Center for Student Engagement

Vision
Guide and support individuals in becoming their best possible selves

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Mission
We transform the student experience and empower students to become active and engaged global citizens and leaders.

Goals and Priorities, 2015-2020

Leadership
- Provide students with the theoretical foundations of leadership
- Facilitate opportunities to apply leadership theories in practice
- Empower students to develop their leadership through reflection and practice

Priorities
- Advance residential engagement practices of full-time and student staff by enhancing our supervision and leadership practices and providing developmental experiences, support, and resources.—Residential Engagement
- To become a campus model of collaborative leadership.—Mount Vernon, Community Support and Leadership, and Student Involvement and Greek Life
- Create a centralized method and pathway through which CSE teaches leadership development for GW undergraduate students.—Community Support and Leadership

Advising
- Provide students with resources to navigate the logistical and procedural aspects of the college experience
- Create and develop high quality, sustained relationships with students
- Empower students’ growth and development by helping them make meaning from both challenges and successes

Priorities
- Enhance the value that our diverse affinity, thematic, and other specialized living communities bring to our residential population.—Residential Engagement
- Foster an environment for sustainable growth and development of student organizations.—Student Involvement and Greek Life
- Develop skills, knowledge, and abilities for students and organizations to be successful and recognizing those successes in a meaningful way.—Student Involvement and Greek Life
Community

- Provide the environment and structure to support students in finding their niche and home at GW
- Facilitate the exploration and development of students’ individual identities
- Empower students to experience and refine what it means for them to be active and engaged citizens

Priorities

- Cultivate meaningful relationships with our residents and foster and promote the physical, social, and educational environments in the residence halls. – Residential Engagement
- Foster an inclusive environment that respects different points of view by encouraging intellectual curiosity, resourcefulness, and community. – Mount Vernon
- To enhance student experiences by creating a student focused atmosphere that takes advantage of the unique landscape of the campus thereby building a lasting campus identity. – Mount Vernon
- Support the retention of students by designing and implementing programs focusing on integration, community building and skill development. – Community Support and Leadership
- Create and develop a dynamic environment that encourages student involvement, learning, and community development. – Student Involvement and Greek Life

Departmental Excellence

- Establish, maintain, and reinforce expectations that are clear and motivating
- Provide comprehensive support and resources to ensure the success of all CSE team members
- Trust CSE team members to approach their roles with the best of intentions and to strive for success
- Be at our best operationally, philosophically, and in performance of our responsibilities

Priorities

- Advance residential engagement practices of full-time and student staff by enhancing our supervision practices and providing developmental experiences, support, and resources. – Residential Engagement
- Foster an environment that supports lifelong learning and become a catalyst for exploration in leadership, technology and advocacy. – Mount Vernon
- Create a culture of continuous assessment and reflection. – Community Support and Leadership
- Review every program through the lens of diversity and inclusion to ensure equitable opportunity in our work. – Community Support and Leadership