**Academic Advising Philosophy Statement**

As influenced and directed by the NACADA core values for academic advising, I use my skills in academic advising to; “strengthen the importance, dignity, potential, and unique nature of each individual within the academic setting”.  As an academic advisor, it is my goal to help students become more independent and self-directed and to assume responsibility for their academic choices and actions. Academic advising serves to develop and enrich students’ in ways that are consistent with their personal values, goals, and career plans—preparing them for a life of learning and success. Advising is a process that involves teaching students how to make responsible academic choices. Advising is a shared responsibility between the advisor and the student. By actively listening to students and appropriately responding, I will help students explore academic programs, develop academic plans that satisfy degree requirements, and to progress towards educational and career goals.