Since the inception of Advising Success Center (ASC) in the fall of 2013 created by Dr. Sarah Vandermark, Executive Director, it has become the branch of a bigger tree…. CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS!

Center for Student Success encompasses: Advising Success Center (ASC), Placement Testing, New Student Orientation, Pre-Calculus Summer Boot Camp, The Learning Center, and Disability Support Services.

The Advising Success Center aka ASC (pronounced ASK), led by Director Grace Gangitano, has 5 advisors that assists freshman and transfer students who are either undecided about their majors, in need of additional support, or transitioning into NJIT.

ASC also has amazing student workers who are called PALS (Peer Advisor Liaisons). PALS are underclassmen from a variety of majors who provide academic, transitional, and social support. This year we would like to honor 4 PALs, Joe Balardo, Patrycja Puzio, Briana Manciendo, and Natalia Poltorak who will be graduating in May, 2017. Along with them, our Executive PAL Tiffany Johnson will also be saying goodbye after four years of her hard work with us.

For more information on ASC, please visit www.njit.edu/advising or just stop by FENSTER 260 and say “Hello”.

Placement Testing administers the Math and English placement to determine the first math course and related courses that a new student should take during the first semester. This exam is coordinated by Associate Director Margo Gilchrist and typically begin in March. Placement testing is located in Fenster 260 as well.

More information on Placement Testing can be found at: www5.njit.edu/studentsuccess/test

New Student Orientation under the direction of Associate Director Leo Pedraza is a two part orientation for incoming freshmen and a one day transfer orientation.

In early summer, there’s an overnight program which provides new students the opportunity not only to meet others but to learn about their academic program and see what other resources are available to them. At the end of August prior to the start of the semester, new students will learn more about the college experience and connect with the NJIT community.

Transfer students have the opportunity to meet their academic advisors and register for classes as well as attend information sessions on career services, financial aid and veterans, to name a few. For more information on New Student Orientation and Transfer
Students, please visit: [http://www5.njit.edu/orientation/](http://www5.njit.edu/orientation/)

**Pre-Calculus Summer Boot Camp** is hosted by Newark College of Engineering in collaboration with the Center for Student Success. This boot camp program is ideal for the First-Time Full-Time freshman student who places into MATH 107, MATH 108, or MATH 110 because it will help them develop a strong foundation in math, while honing in on their studying and management skills in a collegiate environment. By connecting with peers, upperclassmen and NJIT staff, the campers will be able to establish a strong network to rely on once they enter the Fall semester in September.

For more information on Pre-Calculus Summer Boot Camp, please visit: [http://www5.njit.edu/studentsuccess/pre-calculus-summer-boot-camp/](http://www5.njit.edu/studentsuccess/pre-calculus-summer-boot-camp/)

**The Learning Center (TLC)** located in Kupfrian Hall Room 200 is led by Director, Sandra Taylor. TLC is where student athletes can get assistance in the classroom and beyond.

In January, TLC hosted a financial literacy seminar to all student athletes presented by Eric Smith. Eric’s passion is to help encourage, educate student athletes to make better financial decisions.

Throughout March and into April, they will be conducting four leadership training seminars for freshman student-athletes.

TLC also provides tutorial services, academic support workshops, and academic coaching.

A huge congratulation goes to Simon Rizell, Eduardo Ezcurra, and Julia Garcia for qualifying for the 2017 NCAA National Championships.

To learn more about what TLC offers students, please visit: [http://www5.njit.edu/tlc](http://www5.njit.edu/tlc)

The new **Disability Support Services (DSS)** is an active member of the NJ Association on Higher Education and Disability. DSS was created in the fall of 2015 and has grown by leaps and bounds. We currently serve over 240 students; undergraduate, graduate, and visiting students.

Located in Fenster 260 under the direction of Associate Director Chantonette Lyles, DSS works with students with disabilities:

- Learning disabilities
- Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder
- Mental health disabilities
- Autism spectrum disorder
- Brain injuries
- Physical/mobility and medical disabilities
- Vision and hearing impairments

**We are about…**

**Accessibility-Advocacy-Diversity-Inclusion**

> students utilize temporary and long term accommodations
> new testing rooms for DSS students
> implemented new notetaking software “Sonocent”
> new forms and communication responses to streamline services

**Nicholas Jones – Academic Advisor**

Nicholas (aka Nick) Jones is our newest Academic Advisor. Nicholas became part of the ASC team in October of 2016 and has been a great asset to the NJIT community ever since. Nicholas currently teaches a first year seminar course, has created and is coordinating the plan for Academic and Career Readiness (PACE) for our first year students who are placed on probation and opted to be part of the program. Along with teaching and coordinating the PACE program, he is meeting with students on a daily basis to help them through the spring 17 term, while also gearing up to advise Biology first year and second year students in the fall 2017 term and incoming transfer students this summer 2017.

We are excited to have him on our team and looking forward to all the amazing things he will do!

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