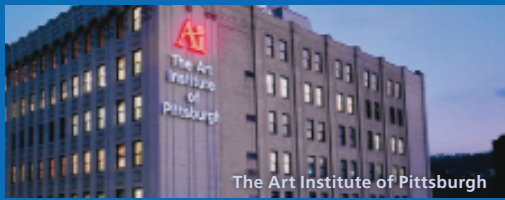


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NEWSLETTER



The Art Institute of Pittsburgh



Argosy University, Twin Cities



South University, Savannah Campus

Opening Thoughts and Comments

With the New Year comes a time of new beginnings, a time when many of us take stock and make resolutions to be the best we can be. These promises to ourselves impact our own lives as well as the lives of others. I see this impact in the Advising Department. Advisors have tremendous opportunity, every day, to help our students meet their goals, keep their resolutions, and stay on the path to a better life.

For Sam Crossley, South University Academic Advisor, these are words to live by. One of her Nursing students faces tremendous obstacles to achieving her degree. A physical disability left her unable to practice as an RN, so she began pursuing a Bachelor's degree with the goal to become a nurse educator. Because she must be at home to care for her disabled son, online classes were critical to her success.

In October 2008, the student withdrew from classes for personal reasons — among them, the belief that she could not proceed because she lacked some prerequisite coursework. Sam and the Re-Entry team worked with her to rearrange her coursework, postponing the need for on-campus attendance. She re-enrolled in South University and is working diligently to achieve her goals and dreams.

Sam remembers the importance of the student's initial phone call. It may have been one in a hundred in Sam's day, but it was the one call that mattered to the student.

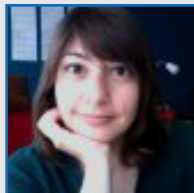
The truth is, it's not only advisors who affect our students' lives. We are all here for our students, and the choices we make in our work can have a significant impact. I encourage all of us at OHE to seize the profound opportunities that each of us has, every day, to make a difference for our students.



Jeffrey Lawson
Director,
Academic Advising

OUR STUDENTS

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Online Division



Amaline Bassetti
BS in Graphic Design

SAN FRANCISCO, CA
The success of her friend, an AIPOD graduate, gave

Amaline Bassetti the motivation to begin our Graphic Design program in the fall of 2007. "I have always wanted a creative career but could not afford to quit my full-time job to go back to school. AIPOD allows me to pursue my degree in the evenings and on weekends." Bassetti, who has an oil painting and photography background, works as an administrative assistant in downtown San Francisco. She told us, "I am grateful to have this job so I can afford taking classes while living in my favorite city."

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Amy Gates
Business Admin.

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VA
When Amy Gates began Bachelor's degree coursework in

April 2007, it was a big step toward fulfilling a dream. "Obtaining a degree has always been a personal goal, but finding the best option as a military wife was more difficult. South's flexible, mobile, accelerated program has been a perfect choice for my lifestyle." Amy also appreciates the SUO support system. "The guidance from the academic advisors and financial department has been superior. I could not brag enough about the programs SUO offers and the overall positive experience I have had."

ARGOSY UNIVERSITY
Online Programs



Alessandra Sax-Lane
Counseling Psychology EdD

ATHENS, GREECE
A licensed psychotherapist and elementary

school counselor at the American Community of Schools in Athens, Greece, Alessandra began her doctoral studies in October 2007. Alessandra tells us, "Having the opportunity to study from my home while living abroad has been an especially exciting aspect of the AUO learning experience." She credits Argosy's flexibility with helping her to achieve a healthy equilibrium. "I have been given the opportunity to help individuals grow and make changes in their lives for the better. Expanding on my knowledge and education can only aid in my professional development."