Pre-Major Student Support Program
School of Education, Health & Human Performance
Fairmont State University
What is Destination Education?

Designed to address *academic, social* and *emotional* issues students face in their college experience.

Focused on the freshman and sophomore years.

Based on “intentionally walking” prospective students to and through their college experience.
The Problem and the Strategy

The Problem: Students Losing Opportunities

- Challenges for first generation college goers
- The transition to and through college
- 1 in 12

The Strategy: Destination Education

- Recruit, support and retain SoEHHP program candidates in the transition to college and in the pre-major stage
- Increase the number of students in SoEHHP pre-major who enter and complete academic majors and certification
The Journey to Success

Destination Education supports SoEHHP faculty, staff and current students in:

- Creating a sense of community in the SoEHHP
- Embracing a holistic approach to working with pre-majors
- Establishing strong paths of communication
- Engaging in “intentional interactions” that promote student success
- Supporting the total college student experience
FINDING DIRECTION -- Pre-College Initiatives

Strategies and intentional interactions

- Individual department visits
- Academic Exploration Days
- Summer high school-to-college bridge programs including
  - Wilderness Explorer
  - EXPORE FSU
  - Future Teachers Academy
- Summer Orientation Days
- Trail Guides
ESTABLISHING A BEARING

Providing ongoing faculty and staff support through

- Faculty workshops & informational meetings on advising, mentoring and student support
- Task force meetings focusing on the quality of the student experience in the SoEHHP
- Regular attendance at program meetings for Education and Health &Human Performance
- Identifying students in crisis: intervene, refocus, re-engage
- Social networking for advising and program information exchanges
TRUE NORTH -- Pointing the Way

Structural supports

- Destination Education Center Program Office
- Education Welcome Weekend and Town Hall meetings
- Student centered advising
- In-class presentations
- Information sessions on application processes, including CORE, Early Field Experiences, Admissions Portfolio
- Campus-wide collaboration with student services
Supporting Resources

- Director of Destination Education is a full-time professional position funded by the SoEHHP
- Database on all SoEHHP pre-majors, beginning with admission to the University
- Designated student support/office space
- Wilderness Explorer support
- Faculty research support
- PDS Partnership Office connections for the Early Field Experience
Challenges During Implementation

- Buy-in from faculty, staff and students
- Shifting from “scheduling” to mentoring, and seeing the student experience as a collective responsibility
- Shifting from “do it for me” to capacity building and shared agency
- Success has led to greater demand for support
  - The Director manages a high volume of “traffic”
Results and Outcomes So Far

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