Hello, and welcome to the Student Development Center Wiki!

This wiki is designed to give faculty and staff instant access to advising information. If there is information missing that you would find helpful, please contact Megan Allen or Laura Vasser.

Meet the Engineering Student Services Team!

Megan Allen—Registrar
As the College of Engineering Registrar, I serve all students, faculty and staff to develop systems that will allow for us to be more efficient as a team. Part of my role as the Engineering Registrar is to update students’ degree audits and provide the final clearance for graduating students. I also assist study abroad students by making sure department approved classes are properly placed in their degree audits. During the academic year, I have walk in hours in the afternoon to allow for students to come in and get assistance and answer questions regarding their degree audits, collegiate policies and procedures.

Nancy Schneider—Director of Academic Advising and Retention
I am responsible for advising students as they enter the College at orientation and continuing through their first year. I also coordinate the two-day off campus Student Leadership Retreats, which provide participants an opportunity to practice leadership skills while working on teams to solve case studies presented by Engineering Alumni. I provide individual coaching to develop strategies for improving academic performance for all students on probation and support them throughout the semester.

Josh Atcher—Director of Tutoring and Academic Advisor
As the Director of Tutoring I coordinate the college’s free tutoring program, which is available five nights a week for all Engineering core classes. I am also an academic advisor, and work with first year and undeclared students on all aspects of their academic planning. I also coordinate the Engineering Honors Program and collaborate with the University Honors Program.

Kelli DeFosse—Director of Engineering Professional Development
As Director of Engineering Professional Development, I help connect students and employers through the college’s co-op and internship program, engineering career fairs, on-campus recruiting, and other career-related programs and networking opportunities. I advise students on professional issues including resume writing, negotiating, interviewing and other career search strategies. I’m also the Coordinator for our Engineering Grand Challenges Scholars Program and act as a liaison and resource for all Engineering student groups.

Anat Levto—Director of Global Experiences and Academic Advisor
As the newest member of the Student Development Center staff, I am thrilled to work in the College of Engineering as the Director of Global Experiences and Academic Advisor. As an advisor, I work with first-year and undeclared students. My role also includes leading the development and enhancement of global experiences, including study abroad and support for international students.

Scott Coffel—Director of the Hanson Center for Technical Communication
My job is to train Iowa engineers to write and speak with clarity and insight. The Center’s staff of peer consultants and professional graders will prepare students for a career in which success is measured not only by their technical skill but by the quality of their reports, presentations, and yes—even e-mails. I work closely with faculty to deliver writing-intensive assignments across the curriculum, and to provide detailed and constructive feedback to hundreds of students each semester.
Laura Vasser—Administrative Services Coordinator

As Engineering Student Services Administrator, I have the opportunity to support students seeking guidance as they navigate their journey through the College of Engineering. Students can come to me with their questions and concerns; I will work to help identify solutions and answers or guide students to the appropriate people or resources.