

Dear Panthers (aka TC3 Students):

As I step into my role as Dean of Student Life at TC3, I want to welcome you and tell you how excited I am to begin another new year. We have countless programs and services available to you, and I hope you will take advantage of many of these opportunities. I would like to highlight three:

1. Our new Wellness Council
2. The Panther Passport Program
3. An informal advisory group of students to help me (and build your resume).

One focus we'll have this year is on the wellness of the College community. TC3 students have said their decisions regarding health and wellness issues frequently affect their academic performance. We are starting a new Wellness Council for students, staff, and faculty to come together to discuss and design how we can support the health and wellness of our community. If you would like to participate on this council, please let me know.

We will also have the Panther Passport Program, which will provide many opportunities to explore and develop your skills as a student, help you get connected to other students and staff, develop leadership skills, and learn how to change the world. Student Activities; Counseling, Career, and Transfer Services; Athletics and Recreation; the Health Center; Multicultural Services; and many other staff members will be involved in this varied, challenging, and rewarding endeavor. Get involved in the pieces that sound great to you and that help keep you balanced intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically.

Lastly, I am looking for a group of students to meet with me as an informal advisory group. We will meet about every two weeks. I'll provide the snacks, and you give me a reality check. Fill me in on what issues you think students are facing, as well as what can I do to support students' success and positive experience at TC3. You don't have to represent all students' ideas, just share yours with me. I'm hoping to get a diverse group of students: different ages, from different places, residential, commuters, etc. If you are interested or would like more information, please stop by my office, room 218, and let me know.

Again, welcome to the 2011-12 academic year. Let's all focus on our strengths, work hard to support our own and each others' success, and have fun doing it.

With Panther PRIDE,

Amy Trueman
Dean of Student Life

Maximizer, Arranger, Significance, Focus, Input

