

# Meet Your New Staff Community Ambassadors!

*Ambassadors are newer (within 2 years) staff working in Advising, Learning Support & Career Services roles across campus. We were in your shoes recently and can help you navigate your new role at UW-Madison. Feel free to reach out to any of us as you settle in to your new role and campus!*

# Get to know...*Alex Seidenstricker (he/him)*

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- Role and Unit
  - Career Advisor & Instructor for The School of Human Ecology (SoHE)
- Advice I have for new staff members
  - Network with other student affairs folks on campus to develop professional relationships! It's a small community, so get to know your neighbors.
- New staff members can come to me for
  - Anything really; questions about career services and navigating campus. If I don't know the answer, I'll point you in the direction of someone who might.
- My favorite spot on campus
  - The School of Human Ecology (I'm biased)
- Hobby or recharge activity
  - Perennial and annual gardening



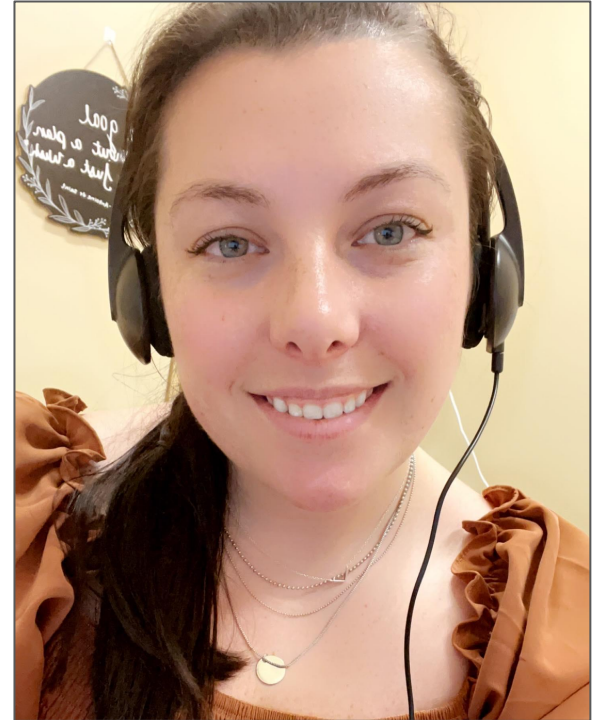
# Get to know...*Claire Minor*

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- Role and Unit
  - Academic Advisor
  - Genetics & Genomics
- Advice I have for new staff members
  - Talk to EVERYONE! That's a fast way to make our big campus feel a lot smaller :)
- New staff members can come to me for
  - Anything and everything, but specifically questions about advising, information about curricular responsibilities, and the best spots to EAT on campus!
- My favorite spot on campus
  - DC Smith Greenhouse (especially in the winter)
- Hobby or recharge activity
  - Bouldering, doing crosswords, and hanging out with my dog, Nori!



# Get to know...*Shyanna Brickson*

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- Role and Unit
  - Academic Advisor
  - Biochemistry and Microbiology Undergraduate Advising Hub
- Advice I have for new staff members
  - Get a clipboard folio- helps you stay organized as you move from place to place
- New staff members can come to me for
  - Navigating CALS & L&S policies (who to contact for what)
- My favorite spot on campus
  - DC Smith Greenhouse
- Hobby or recharge activity
  - New hobby embroidery & recharge activity reading romance books



# Get to know... *Caitlin Farrell Haven*

- Email
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- Role and Unit
  - Assistant Director of Learning Support in the Office of Academic & Career Success (OACS)
  - Oversee Greater University Tutoring Service (GUTS)
- Advice I have for new staff members
  - I'm not sure I have advice, but here's some validation: If you feel like you're faking it in your role, you're in good company - we're all trying to figure it out
- New staff members can come to me for
  - Anything, but I can be most helpful when it comes to navigating the learning support and disability landscapes on campus
- My favorite spot on campus
  - It's cliché, but I love the Terrace at Memorial Union
- Hobby or recharge activity
  - Pickleball, hiking, and group fitness classes
  - Watching UW Volleyball!



# Get to know...*Emma Porterwinkel*

- Email
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- Role and Unit
  - Advising Manager
  - Mercile J. Lee Scholars Program
- Advice I have for new staff members
  - Connect with people across campus over coffee or a sweet treat! A change of scenery while building a connection to make warm referrals for your students will be a bright spot on your calendar!
- New staff members can come to me for
  - Questions about Scholars within the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Educational Achievement
  - A cup of coffee
- My favorite spot on campus
  - Leopolds!
- Hobby or recharge activity
  - I have too many, but my newest is horseback riding!



# Get to know...*Laurin Dodge*

- Email
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- Role and Unit
  - Operations Coordinator, Pre-Professional Advising (Centers for Pre-Health and Pre-Law Advising)
- Advice I have for new staff members
  - Make time/space for self-care amidst all the new processes, networking and learning!
- New staff members can come to me for...
  - A creative brainstorm partner, questions on student employment supervision/ShopUW/P-cards, to take a walk break or grab lunch
- My favorite spot on campus
  - Allen Centennial Garden
- Hobby or recharge activity
  - Dancing, board games



# Get to know...*Alex Sowieja*

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- Role and Unit
  - Academic Advisor
  - School of Human Ecology
- Advice I have for new staff members
  - Embrace the process! There is a lot of information to take in and things to learn about UW Madison, so give yourself the grace to not know it all right away.
- New staff members can come to me for
  - Anything at all! Particularly anything about the School of Human Ecology, but also other campus resources, Madison in general, or if you just want to get a coffee and pick my brain!
- My favorite spot on campus
  - The Memorial Union Terrace - it's the cliché answer for a reason
- Hobby or recharge activity
  - Cheering for Forward Madison, our local professional soccer team
  - Video games, especially fighting games (ask me about Evo!)





# Get to know...*Anthony Turner*

- Email
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- Role and Unit
  - Academic Advisor (School of Business)
  - Admitted/BEL Scholars
  - I also lead F1rst Gen Affinity Groups in the BBA
- Advice I have for new staff members
  - Seek to empower every student, stay informed, embrace continuous growth and embrace self-care.
- New staff members can come to me for
  - All things BBA, if I don't know the answer I can connect you with the right person who does. Always up for coffee and community building
- My favorite spot on campus
  - Terrace @ Memorial Union
- Hobby or recharge activity
  - Swing Dancing, Basketball, Camping, and anything water related.

