

Welcome from the Vice President for Student Services

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

Welcome to the Doña Ana Community College family! Whether you are joining us as a full-time professor or an adjunct instructor, your presence here is vital to our collective mission. At DACC, we are deeply committed to providing accessible, quality educational opportunities that support student success and foster economic, cultural, and community development.

As the Vice President for Student Services, my primary focus - and the core priority of my entire division - is to partner with you to transform that mission into reality by driving student retention and successful completion. Teaching at a community college is a uniquely rewarding endeavor. Our student body is wonderfully diverse and full of potential. True equity in education means meeting these students where they are, ensuring they feel a sense of belonging, and providing the holistic support necessary to keep them on the path to graduation or career placement.

The Student Support Services page is designed to be your primary toolkit for connecting students with the essential resources they need to persist and succeed. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with these key services early in the semester so you can proactively refer students the moment a need arises.

Your classroom is often the very first point of contact for a student who is struggling or who simply needs a bit of encouragement to stay enrolled. By working together - combining your academic expertise with our student support frameworks - we can build a seamless culture of care, retention, and completion.

Thank you for your dedication to our students, our community, and our institutional mission. Please never hesitate to reach out to the Student Services team if we can assist you in any way.

Respectfully,

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