



## OCC Faculty Support for Student Life

From decades of research on student success, and our own experiences with students inside and outside of the classroom, here is what we know: Students who remain on campus longer, participating in learning and development activities outside of the classroom, succeed in their classes at a higher rate, graduate from their programs at a higher rate, transfer at a higher rate, persist in and graduate from four-year schools at a higher rate, and eventually enter the workforce more successfully.

The Student Life initiative is not just about activities planning—though that’s important. It’s about human development. It’s about *engaging* our students; learning more about what their needs are as learners, as job seekers, and as people in our community, and doing what we can to help meet those needs as a college—and to do all that successfully, we need the help of our students’ single most important point of contact with the college: OCC faculty.

Here are a few of the many ways you can get involved in—and help promote—Student Life at OCC:

- Attend Student Life events.
- Serve as a student organization advisor.
- Offer extra credit in your classes to encourage student participation in events that relate to what you teach.
- Add a Service Learning component or option to your classes (resources are available to OCC faculty through Michigan Campus Compact at [www.micampuscompact.org](http://www.micampuscompact.org)).
- Create a Student Life activity related to what you teach for your campus (resources are available for faculty through campus Student Life budgets and the annual call for Student Life Fundable Proposals.)
- Distribute Student Life promotional material in your classes.
- Make announcements about selected Student Life events in your classes.
- Attend your campus Student Life Committee meetings (or share your ideas with your campus committee members.)
- Attend the Collegewide Student Life Committee meetings.
- Offer extra credit for students who participate in Service Learning or Community Volunteer activities.
- Share OCC Student Life event information with your family, friends and neighbors.