement and responsibility.

Women's Center Happenings

Tuesday, September 23, 3:00-4:30 PM

Squires, Yorktown

Christine Dennis Smith

Anna LoMascolo

This session will review the programs and services available at the Center, as well as provide an overview of its new leadership structure and staffing. Specific topics will include: An overview of programming and outreach initiatives available to students, faculty, and staff; Ways in which you and/or your students can get involved in women's and gender issues at the Center; and How to support and work with students who have experienced sexual assault, interpersonal violence, or stalking/cyber stalking.

Identifying the needs of VT's LGBT student population

Monday, September 29, 3:00-4:30 PM

Squires, Brush Mountain A

Ken Belcher

Jean Elliott

Mary Grace Campos

As faculty and professionals committed to creating a welcoming environment for all students, it is important to understand the needs and concerns of our LGBT students. This session will provide an opportunity to explore the needs of this population of students in terms of their academic and co-curricular experiences, as well as overall personal support and development.

Undergraduate Education at VT

Wednesday, October 8 3:00-4:30 PM

Squires, Brush Mountain A

Dr. Mark McNamee

Virginia Tech's Strategic Plan indicates that education of the whole person, disciplinary competence, and responsible citizenship should form the core values of the undergraduate learning experience at this institution. This session will provide an important opportunity for concerned members of the university community to enter into dialogue with our Provost regarding specific ways to put these ideas into practice in an effort to facilitate student academic success.

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Anyone interested in attending any of the events, please RSVP to Tabatha Stanley at stanley4@vt.edu.





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Innovative Strategies to Recruit and Retain Students of Color

Tuesday, October 14 3:00-4:30 PM

Squires, Brush Mountain B

Dr. Jill Sable

Dr. Bev Watford

This session will highlight some of the innovative and effective undergraduate programs designed to attract, enroll, and enhance the academic success and retention of students historically under-represented at Virginia Tech, including low-income, first-generation and minority students. Come prepared to highlight some of your college/departmental strategies to reach out to these populations.

First Generation College Students

Wednesday, November 12 3:00-4:30 PM

Squires, Yorktown

Dr. Catherine Amelink

Participants will have an opportunity to discuss trends in out-of-classroom involvement among first-generation college students at Virginia Tech as well as significant results from a study based on national data that provides information regarding specific variables found in the institutional environment and demographic characteristics that predict the academic success among first-generation students during the first year of full-time enrollment.

Student Careers Start Here:

Partnering With Career Services to Benefit Our Students

Thursday, November 20 4:00-5:00 PM

Squires, Yorktown

Claire Childress

Leigh Anne Leist

Amy McPherson

Dr. Donna Cassell Ratcliffe

Many students wait three to four years before giving serious consideration about making career decisions and plans, i.e., choosing/changing academic majors, gaining career-related experience through externships, internships and cooperative education opportunities, writing dynamic resumes, sharpening interview skills, or considering graduate or professional school. This session will describe services and resources available through Career Services and ways in which collaborative efforts with academic and student services department enhance student success.

