

# Mission Moment



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Have you completed your FAFSA? That is probably the question I ask the most. The reason? I can only begin to help a student when they begin to help themselves. I joined Calumet College of St. Joseph in January of 2020, but I had already been helping students since 1985.

My journey at CCSJ started by going back to my roots...as a counselor. Granted I started my career as an admissions counselor in 1985 and here at CCSJ I was a financial aid counselor, but a counselor none the less. In both roles, it was/is my goal to help students reach their goal.

My 40 plus years has seen me work in many roles, admissions, financial aid, student finance, facilities, scheduling, teaching, campus president, and my current role as director of student finance. All these roles have one thing in common, helping students. During my 18 years at my last college, we had 3 different ownership groups. I was once asked how did you manage to stay during those changes. My answer was simple, everything changes, but helping students remains the one constant.

CCSJ's vision statement: our vision is to be a vital and valued resource for the region and beyond where students can be known be successful and belong. The student finance department's role is to be a vital and valued resource for those students looking to be successful. It is my responsibility to ensure we accomplish that role.

I never planned on education being my career, but now I can't see doing anything else. To see students walk across the stage at graduation is always thrilling, but so is the look on the face of a student that we were able to help so they could get to the stage.