LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAMMING: THE ULTIMATE BALANCING ACT

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The University Degree Completion Program

- 2014 University initiative
- Re-connects former Kent State students to return and complete their bachelor’s degree
- High “Touch” Initiative
- Very Streamlined
Who is the target population?

All Students Must:
- Completed 90 or more credit hours
- Good academic standing (2.0 or above cGPA)
- Stopped out for 2 or more years

AND

Students must go into 1 of 3 flexible programs
It’s not about me....... We need to remember to meet the student where they are at.
The Goals for Today

- learn about different advising methods that can be utilized with students
- learn how to tailor advising approaches to meet student’s needs
- learn how to advocate more holistically for students
Removing Barriers

- Prior account balances
- Time
- Money
The Navigator.... Show them the way

- How to use technology
- Where resources are that can help them (even if they did not ask)
- Show them their options
The Encourager
HOLISTIC ADVISING

The whole student
Career Advising

Take the time to offer career advice, support and referrals
Flexibility

- How and when you meet?
- What are their course options?
- Are there other ways requirements can be completed? i.e. CLEP? Did they complete something prior that worked for current degree? i.e. WIC, ELR
- What is their timeline to graduation?
Questions?