

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

MS in Biological Sciences. Texas A&M University-Commerce. August 2014

BS in Biological Sciences, High Honors. Texas A&M University-Commerce. May 2011

Professional Experience

Honors Academics Coordinator
Texas A&M University-Commerce
November 2017 to present

- Reviewed and provided feedback on Honors thesis research proposals for Honors College students
- Participated in scholarship review process by processing applications, conducting applicant interviews, and deliberations for potential scholarship offers
- Facilitated recruiting, marketing, social media outreach, and alumni engagement through a multitude of outlets including Facebook, newsletters, and printed media
- Staff advisor for Student Honors Council – provided direction and oversight in budgetary planning, event planning, and general organizational goals
- Strategic planning and program assessment and management
- Provided academic advising for students in specialized academic programs such as Honors College, Regents Scholars, Honors Scholars, and Leo Scholars (through July 2020)

Instructor
Texas A&M University-Commerce
August 2015 to present

- Assisted Dr. Carrie Klypchak, Assistant Dean, with the development and implementation of COH 112, Scholastic Enhancement
- Developed curriculum and course content for COH 112, which is geared toward students who are struggling academically
- Teacher of record for COH 112 Scholastic Enhancement, COH 111 Critical Thinking, HC 200 First Year Experience (Honors), HC 300 Thesis Seminar (Honors)

Academic Advisor

Texas A&M University-Commerce

February 2015 to November 2017

- Advised students regarding class schedules, degree plans, and long-term career/educational goals, with a specialization in retention.
- Works closely with students on academic probation/suspension status to recover academically
- Assessed students' reasons for their academic status, and provided intervention opportunities and resources to increase success
- Assisted with recruitment and enrollment activities such as New Student Orientation, Mane Event Preview Day, etc.

Advisor/Retention Specialist

Northeast Texas Community College

November 2014 to February 2015

- Advised students regarding class schedules, degree plans, and long-term career/educational goals, with a specialization in retention.
- Maintained phone and email communication with students regarding holds, degree audits, and graduation checks
- Oversaw the early alert academic warning and suspension program at NTCC
- Met with students struggling academically to manage schedules and formulate a contract for improvement to increase educational success
- Strengthened the current academic progress policy by adding guidelines for course loads with regard to GPA, Financial Aid, and other various factors

Research and Honors

- Panel Presentation, co-presenter (*Opportunity & Equity for All: Admissions, Capstones, and Privilege*). National Society for Minorities in Honors Conference. Virtual. October 2020.
- Poster Presentation (*Disrupting the Dirt: Community Gardens, Perceived Belongingness, and Mental Health in an Honors College Residential Community*). National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference: "Disrupting Education". New Orleans, LA. November 2019.
- General Session Presentation, co-presenter (*Easier Done Than Measured: Meaningful Assessment in High-Impact Practice (HIPS) Programs*). National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference: "Disrupting Education". New Orleans, LA. November 2019.
- Successful defense of Master's Research Paper, *Survival of Pathogenic Bacteria on Inanimate Surfaces and Implications*
- Successful defense of Honors thesis, *The Potential Effects of Some Spices on Non-Pathogenic Escherichia coli*
- Honors College scholarship at Texas A&M University-Commerce

Staff Development & Conferences

- National Society for Minorities in Honors Annual Conference. Virtual (COVID-19 Pandemic). October 2020.

- National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference: “Disrupting Education”. New Orleans, LA. November 2019.
- National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference: “Learning to Transgress”. Boston, MA. November 2018.
- NACADA Annual Conference: “ATL: Advising to Learn”. Atlanta, GA, October 2016.
- University Counselor Advisor Network Conference: “Destination Graduation: Roadmaps to Student Success”. University of North Texas, May 2016.
- PLA Portal Project Day Conference: “Implementing Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) to Achieve Institutional and Student Success”. Texas A&M University-Commerce, February 2016.

Professional Affiliation

- National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). Member, 2015-2017.
- Campus Advising Network, Texas A&M University-Commerce. President, 2016-2017. Member, 2015-2019.
- Phi Kappa Phi. Chapter Officer, 2017-present.

Teaching Experience

Texas A&M University-Commerce, College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts.

Courses Taught:

- HC 200, First Year Experience. Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020.
- HC 300, Thesis Seminar. Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021 (observed graduate assistant).
- COH 112, Scholastic Enhancement. Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017
- COH 111 Critical Thinking. Fall 2016.