MISSION STATEMENT

Through personalized guidance tailored to the need of individual students, the Academic Opportunity Programs Office recruits, enrolls, and empowers academically under-prepared and economically disadvantaged students to overcome obstacles on their way to becoming informed, ethical, tolerant, self-reliant and socially responsible citizens. We will prepare our students for careers and lives of intellectual, professional, and civic integrity. Our students will be able to draw on reason, experience, and academic preparation to achieve effective solutions to personal, intellectual, professional, and civic problems.

VISION STATEMENT

The Academic Opportunity Programs Office will be recognized as a leader in providing disadvantaged students with the tools necessary to succeed in college. We will offer workshops and supportive services that will help low income, at-risk students gain the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully navigate college. We will continue to recruit, retain, and graduate motivated and determined students from throughout New York State.

GOALS

- to enroll the academically and economically disadvantaged eligible students in competitive programs of study
- to provide the necessary training and supportive services that assist Arthur O. Eve-Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) students to succeed academically at St. John Fisher College
- to engage and retain HEOP students through graduation and assist them in pursuing post-graduate academic studies and/or employment
- to work with secondary education personnel to inform students, faculty and parents of the opportunities available to attend college

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Accountability  Transparency
Collaboration  Innovation
Student Centered  Diversity
Student Success  Proactive

DATA COLLECTION TOOLS AND APPROACHES

The Academic Opportunity Programs Office is committed to a comprehensive assessment strategies using best practices. We will employ a variety of direct and indirect measures including the following:

1. Student development programs evaluations
2. Student satisfaction surveys and individual advisement meetings
3. Prospective student surveys
4. Admission Records (Meeting enrollment goals, and retaining current Program students)
5. Retention Records - Students are making satisfactory academic progress toward graduation, as measured by student transcript
6. HEOP graduate survey will be used to measure student success and plans for graduate study.

USE OF THE EVIDENCE

The AOPO uses the information collected to support changes to recruitment strategies, services, and student development programming. Annual reports are submitted to the College and New York State Education Department.

For further information or questions regarding the AOPO, please contact the Director, Clarence Norman, cnorman@sjfc.edu