YOUR MSUCOM ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE TEAM:
(HOW THEY WILL INTERACT WITH YOU)

Student Doctors:

A primary mission of the MSUCOM Office of Student Services is to support your academic and personal/professional development. A team of professionals work collaboratively in that effort and you are likely to encounter one or more members of the team during your matriculation. The Academic and Personal/Professional Guidance Team meets on a monthly basis to discuss the status and progress of students who may be struggling with academic challenges and/or personal and professional issues that have an impact on their academic performance and/or professional development as a physician. Individual members of the team may consult with each other and with you as the need arises to provide you with services or referrals to other professionals to maximize your opportunity for success at MSUCOM. If circumstances require a referral to a professional outside the Academic and Personal/Professional Development Team, you will be asked to sign an authorization to release information form so that information regarding your status and reason for referral can be provided to the specialist providing assistance. Such specialists may include psychiatrists, psychologists, or other physicians who can provide you with the assistance you need.

The Academic and Personal/Professional Guidance Team is comprised of the following professionals:

William Falls, PhD, Associate Dean/Student Services. Dr. Falls has administrative responsibility for the Office of Student Services and provides academic, personal/professional advice and guidance to first through fourth year students. falls@msu.edu

Kim Peck, MBA, Director, Academic and Career Guidance. Ms. Peck provides advice and guidance to first through fourth year medical students regarding options and strategies for academic success and career planning and provides referral options as needed. peckkimm@msu.edu

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Celia Guro, PhD, Director of Personal Counseling and Health Promotion. Dr. Guro provides consultation to students who may be experiencing personal challenges that are having a negative impact on academic and professional development. She also is an advisor to students on how to survive and thrive in a challenging medical school environment. guro@msu.edu

John Meulendyk, DO, Personal Counselor at MUC and DMC. Dr. Meulendyk provides personal counseling and referral options as needed to students at MUC and DMC. meulend3@msu.edu

Mangala Sadasivan, PhD, Director of PEAK Learning Center. Dr. Sadasivan provides assistance to students who are failing exams, courses, boards, or struggling with secondary issues that make learning a challenge. sadasiva@msu.edu

A.S. Aniskiewicz, PhD, ABPP. Dr. Aniskiewicz serves as psychological consultant to the Student Services Team. He provides consultation to students who may have a need for psychiatric or psychological services, and facilitates referrals to appropriate professionals for consultation and follow-up treatment as needed. Al.aniskiewicz@ht.msu.edu

Kirsten Waarala, DO, Assistant Dean, Southeastern Michigan, and Advisor DMC Campus. Dr. Waarala provides advice and guidance to first through fourth year medical students regarding options and strategies for academic success and career planning and provides referral options as needed. Kirsten.Waarala@hc.msu.edu

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