

# GENESEO

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Office of the Provost

## Student Retention WIG Update

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Dear Colleagues:

Our commitment to retention is year-round, and this summer the WIG team continues to focus efforts to increase the percentage of first-year, first-time Geneseo students who return for a second year from 86% to 88% by October 2019.

### **Three things we've accomplished in the last month:**

- We expanded training in digital learning as part of our ongoing commitment to improve the quality and range of our online offerings through faculty development. This builds upon the high-impact online teaching workshop offered May 21 with classics scholar and educational technologist Rebecca Frost Davis.
- We completed our WIG scorecard in the Erwin 206 conference room and added more to chart our progress in four key initiatives: Academic Support Services, Curriculum, Professional Development, and Student Health and Well Being. This is work-in-progress – check it out regularly!
- Milne Library held its third annual OER symposium on campus May 20, featuring “lightning talks” from Karleen West (political science and international relations); Doug Baldwin (mathematics); and Lee Pierce (communication) regarding their use of OER with their students and the ways Milne is supporting them. Special thanks to the Milne Open Services Team (Alexis Clifton, Allison Brown, Amanda Wentworth, Jonathan Grunert, Bill Jones, and Ben Rawlins) for leading this initiative.

### **One thing you can do:**

Following a successful pilot program with a cohort of 20 faculty and staff this year, the College will roll out the [Advancing Cultural Competency Certificate](#) (ACCC) to the campus community beginning in fall 2019. The ACCC program is designed to help staff, faculty, and administrators contribute meaningfully to our campus climate where all of our members thrive. ACCC participants will join a sustained Advancing Cultural Competency Learning Community. Details will be forthcoming, but make plans now to participate in 2019-20.

### **“My Geneseo Moment”**

*Amy Baldwin Berry '86 LCSW-R majored in psychology but also completed requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree in voice. She was a member of Geneseo's esteemed Chamber Singers all four years under the direction of Dr. Robert “Doc” Isgro. She earned her Master's in Social*

*Work from the University at Buffalo, and has worked in the community outpatient mental health field for 23 years, including nine in private practice. She currently serves as Utilization Coordinator within the Quality Department for Rochester Regional Health.*

“There are so many wonderful professors at Geneseo but getting into the Chamber Singers absolutely made my experience. I learned so much from “Doc” Isgro; he opened my world to a lot of other music that I hadn’t experienced. He always had a great mixture of kindness and discipline, and I appreciate the many high standards of musical quality that Doc expected from us all. My time in the Chamber Singers – practicing, performing, and touring in 1984 in Poland at the height of the Solidarity Movement – nurtured my love of music as well as the richness of maintaining quality in any kind of effort in life. I’ve been really blessed with the circle of lifelong friends I have who were also Chamber singers.”

All my best,

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