

# McMurry University

## Executive Summary of the Quality Enhancement Plan

### Mindset for Success

The goal of McMurry's Mindset for Success (QEP) is ***to increase student retention at McMurry University by improving the academic success of at-risk students***. This goal directly supports the University's recent efforts focused on improving student success and retention at McMurry. The purpose of Mindset for Success is to enhance student academic performance and subsequent retention through three main types of targeted interventions:

- Frequent grade notifications for early work and midterm grades sent directly to the student.
- Guided goal setting and action plan development.
- Well-timed schedule calibrations.

Together these interventions build in support structures for enhancing the academic success of students at risk for academic underperformance and dropping out of the University. Most importantly, these academic support structures will engage students so they have opportunities to improve their academic standing. The Mindset for Success Office (MSO) provides the organizational structure to support these academically at-risk students. The mission of this office is to provide at-risk students with academic support and faculty with professional development opportunities related to student retention and academic success. The MSO's programs will support McMurry University's students and faculty.

The QEP supports McMurry University's mission: *"Shaped by Christian principles, McMurry University challenges students to examine our complex world through multiple perspectives in preparation for lives of leadership, service, and professional success."* By providing academic support systems, the QEP will help students develop the mindset needed to be successful in their courses and be better equipped to *examine our complex world through multiple perspectives*.

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