Hello Everyone! Welcome to the start of an exciting semester full of new hopes, ideas, and possibilities. My name is Ruby Sodhi and in my role as the new Director of Jack Holland Student Success Center (JHSSC) in College of Business, I aim to provide a supportive and conducive learning environment for all students. As this semester progresses, you will hear from me regularly about useful news and information from the JHSSC that may assist you in planning your days and weeks at SJSU.

To share a bit about myself, I have been in the higher education profession for over a decade and I have a depth of experience in helping students become better learners and scholars, especially helping those who may be struggling with their academic course work or would like to improve their academic performance. If you would like to identify your learning style or learn more about how to apply best study strategies that really work, now you know who to contact!

Fundamentals of Success
“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”
- Henry Ford
The Importance of Planning

Planning is an important part of any success we achieve in our lives. Having a strategic approach to learning, or anything else we want to accomplish, requires us to sincerely look at what our strengths, challenges, weaknesses, and opportunities are as learners. There was a time in my life when I did know the importance of planning strategically and how it could help me move close to my short-term and long-term goals.

Having said that, I’ve come a long way and learned a lot from the failures as well as the successes along the way. Foremost, I have realized five essentials ingredients (core values) that each one of us should inculcate within us to get the most out of our learning experiences. I truly hope you will consider these and reflect on what kind of learning and development you want to generate through your educational experiences at SJSU.

CORE VALUES

1. Our attitude defines who we become
2. Embracing failure and learning from it
3. Strive to find your inner voice and life’s purpose
4. It’s about “us” and not about just “me”
5. Counting the blessings we all do have

What’s new?

The JHSSC team is looking forward to helping students with their academic needs, advising appointments, and problem-solving student issues and/or concerns. We have two new initiatives starting this fall 2015:

Learning Communities – Frosh students will participate in small cohorts and meet weekly with JHSSC Peer Leaders, fellow students, and others to share and discuss their academic, social, and personal experiences at SJSU. Our hope is to instill in them the core values discussed above, create a sense of belonging, and help them identify strategic approaches to their learning and development.

Online Academic Advising Community – We know it takes a village to raise a child, and in the academic life of higher education students we want to help create clear pathways to university resources and a good understanding of their roles and expectations as Business students. In that spirit, we have created an online advising platform on Canvas for all students to find relevant information about academic advising and other campus resources. I encourage you to look for it on Canvas classes called Online Advising.

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- Write an impressive resume
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  http://www.sjsu.edu/careercenter/students/drop-in-hours/index.html

The Accounting Job & Internship Fair is Coming
September 10, 1 - 4PM, in the Student Union Ballroom

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