The Griff Center for Student Success (https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-support-services/griff-center/) represents a collaboration between the Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Student Affairs that provides comprehensive programs, services, and resources to support student academic and career success and a transformative learning experience grounded in our Catholic, Jesuit mission.

The mission of The Griff Center for Student Success is to serve our transformative learning community in the spirit of cura personalis, care for the whole person, through opportunities and services which develop and empower students to achieve academic and career success.

This Griff Center is made up of a dedicated team of academic and career coaches committed to student retention and persistence. There are three distinct groups of student development experts working within the Griff Center for Student Success: Academic Achievement Team, Career Development Team, and Support Services Team. Each team is housed together in three locations to effectively serve our students based upon their respective function.

Pathfinders Academic Exploration Program

The Griff Center for Student Success provides advisement for Pathfinders Academic Exploration Program (https://www.canisius.edu/programs/pathfinders-academic-exploration-program/) students as they explore potential fields of study that best match their interests and goals. By working collaboratively with the team of professionals within the Griff Center, Pathfinders students have exposure to career development tools and academic major exploration. The Griff Center provides comprehensive advisement that empowers students to take responsibility for their educational, career, and personal goals. Additionally, the Griff Center is dedicated to creating a supportive and friendly atmosphere where students feel comfortable seeking assistance.

Academic Achievement

The Academic Achievement team supports students through advisement of freshmen, still deciding students, transfer students, and student-athletes. Additionally, the team is responsible for working with students to set academic goals and assist with their academic success. The Academic Achievement team provides the following services to students:

Freshmen Course Scheduling: Collaborate with academic departments to ensure new students have a positive academic transition from high school to college by creating a schedule based on their academic goals. Canisius has a faculty advising model where beginning in their first semester, faculty within their respective department serve as their academic advisor. For students who are still deciding, a member of student success serves as their advisor.

Academic Support for Transfers, Still Deciding Majors, and Student-Athletes: Responsible for an additional layer of academic support for students who are transfers, still deciding on a major, and Division 1 NCAA student-athletes.

Care and Concern Management: Create a network of support for students who are academically at-risk or are experiencing any challenges during their pursuit of their educational goals.

Career Development

The Career Development team assists students with their career goals through strategic partnerships with employers and our Canisius faculty.