



## Office of the First-Year Experience (FYE)

### **Mission Statement**

Lawrence Technological University recognizes that the first year is unique and fundamental to establishing a students' commitment to higher learning. To that end, the University's Office of the First-Year Experience works to ease the transition of first-year students to college life and to support their intellectual and personal growth.

### **Programs**

#### **First Year Advocacy**

The First-Year Experience Coordinator is an advocate for first year students and the liaison for first year students and their parents when they have questions or concerns about the university or academic issues.

#### **Parent Communication**

Parents are an important part of the transition into college. To ensure open communication, we send several letters over the course of the first year to the parents of students under age 21. The letters keep parents informed about campus resources, programs, and important dates on the academic calendar. They also serve as a reminder of the Office of the First-Year Experience as a resource for students and parents.

#### **Mentoring**

Every first year student has a returning Lawrence Tech student as a mentor. Mentors meet the first year students at Discovery, and are in contact with the students throughout their first year.

#### **Advising**

Every first year student is paired with a faculty member for academic advising. The faculty member is available in-person and through an advising Web site.

### **Programs the Office of the First-Year Experience supports**

#### **University Seminar**

It is the first course students take as part of their leadership curriculum. The goal of this course is to integrate our first year students into the Lawrence Tech community and provide them with the skills needed to succeed and develop as responsible students and citizens.

#### **Discovery Days**

This is a fun filled two-day orientation program for first year students. Students meet their classmates, first year mentors, first year advisors, and learn of opportunities to get involved in the campus community.

#### **Orientation and Registration**

This is a one-day event in which first-year students and their parents tour the campus and obtain valuable information. Students complete their registration during this day.