Jamie Gibbs: Hello, my name is Jamie Gibbs. I am the Vice President of Student Services.

Michelle Willis: And I am Michelle Willis, Vice President of Instructional Services.

At the core of what we do is academic excellence and student success.

I am responsible for the overall operation of the Instructional Division. I work closely with faculty and instructional staff to provide high quality programs, and rigorous and engaging learning environments to help you succeed in achieving your career and educational goals.

How do we accomplish these goals?

We hire faculty with the educational credentials needed to teach in their areas, but we look for faculty with real-world experience who can incorporate hands-on activities to the class. For example, in an allied health program, we have faculty who have worked at a hospital or in a doctor’s office.

We equip our labs with the same state of the art equipment and technologies found in the industry.

We provide professional development and training opportunities for faculty to stay abreast of the latest trends and developments in their area of expertise.

Our work is guided by best practices and the advice of program advisory committees comprised of representatives from the communities and employers in the area.

Instructors at PCC serve as academic advisors. You are going to meet them later on in this presentation.

Jamie Gibbs: In the area I supervise, Student Services, we are your center for Student Support. If you are in need of student support, whether you are on campus or take courses remotely, we will point you in the right direction.

From registration to graduation and anywhere in-between, we are here to help. This orientation will introduce you to the services we provide.

Congratulations for taking your first step to a brighter future at Pamlico Community College. We look forward to seeing you cross the stage, and together, we will celebrate your accomplishment.

Michelle Willis: There are multiple ways to ensure your academic success during your time here at PCC. The fact that you are watching this video in and of itself means that you are already well on your way! Enrolling in an Academic Success course during your first semester is another way to ensure success. If you are enrolled in an Associate in Applied Science program, ACA-111 will be the course for you! If you intend to transfer to a university, ACA-122 will be a better fit. As I mentioned before, at PCC your instructors not only teach your classes but serve as academic advisors as well. Your academic advisor will help you with the selection of your classes, will give you advice with classroom issues, and will be your advocate. Your advisor can serve as a reference when you apply for a job or talk to the admissions counselor at the university if you decide to transfer after you finish your studies here. In short, your academic advisor is a good friend to have.

It is time to meet your advisor.