

**My early life, surrounded by a family who loved the arts, filled me with the desire to learn new things. It is this love of learning that I try to instill in my advisees. Rather than helping students prepare for the “real world,” I try to help them see that college is their current reality and should be valued in itself. I try to help them find things that they love and then to build a future major, career and life from that basis. It is my desire that my liberal arts students will become cultivated, knowledgeable and imaginative scholars, gaining skills that they will be able to use their whole lives.**

**I once read that “liberal arts graduates are like someone with O-positive type blood -- they have the widest variety of possible matches”. My goal is to make my students aware of this range of possibilities and to help them fit their own interests and abilities into their future plans.**

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