

Success Center Executive Team



Sinda Vanderpool

Associate Vice Provost for Academic Enrollment Management

Dr. Sinda Vanderpool works collaboratively with academic leaders across campus to leverage the people, processes, and systems to enhance student success. As an enrollment management and academic affairs professional, Sinda Vanderpool advocates and executes systemic change with measurable results to help the institution flourish. Vanderpool's portfolio includes oversight of the Success Center with comprehensive services such as University Advisement, disabilities services, first gen, transfer, and veterans' services as well as academic support initiatives. Vanderpool holds a Ph.D. from Princeton University and a B.A. from Davidson College in French Literature. Sinda has two sons who are students at Baylor, Jordan-grad and Nathan-undergrad, a new daughter-in-law Annie as well as 12-year-old Kalin still at home with her and her husband of 25 years, Terry.



Chad Eggleston

Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Operations & Advising

Chad Eggleston comes to Baylor from McLennan Community College, where he has served for the last four years as Dean of Arts and Sciences. Prior to joining the administration at MCC, Chad was Provost and Dean of the College at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama, where he had oversight of both academic and student affairs. As an Old Testament professor (Ph.D., Duke University), Chad specializes in prophetic literature, and he is passionate about the Bible's ongoing importance in Christian higher education. He is married to Baylor Religion professor Mandy McMichael and has two children, Cady (13) and Davis (9). When he is not driving his children to various events, he enjoys running and cheering for the Baylor Bears and the Duke Blue Devils (in that order).



Whitney Jones

Senior Director of the Center for Academic Success & Engagement

Whitney Jones joined Baylor University in 2017 as the Associate Director for Orientation in the Department of New Student Programs. She had primary oversight of New Student Orientation for all incoming students, families, and guests. Also, in this role, she oversaw Transfer Welcome Week, Welcome Weekend, and departmental assessment initiatives. Whitney's passions include serving vulnerable populations, helping students discover their calling and vocation, and supporting them to thrive academically and belong to Baylor University. Whitney has one son, Jacob (8). Together they spend time learning interesting facts about the solar system, purchasing plants at the Waco Farmers Market, and having dinner at Chipotle (but only on Fridays).

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Dae Vasek

Director of the Office of Access & Learning Accommodation

Dae Vasek has been at Baylor since 1995. She has her Master of Science in Education from Baylor University. She received her undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University. As the Director of the Office of Access and Learning Accommodation, Dae oversees a staff of professionally trained disability service providers whose primary goal is to promote equal access for students with disabilities.



Steven Fernandez

Director of Student Opportunity & Accessibility Resources

Steven Fernandez currently serves as the Director of SOAR, which focuses on providing resources and programming aimed at supporting Baylor's diverse student population. Steven has over a decade of experience in higher education and holds several volunteer positions at Baylor and in the community. His work focuses on increasing access for first-generation and underrepresented students, and he has been recognized for his outstanding work in supporting students. Prior to coming to Baylor University, Steven served as the Director for the McNair Scholars Program at Florida International University bringing with him a reputation as a strong communicator, mentor, and instructor. Steven holds a Masters in Global Governance and a B.A. in International Relations, Political Science, and Geography. He and his wife Kimberly welcomed the newest addition to their family late last year, their son Max.



Bob Shipp

Director of University Advisement

Bob Shipp has been at Baylor since 2010. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Workforce Education and Development from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, a Master of Science in International Relations from Troy University, a Master of Arts in History from Baylor University, and is awaiting the defense of his dissertation for a PhD in History from the University of Wolverhampton. Bob oversees operations of advising within University Advisement and helps students in academic planning. He is also a member of the Advising Leadership Committee and a number of other committees and working groups as a representative of the advising community and the Success Center. Bob is married to Roberta, office manager for the Aerospace Studies department, and has two daughters and four grandchildren. Bob is a retired United States Air Force officer and enjoys travel and learning.

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