

WORK TEAM NUMBER:

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Enhancing the First- and Second-Year Student Experience

This team will create and promote resources that meet the needs of students, advisors, and instructors in first- and second-year courses. We aim to increase student resilience and retention through intentional community building and expanded networks of support.

Goals, Timelines, and Outputs

Goal 1: Help instructors build classroom community in introductory (100 & 200-level) courses

- Timeline for action: January 2025 – August 2025
- Outputs: Guidance on classroom community building strategies for instructors; professional development sessions at our May and August conferences; peer support guidelines that help students serve as resources to each other

Goal 2: Connect students with support systems through a Coordinated Care Model of interaction between students, instructors, professional advisors, and student support services

- Timeline for action: August 2025 – October 2025
- Outputs: Communication templates for outreach to students who may need support; training sessions/documentation to help instructors engage campus support systems; expectations, incentives, tools, and best practices for progress reporting

Goal 3: Develop a Peer Mentoring System that connects Y1Y2 students with relevant peers

- Timeline for action: October 2025 – December 2025
- Outputs: Summary of current peer mentoring initiatives on campus; evidence-based guidance for programs or colleges looking to start peer mentoring initiatives; proposal for investing in and expanding university-level peer mentoring

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