



## Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) - COMPASS

### Who:

- COMPASS serves first-time-in-college AA degree-seeking students.

### What:

- COMPASS provides academic coaching and mentoring to help students overcome academic and nonacademic barriers to success.
- Mentoring is provided by volunteer staff and faculty mentors while enrolled in select SLS1122 (Student Life Skills – Managing Your Success) courses.

### Where:

- Academic coaching and mentoring services are housed the Falcon HOPE Center, and within Enrollment Services, and the School of Student Life Skills.

### When:

- Academic Coaches connect with students upon completing their admissions application and continue support throughout the first year.
- Students experience mentoring while enrolled in select SLS1122 (Student Life Skills – Managing Your Success) courses.

### Why:

- By fostering a sense of mattering and belonging, particularly for new, first-time-in-college AA degree-seeking students who may be unsure of available resources and support.
- Our goal is to increase retention, persistence, and belongingness.

### How:

- Academic coaches and mentors help foster a sense of mattering and belonging by developing supportive relationships with students.
- Academic coaches and mentors receive training and resources to assist in guiding students.
- Qualitative and quantitative assessment measures will determine the impact of COMPASS.
- Institutional data, student surveys, mattering and belonging assessments are monitored.
- The QEP aligns with the College's 2024 – 2027 Strategic Plan – Leading the Way, focused on academic excellence, student success, collaborative partnerships, and institutional effectiveness.