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# ADVISING MONTHLY



## Crucial Adviser Corner

*\*Advisers are crucial to our mission and success*

### Customer Reviews

Faculty Adviser by Detroit Mercy

Cost: \$\$ priceless \$\$ + free shipping

#### Average Customer Review



Most helpful customer reviews:

My faculty adviser has the best candy bowl in her office.

I am so impressed that my adviser agreed to let me text her questions about registration.

I know my adviser cares and wants me to graduate but sometimes I find him to be challenging because he doesn't want me to skip classes or fail- I'm an adult but I guess he's right.

I love it when my adviser makes me double-check my own degree evaluation in Titan Connect said no one ever. LOL

My adviser walked me over to the Wellness Center when I was having a tough time with my roommate and needed to talk. It was helpful because I might not have done that on my own.

## NUTS & BOLTS



### Commencement 2018

Commencement 2018 is fast approaching. If you or your advisees have any questions regarding Commencement, please visit:

<http://udmercy.edu/current-students/commencement>

If there is anything you'd like to know that is not answered at this website, feel free to contact the Office of the Registrar at (313) 993-3313

### Degree Evaluation Reports

Do you have an advisee that is preparing for graduation at the end of this term or this upcoming summer? Have you taken a look at their degree evaluation report to make sure that everything is in order? This report typically has to be cleaned up prior to certifying a student's degree. It is intended to be an accurate projection of a student's progress toward graduation.

## Spotlight

*\*Innovation and Inspiration*

### IDS Pro Tip:

**Use a Blackboard Course to Streamline your Advising Process**

Most people think of a Blackboard course as something used to teach online or collect assignments, but many programs and people use Blackboard courses to streamline non-teaching work as well. IDS has helped set up courses for advisers looking to communicate with their students and store files, programs wanting to archive work for accreditation, and has even set up courses for groups for individuals who are traveling together for University business.

There are several advantages to using a Blackboard course for advising:

- Use the announcements feature to send out email communication to all of your advisees at once...and keep a record of all sent announcements so students know where to reference them!
- Upload and organize important documents that advisees may need to access
- Collect documents from your students using the assignment or file submission tools
- Enroll and unenroll students from the blackboard course shell on your own to keep your advising pool current and up-to-date

It's really easy to get this set up and started – all you have to do contact IDS at 313-578-0580 or [ids@udmercy.edu](mailto:ids@udmercy.edu) so that we can create an advising course for you! We'll also support you as you upload files, get your advising list plugged in, and organize your advising Blackboard site.

- Elizabeth Royal, Instructional Designer

### Upcoming Dates

**March 5-10**  
Spring Break

**March 12**  
Advising Week

**March 19**  
Fall Registration

**March 29**  
Last Day to Withdraw  
(full semester)

**March 25**  
Honors Convocation

**March 30 – Apr 1**  
Easter Recess

