

Mission Moment



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Sabrina is from the southeast side of Chicago but is very involved in Chicago and Northwest Indiana, which Whiting has always felt like home. She has been an academic advisor and adjunct instructor at CCSJ for about 2 years.

My pathway to Calumet College of St. Joseph is about certainty and faith. I decided to participate in the Pierogi Stumble in the summer of 2022. From that moment, I was drawn to CCSJ, and my prior involvement in the Whiting community led me to apply for the Academic Advisor position. I had longed to advance my career in higher education, so when I found out I obtained the position, I knew it was meant to be. I was fortunate enough to have helpful and personable advisors during my Undergraduate and Graduate education, and I am confident I could do the same at CCSJ.

As an academic advisor, I also serve as an adjunct faculty member for the humanities department. In the English class, my mission was to implement the Five Pillars of CCSJ Education into the curriculum. I discovered how to ensure new incoming students could embody the mission through corresponding readings and creative activities that connect to the pillars. The environment I uphold in the office and the classroom cultivates accepting differences, embracing diversity, critical thinking, spiritual exploration, and leading with an open mind.

Working with students and staff at CCSJ, I believe, makes me a wiser and more holistic person through the never-ending stories, inspirations, and journeys that have crossed my life's path. Reading, writing, advising, and leadership revolve around us daily. If I can improve student talent, I have fulfilled my role as an English educator and an Academic Advisor.