Student Success, Engagement, and Equity Team (SSEE)

SSEE Purpose Statement
The SSEE Team will work collaboratively to empower our students to become innovative, transformational and well rounded healthcare professionals. We will approach our work with an equity and growth mindset.

SSEE Learning Outcomes
1. Students should be able to apply skills to interact and be in community with those from different backgrounds.
2. Students should be able to formulate critical thinking skills
3. Students should be able to integrate community and campus engagement opportunities.
4. Students should be able to demonstrate the characteristics of a well-rounded student.

SSEE Student Desk: 507-258-8457

Assistant Vice Chancellor

Javier Gutierrez
He/Him/His
EdD Educational Leadership
Senior Leadership

The Assistant Vice Chancellor (AVC) for Student Success, Engagement, and Equity (SSEE) serves as a collaborative, engaged leader of the innovative University of Minnesota Rochester (UMR) student development team, focused on student diversity, inclusion, equity, retention, engagement and well-being.
**Administrative Associate For Student Services**

**Emiko Walker**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
MA in Human Resources Development

The Administrative Associate for Student Services, manages and supports the daily and strategic operations of the SSEE area, including support of student financial aid/One Stop at the University of Minnesota Rochester (UMR).

The Administrative Associate provides executive level coordination and student-centered support, acting as the “front door” into the SSEE area.

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**Counseling Services**

**Betsy Bateman, LP**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
Director of Counseling Services, Mental Health Counselor and Licensed Psychologist  
[Counseling Services](#)

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**Boonmee McElroy, MSW, LICSW**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
Mental Health Counselor  
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### Disability Services

**Jeff Baier**  
He/Him/His  
Disability Resources

The Disability Resource Coordinator provides support to all students on the UMR campus. Responsibilities include discussing and providing accommodations for students with disabilities, consulting with faculty on best practices and providing input from an accessibility perspective.

### Health Professions Program

**Lourdes Irizarry**  
She/Her/Hers  
MA Counseling Psychology  
PhD Educational Policy and Administration  
Higher Education  
Bachelor of Science in Health Professions

The Health Professions (HP) Program Coordinator supports UMR students pursuing the Health Professions major, an educational collaboration between the University of Minnesota Rochester (UMR) and Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences (MCSHS).

The HP Program Coordinator recruits students and provides guidance during the application process. As well as coordinates program events, oversees the HP mentoring program, provides academic, career and life coaching support and teaches the Career Development course structured to prepare UMR Health Sciences students who plan to apply to the Health Professions program.

### Health & Wellness

**Kris Barry**  
She/Her/Hers  
MA in Human Resources Development  
Health, Wellness and Recreation

The Director of Health and Wellness is the driving force for all things wellness for the UMR campus. The director provides programming for students, faculty and staff that provide opportunities to explore topics around well-being and self-care. As Director of Health and Wellness, they oversee the Healthy Living Learning Community and the strategic plan for preventing sexual misconduct on campus. Other priorities within this role include managing the Food Priority team, Intramurals and Student Health Services.
### Intercultural Initiatives

**Sharonda Pugh**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
MA in Education  

The Intercultural Initiatives Coordinator serves undergraduate students to provide specific expertise to support intercultural student life initiatives. The specific initiatives this coach coordinates, with a collaborative group of students, staff and faculty, include developing UMR's Intercultural Student Center space and programing, providing mentoring and support for UMR's BIPOC students and partnering with the Diversity and Inclusion (DEI) committee for DEI programming and initiatives.

### Internships & Strategic Partners

**Jabra Kawas**  
*He/Him/His*  
MBA Finance and Strategic Leadership  

The Director of Internships and Strategic Partners involves developing and supporting student internships and other work-based learning opportunities including employer relations with strategic partners.  

This individual manages career events, including career fairs, career exploration panels and networking events.

### Residential Life

**Mariah Peterson**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
MEd in Counseling and Human Development with a Specialization in Student Affairs  

The Residential Life Director manages on-campus living in all residential buildings (318 Commons, Student Life Center and Residence at Discovery Square). This role oversees housing policies and procedures, residential programming and events, Resident Assistant (RA) training and supervision, 318 Desk Assistant (DA) training and supervision and facilitates the move-in/move-out process.

**Bre Freecheck**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
BA  

The Assistant Community Life Director manages the residential portion of the Student Life Center and assists the director of residential life. This role oversees supervises the Resident Assistants (RA).
# Student Activities

**Asmita KC**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
**Student Involvement**

The Student Activities Coordinator is involved in developing and managing experiences for students. They oversee Rochester Student Association (student government) and the functioning of clubs and organizations on campus. They also manage the Global Connections Living Learning Community through recruitment, event planning and community building.

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## Community Engagement & Career Development

**Jenny Casper**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
**MA in Higher Education/International Education**  
**Career Development Resources**

The Director of Community Engagement and Career Development is the link between students and employers/community partners. The Community Engagement & Career Development Director fosters relationships to create experiential learning opportunities (employment, mentorship programs, volunteer experiences, community engagement and off-campus research).

# Student Success Coaches

**Jenn Hooke**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
**Interim Director of Student Success Coaches**  
**MSEd in Student Affairs Administration**  
**Student Success Coaches**

Supports students from matriculation to graduation, providing academic advising and pre-health and career coaching. Supports students enrolled in the PA Assurance program. Teaches CLI 2713 and CLI 3714. Advises Pre-Professional Careers Club. Representative on the system Pre-Health Student Resource Center work group.
| **Anna Ribikawskis**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
**Senior Student Success Coach**  
MSED in Counseling and Student Personnel | Supports students from matriculation to graduation, providing academic advising and pre-health and career coaching. |
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| **E. Fowziyyah Ali**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
**Student Success Coach and Coordinator for Health CORE**  
DHEd: Doctorate in Health Education  
CHES: Certified Health Education Specialist | As a Student Success Coach for Health CORE, Dr. Ali provides services in academic advising, pre-health advising and career coaching to students within the Health CORE Living Learning Community. |
| **Lainey Brottem**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
**Student Success Coach**  
PhD Higher Education and Student Affairs Leadership | Supports students from matriculation to graduation, providing academic advising and pre-health and career coaching. |
| **Elizabeth “Betsy” Stolz**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
**Student Success Coach**  
MFA in Forensics  
MS Educational Leadership | Supports students from matriculation to graduation, providing academic advising and pre-health and career coaching. |
| **Bridget Tetteh-Batsa**  
*She/Her/Hers*  
**Student Success Coach/NXT Gen Med**  
PhD English  
[Student Success Coaches](#) | Supports students from matriculation to graduation, providing academic advising and pre-health and career coaching for NXT GEN MED students. |
| **Alan Thompson**  
*He/Him/His*  
**Student Success Coach**  
MS Counseling and Student Personnel  
[Student Success Coaches](#) | Supports students from matriculation to graduation, providing academic advising and pre-health and career coaching. |