

The Strategic Plan Implementation Teams issue periodic ***We Rise*** **To New Heights** Strategic Plan updates throughout the year. With this, we provide updates on our **5 Bold Goals**.

- Unsurpassed Student Experience
- Contemporary and Distinctive Academics
- **Leading Student Success and Support– Today's update**
- Culture of Care and Belonging
- Operational Strength and Investment



As part of the ***We Rise*** **TO NEW HEIGHTS** Strategic Plan, the original implementation team focused on developing support systems to improve retention and graduation rates. This included:

- Redesign of the freshman orientation, now branded as ROAR days.

- Incorporation of the Student Success Snapshot. This survey includes Protective Factor questions that allow us to identify possible at-risk students and proactively address their needs.
- Implementation of a First-Year Experience (FYE) course to ensure all students are supported during their first semester.
- Incorporation of a peer-mentor model in both ROAR days and FYE.
- Continued development and expansion of Mount Connect for students and faculty, which now includes the new Student Success Plan option.
- Launched the new Retention and Continuation Committee.
- Additional support and follow up for students with poor academic performance.



Student success is a shared responsibility, and every interaction we have with our students has the potential to shape their experience and strengthen their connection to our university. Whether you are teaching in the classroom, offering guidance in an office, greeting students across campus, or supporting them behind the scenes, your work matters. Thank you for the care, encouragement, and dedication you bring each day. Together, we are creating a community where students feel supported, valued, and empowered to persist, achieve their goals, and become proud graduates of our university.



- FitOn Health Step Challenge – August10th – September 1st
- WOW Weekend – August 19th – August 23rd
- Lionpalooza – August 22nd 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- First Day of Class – August 24th

To learn more about upcoming Employee Engagement events click here.

"The strongest communities are built not on judgment, but on grace, understanding, and the belief that every person deserves the opportunity to grow."

-Anonymous