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PERSONAL STATEMENT ON ADVISING

My personal philosophy is that every person has the potential to contribute to making our world a better place. Consequently, my goal as an advisor/mentor is to assist students in achieving this personal and global potential. This is manifested in three main characteristics that I believe are needed for good advising/mentoring: 1) most importantly, having a genuine interest in the success and development of the individual student who is coming to me for advice or mentoring, 2) providing accurate information about course requirements, career choices, or where to find more information during the formal advisement process, and 3) encouraging students to make choices about coursework, internships, further educational opportunities or job opportunities that will assist them in finding a career that will be fulfilling and allow them to contribute their talents, knowledge and skills to solving our world's problems. Some students know exactly what they want; others may take some searching and trial and error before they find the path to the career they want. As their advisor, I try to provide information and support during their decision-making process. During the advising/mentoring processes, there are many times where communication takes place by listening more than by direction.