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A Newsletter From The Provost's Office



Dr. Thomas Norman, Vice Provost, Workforce Programs

## FSW Career Development Update!

I am very pleased to inform you that we have selected Dr. Angelette Arias as FSW's first Director of Career Services and Internship Programs. Angelette starts her work with us today and will be our Founding



Director of the FSW Career Services Center.

Dr. Arias is a native Floridian and long-term area resident. We are elated to have her to join our team! One of Dr. Arias's favorite quotes is, "Be ashamed to die, unless you have done something to serve humanity!"

With that spirit in mind, she will be committed to ensuring FSW students discover new and expanded career directions and collaborate in building employment focused professional business relationships.

The program she will be leading is designed to complement current student advising, career counseling and guided pathways initiatives as well as collaborate in expanding our internship and placement activities.

The purpose of the center is to develop enhanced opportunities to provide students with greater career information and experiential learning and placement activities.

This position is supported through generous grant from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation.

Designed to increase the amount of career resources and placement activities available for FSW students, the director will be interacting with many FSW team members to bring this vision forward.

Dr. Arias brings a wealth of experience, energy and community connections to the position. Many of you already know her from her work with Human Resources and the Title IX program.

I want to thank our initial search committee members for their hard work and efforts. A follow-up internal search committee team included Dr. McClinton Associate Dean Baker and myself.

Stay tuned for more

information on our progress and an invitation for the Career Center's grand opening.

FSW is positioned to grow our capability in helping students more broadly understand their career goals and develop new avenues toward employment.

Our College has an amazing array of programs and services that contribute to our student's sense of their future career potential.

As an educational institution committed to "Dedicate to Graduate", FSW sponsored career services will augment current activities and develop new approaches in helping achieve career



success.

Projected services will build upon existing and developing new formal relationships with a range of area employers and workforce intermediaries.

In addition, there will be a focus on career programming outreach and marketing including seminars, workshops and career fairs.

One of the things we learned from the pandemic was just how effective we can be in delivering FSW programs and services using existing technology.

Coupled with the use of technology we also intend to emphasize individualized services where students can access a wide array of assessments designed to improve student career decision making.

We are also pleased to welcome Nicole (Nikki) Cobb as our new Director of the Cardiovascular Technology program. Originally from a small town located in the upper state of South Carolina, she began her educational and professional advancement journey five years ago which led her and her family to Columbia, SC.



Nikki has worked in cardiac cath labs and endovascular labs for over nine years and has strong clinical background. Nikki graduated from Piedmont Technical College, (Greenwood, S.C.)

Additional study included Cardiovascular Technology training at Ashford (now Arizona University) learning her Bachelors of Arts in Health Education and Masters of Arts in Teaching and Learning with Technology.

She is actively finishing up her Doctorate in Education specializing in Curriculum and Instruction with Capella University. Please join me in welcoming "Nikki" to FSW.



I also want to thank Leslie Vaniga for her great work during the transition and serving as Interim Director and Chair of the Search Committee.



Dr. Thomas Norman is the Vice Provost for Workforce Programs. Currently, he is also serving as Interim Dean for the School of Health Professions. He has a doctorate in Educational Policy Administration from the University of Minnesota with an emphasis on academic and industry partnerships.

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