



Undergraduate Student Success Center

Fall 2020 Newsletter

The Undergraduate Student Success Center (USSC) is responsible for providing academic and social support services to aid the University in increasing its student success rates. It is designed to assist students in developing positive relationships with faculty, staff, and other students, which will foster a strong academic and co-curricular foundation at CSU and provide programs for students to learn the skills, habits, and dispositions they need to achieve academic success. Students receive services through our three units: the Office of Academic Coaching and Advising, the Office of Retention & First Year Experience, and the Office of Academic Support and Instructional Services.

The Office of Academic Coaching and Advising

has knowledgeable and caring advisors who guide and assist all freshmen (students with less than 30 credit hours) in navigating degree requirements, focus on academic achievement, develop transferable skills, and create a strong foundation to successfully transition to sophomore status.

Students and their USSC advisors are partners in assuring students understand the pathways and requirements for their majors and identifying the steps for achieving the student's personal, academic, and professional goals. The student and the advisor have clear responsibilities and, through collaborative efforts, work toward a successful advising partnership.

The Office of Retention & First-Year Experience

provides transition support, success coaching, and initiative-based programming for first-year and transfer students. This office integrates a variety of resources and collaborates with other units within the Undergraduate Student Success Center and with Student Affairs and Enrollment Management to ensure students have a strong educational foundation coupled with a rich collegiate experience.



YouTube instructions:

Look up "[Finding a Tutor on Knack](#)"

The Office of Academic Support and Instructional Services (OASIS)

provides academic support to all students in various subject areas. OASIS offers course-specific one-on-one tutorial sessions with a peer tutor or learning specialist, weekly math and writing workshops, and math finals review sessions. Tutoring sessions are private and individualized; workshops are open to all students.

- Help us as we continue nurturing positive relationships with our students through academic and social enhancements, creative incentives, and celebrations of achievement, by visiting our CSU Believers page at [Be a Believer USSC](#)
- For more information about the Undergraduate Student Success Center and our staff, visit our webpage: [USSC](#)

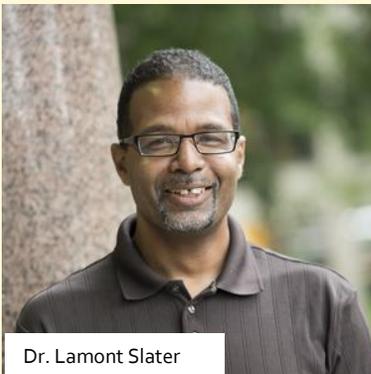
Need a Tutor? We Can Help!

For questions or additional information, contact Karen Garmon, OASIS Coordinator: 937-376-6247
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Thank You for your support! – LaKeysha Smith | Interim Executive Director | Undergraduate Student Success Center

Welcome, Dr. Lamont A. Slater

Dr. Lamont A. Slater graduated from Salve Regina University, where he earned his Doctorate in Philosophy in 2018. He started his career as an academic advisor at Myers University in Cleveland, Ohio. He has also served as associate director of Outreach and Recruitment with Dallas County Community Colleges, director of Student Life with Myers University, housing director with Huston Tillotson University, testing and assessment specialist with Quinsigamond Community College, and recently as study abroad program manager and lecturer with Augsburg University's Center for Global Education and Experience.



Dr. Lamont Slater

Dr. Slater lived and worked in Windhoek, Namibia, working directly with students at the University of Namibia and students from various colleges across America.

Dr. Slater has taught African American and Africana studies at Anna Maria College, Quinsigamond Community College and Augsburg University over the past 12 years. He has successfully defended his dissertation, *The Namibian Genocide: Reframing the Conflict to Explore Intercultural Connectivity. Inclusiveness and Accurate memorialization at Salve Regina University.*

Welcome, Robert J. Vidal



Robert J. Vidal graduated from the University of Texas in San Antonio with a BA in Interdisciplinary Education and Teaching English in 2012.

Prior to his degree Vidal has over 10 years of experience in multilingual business management. He also has specialized training in inventory, budgeting, employment training, and large staff management.

Vidal worked in Fukushima City, Fukushima-Ken Japan, from 2012 until 2019. During his time in Japan, Robert taught English, Spanish, Culture, and International Cuisine. He was in charge of organized peer support groups for fellow expats. Aside from assisting with daily living, the group organized huge community events touring Japan, Vietnam, and South Korea.

Vidal is fluent in English, Japanese, and Spanish. He is a family man whose hobbies are dancing, cooking, travel, hiking, computers, socializing, and car repair.

Tutors needed in any and all subjects.
To apply visit [Handshake](#), sign up, and look for "OASIS Peer Tutor."

"Asking for help isn't a sign of weakness, it's a sign of strength. It shows you have the courage to admit when you don't know something, and to learn something new." - Barack Obama