Title: Project My Story Student-to-Student Success Series

Responsible Unit: Center for Education and Global Strategy

The Project My Story Student-to-Student Success Series is a collection of panel discussions where students from all over the world and from various disciplines share their academic journeys and tools for success. The series addresses common academic integration challenges experienced, most especially by international, transfer, and first generation students. By mitigating the culture shock of their new journey at UAlbany and creating yet another forum where students can form meaningful relationships, we hope to improve student persistence, year-to-year retention, and graduation. The meetings are open to all students.

This series will be co-facilitated by the Center for International Education and Global Strategy and A-Plus Tutoring and Academic Support.

The topics for 2019-2020 include: “Adjusting to a New Academic Culture”; “How UAlbany became a Home Away From Home”; “Learning to Listen and Take Notes in a New Way”; “Donut’ Stress Event – Sharing Stress Management Techniques”; “Navigating Group Projects and Presentations”; “My Research Experience at UAlbany”; “The Value of Finding and Utilizing Mentors”; “Lessons from My Class Presentations”; “Communicating with Faculty and Instructors”; “What I Continue to Learn about Research Writing”; and “Preparing for Graduate Study.” We will revise the Spring 2020 meeting topics based on feedback from attendees. Each meeting will include a five-minute public service announcement where representatives from academic affairs and student affairs speak about student services related to the respective topics. Every semester, the series will conclude with a social event, during which we will recognize frequent attendees and those students who elected to share how the series has affected their academic success.