

Lynn Papacostas Ginolfi – Bio-Sketch

For most of my professional and academic career, I have been involved in some way with first generation and low income underrepresented college students. I was myself a product of these programs as an undergraduate at CCSU, where I graduated in 2003 with my Bachelor's in History and English, with a concentration on African studies and writing. During my academic career, I assumed leadership roles in these programs as a peer counselor and head peer counselor from 2000 to 2004. As a co-op student in 2003-2004, I was fortunate enough to work at Aetna's Strategic Staffing/University Relations department, where I gained experience in the corporate world, and also took a leadership role during college fairs, diversity programs, internships and recruiting events. In 2004, I returned to CCSU as an Internship coordinator where I advised students and created programs centered on career development. In April of 2005, I furthered my experience in higher education as a Financial Aid Counselor at Albertus Magnus College. Capitalizing my experience as a student worker in CCSU's financial aid office while an undergraduate, I gained insight into the processes and challenges of the college financial aid system. In January of 2006, I again returned to CCSU as the ConnCap site coordinator. During my time there I was able to build lasting relationships with the New Britain school district, while running the ConnCap staff, advising students and parents, coordinating the intense summer program, and recruit, retain and devise programs for students coming into the program and moving on. It was here that I knew my strengths were in advising and planning, especially with students from a similar background as myself. At the present time, I am fortunate enough to be the Regional Coordinator at the UConn Greater Hartford Campus, where I continue to counsel and support TRIO students and help them navigate through the pipelines of higher education. My staff and I provide resources such as study skills, stress and time management, internships and leadership programs, among others. I am passionate about my work because I have seen the results, not only in myself, but in the many students who have thanked me and credited me with their success. I am proud to be a part of UConn and look forward to the opportunities that await me, and most importantly I look forward to enriching students lives for years to come.