

From the Desk of Executive Vice President Francis Battisti: Imagine Success

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Colleagues,

At the Spring Faculty-Staff Assembly, I briefly outlined the *Imagine Success* college-wide initiative to positively impact the success of our students.

Building upon the theme of Leonardo DiVinci's concept of *Connessione*, the recognition and appreciation for the interconnectedness of all things and phenomena, *Imagine Success*, is an 18-month initiative designed to engage all of the campus resources toward a goal of assisting more students to reach their goal of success. Whether we find ourselves in the classroom, processing office, academic or student services or administrative setting, we all need to focus on offering a quality educational experience that is engaging, challenging and well-connected.

The six strategies that have been articulated for *Imagine Success* were drawn from national best practices and researched by the American Association of Community College, AACC.

These initiatives include:

1. Devise completion strategies so that students ultimately achieve their goals – and walk down the aisle at graduation.
2. Establish seamless transfer guarantees so that every credit counts when students choose to continue on to a four-year school.
3. Expand prior-learning assessments, giving students credit for learning acquired through military service and other programs.
4. Create pathways to help students discover and work toward their career goals.
5. Review and revise systems to improve student outcomes in high-risk developmental courses, and help students who have completed 30 credit hours take the final steps toward completion.
6. Implement reverse transfer programs that allow students working on their bachelor's to earn their associate's degree on the way.

The key ingredient to this initiative, however, is relationship-building with each student. Each of us needs to keep in mind the immense influence we have in our students' success, from the moment they consider attending SUNY Broome to graduation and beyond.

Throughout the 18 months of this initiative, periodic updates, appropriate data and useful information pieces will

be shared with the campus to insure that *Imagine Success*, reaches its goal.

When I was younger, my father would periodically remind me that each of us will impact each person that we meet – and for me to do my best to make it a positive impact. As philosopher William James once said, “Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”

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