



I hope that your semester is off to a great start! As we settle into our classroom routines, I want to share some of the resources MCC offers to promote student success and assist with behavior concerns. As you know, it is often the obstacles and hurdles that students bring to the classroom that can prevent them from completing courses. Understanding and addressing these obstacles can create a harmonious classroom as well as foster greater student success.

MCC has a wonderful **Student Affairs team** ready to support you in these efforts! Below are just some of the resources we have available:

- **Disability Support Services:** provides all faculty and staff with information, strategies, support and training to assist students of varying abilities in the classroom. Please do not hesitate to contact Disability Support Services for help and consultation. Visit the Support Services webpage: <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/disabilityservices/facinfo.aspx> for staff listings and examples of typical accommodations, "do's and don'ts" from Disability Support, a sample syllabus statement, an important message to faculty with a link to a sample accommodation form, test accommodations communication form, test taking guidelines, as well as the note-taking accommodation process.
- **Personal Counseling:** Visit the Personal Counseling and Consultation page for information on services offered: <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/personalcounseling/>. Some of the issues students discuss with a counselor include depression, anxiety, stress, relationship issues or family concerns.
- **Student Behavior Support Services:** If a student's behavior is disruptive to the learning environment, a student behavior incident occurs. For all incidents and questions related to student behavior, access the "For Faculty/Staff" tab on the **Dean of Students website:** <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/deanofstudents/default.aspx>
- **Professional Development:** The Dean of Students Office sponsors a variety of trainings each semester in collaboration with the Office of Professional Development. Please see the information below about an upcoming workshop:

***Dealing with Distressing, Disruptive, and Disturbing Student Behavior:  
Prevention, Intervention, and Emergency Strategies***

Lowell Courtroom: Monday, October 5th, 2:00-3:30pm

Bedford TLRC: Wednesday, October 21st, 2:00-3:30pm

with

Susan Woods, Associate Dean, Student Support Services

Lynn Gregory, Personal Counselor & Consultant

**Contact Wendy Khadjikian to sign up: [khadjikianw@Middlesex.mass.edu](mailto:khadjikianw@Middlesex.mass.edu)**

For more information regarding student support services, visit the **Student Success and Behavior link** on **Adjunct Junction**: [www.middlesex.mass.edu/adjunctjunction](http://www.middlesex.mass.edu/adjunctjunction)

Also, if there are any lingering questions regarding HR or other logistics, including parking, office space, policies and procedures for cancelling class, please visit the HR/Expectations of Adjuncts Tab on [www.middlesex.mass.edu/adjunctjunction](http://www.middlesex.mass.edu/adjunctjunction) or email me with questions: [bakerk@middlesex.mass.edu](mailto:bakerk@middlesex.mass.edu).

Thanks to all who completed the **MCC Part-Time Faculty Survey**. We appreciate it! If you haven't yet, please take 15-20 minutes to fill it out by September 30th. We want to hear from you!

Best,

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