The Griff Center for Student Success is a mission-driven center dedicated to Cura Personalis, supporting students from orientation through graduation.

The Griff Center provides comprehensive programs, services, and resources to ensure student academic and career success. We are 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: 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.

We are here to support student success at Canisius. If you have any questions about the Griff Center, please let us know!

Dr. Mark Harrington
Assistant Vice President, Student Success

Jennifer Herrmann
Associate Dean, Student Success

Academic Achievement
Old Main 013 | 716-888-2170

Career Development
Horan O'Donnell 014 | 716-888-2174

Support Services
Old Main 3rd Floor | 716-888-2485

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Sharon Sicignano
Administrative Associate
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 an 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.

- **Advisement 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-athlete.

- **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.

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**Meet the Academic Achievement Team**

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Career Development Team is responsible for assisting students with their career goals through strategic partnerships with our Canisius faculty and employers. This team supports our students through career coaching, alumni connections, on campus recruitment, and career events. The Career Development Team provides the following services to students:

- **Career Services and Internship Opportunities**: Available for all students who are seeking assistance in developing their career paths, as well as seeking internship opportunities that will link their classroom experiences to the workplace. Students are able to practice their interview skills with a team member in the Griff Center and can stop by the Career Development Suite any Wednesday throughout the academic year to get their resume reviewed.

- **Handshake**: Canisius’ exclusive on-line job board available to all students and alumni. To access full-time and part-time employment postings as well as internship opportunities on Handshake, go to canisius.joinhandshake.com.

- **Alumni Career Services**: As a benefit of being a graduate of Canisius, alumni can utilize the services of the Career Development team to assist in the job search process at any time.

MEET THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT TEAM

**Eileen Abbatoy**  
Senior Associate Director  
-Career Coach (Freshmen & Alumni)  
-Deans & Faculty Liaison  
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-Career Coach (Seniors & Grad Students)  
-Employer Relations  
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-Career Coach (Sophomores & Juniors)  
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The Support Services Team offers individualized support to student success at Canisius through the following services:

- **Study Center (OM 311):** An area where students can focus on their work in a quiet environment.
- **Tutoring Center (OM 315):** Tutors are available in various academic disciplines to help address student needs.
- **Student Accessibility Services (OM 317):** Canisius is committed to creating equal access for all students with disabilities and we provide reasonable accommodations for registered individuals (permanent or temporary).
- **Testing Center (OM 317):** Oversight of proctoring of academic accommodations and make-up exams.
- **Scuba Zone: Academic Mentoring Center (OM 318):** Meet regularly with a mentor to reach your academic goals.
- **Veteran Resource Center (OM 320):** The Veteran Resource Center is a comfortable space where our veterans can study and relax in-between classes. The Griff Center supports our veterans through various programs and services.

**Meet the Support Services Team**

**Sierra Bonerb**
Associate Director
-Academic Coach
-Student Accessibility Services
-Veteran Support Services

**Monika McFoy**
Assistant Director
-Academic Coach
-Tutoring Center & Study Center
-Academic Success Workshops

**Angela Bufalino**
Coordinator
-Academic Coach
-Academic Mentoring Program
-Student Accessibility Services

**Location:** Old Main 3rd Floor
**Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30am - 5pm
**Tutoring and Study Center Hours:** Sun: 6-9pm; M-Thur: 11am - 9pm; F: 11am - 2pm