



FACULTY FOCUS

Enhancing Academic Motivation

Research shows that dispositions toward being academically successful can influence a learner's acquisition, synthesis, and application of new knowledge. There are also a number of resources highlighting how interventions can influence students' academic motivation. Student Affairs provides a number of services to enhance academic motivation and mitigate challenges and crises for students. Three service categories to highlight include:

- **Care and Concern Services:** Our case manager for the Office of Student Accountability, Outreach and Support is here to help students who are in need of extra care and concern as well as strengthen their academic motivation. The case manager also oversees our Tiger Pantry which helps alleviate food insecurity for students. Additionally, our Tigers Fight Hunger campaign has launched. Please encourage students to contribute meals to support this initiative. Our colleagues in the School of Health Studies also aim to end world hunger and will be hosting its Rise Against Hunger event on April 4.
- **Wellness Services:** Student Health and Counseling services as well as Campus Recreation and Intramural Services are available to help students clear their mind, focus on their well-being and increase their academic motivation.
- **Inclusion and Diversity Focused Services:** When students feel marginalized due to their identities, they are likely to have difficulty focusing on their academic goals. We have a number of services in our Office of Multicultural Affairs and Student Leadership and Involvement to help students find an affinity group in which they can find academic support and encouragement from peers.