

## Itasca Community College First-Year Student Philosophy

The Itasca Community College faculty and staff believe the first year is critical to the academic success and personal growth of our students. To best serve the unique needs of first-year students, we will:

- give students individual attention in a safe, supportive, and friendly environment
- provide high-quality instruction
- communicate and uphold high academic expectations
- establish positive advising relationships
- support an environment in which students experience and express diverse worldviews
- offer a comprehensive range of activities to enhance learning and personal growth
- encourage students to make connections with others on the campus and in the community
- evaluate the results of our efforts and use them for continuous improvement.

Our commitment is to provide every first-year student with the **best place to start**.