

## **Advising with Pizzazz! Unique Ways to Connect and Build Student Relationships**

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Want to advise with "pizzazz"? Want to know the students you advise? Students want to feel connected with peers and advisors. Research suggests if students feel a sense of belonging to campus, retention increases. Therefore, many institutions create and implement innovative programs for students and advisors.

This session will demonstrate innovative programming the University of Cincinnati (UC) uses during orientation and throughout the first year to increase student retention. One strategy is our "talk show" format that captures students' attention and engagement. We will examine our award winning Cultural Competence workshops that "jazzes up" diversity training for advisors which better connects them with our diverse student body. Time will be allotted for participants to share experiences and innovative programs at their home institutions.