

For more than 25 years, I have served as an undergraduate advisor. My philosophy for being a good advisor is rather simple. In order to be a good advisor I believe I have to be a good listener. I listen to learn about the student's interests, needs, work schedule and career goals. As I advise my students, I try to provide them with information that will help them meet their career goals and interests. During advising session I try to explain the options and roadblocks the students may run into if certain paths are taken, but I encourage the student to come up with their own solution when it is decision-making time.

In addition to undergraduate advising over the last nine years I have also been coordinator for the BAE Engineering Co-op Program that provides experiential learning opportunities for engineering students. In this capacity I try to match-up students with employer needs and try to help students write proper resumes and talk about interviewing strategies with them. I talk to students about career goals, career interests and then try to match up these goals and interest with potential employers. As in advising, I try to provide them with the best advice that I can give them about engineering employment opportunities while trying to match student skills and interests with that of the employer.

In summary, my philosophy for advising is to be a good listener first, if I listen to my students I will be better able to help them make informed decisions about their own academic and employment future.