

Metropolitan state appoints dean of students

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Cecilia Stanton, Crystal, was appointed dean of students by President Sue K. Hammersmith. The appointment was effective August 4.

As dean of students, Stanton is responsible for overseeing services and programs to foster student success, including student life and leadership development (orientation, student organizations and governance), TRiO programs, multicultural student and retention services, international student services, veterans, women's and GLBT services, and handling student judicial and disciplinary matters.

Stanton has more than 10 years' experience in student affairs and extensive experience in diversity training and development. She served as interim dean for seven months this year. She came to the university from the Art Institutes of Minnesota, where she was on the faculty. Previously, she was director of faculty diversity and engagement for Capella University, assistant vice president for culture and leadership with Allianz of North America, and assistant dean of students for Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA. She also has a consulting business, Stanton Consulting.

Stanton holds a B.A. in psychology from Bloomfield College, an M.A. in sociology/psychology from Lehigh University, an M.A. in industrial organizational psychology, and is a Ph.D. student in industrial organizational psychology at Capella University.

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