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Welcome to Kaplan!
We are here to help you, guide you,
support you, and cheer you on.



Ludmila Battista (LBattista@kaplan.edu)

As the Academic Program Director for those students in the Educational Paraprofessional program, my primary concern is to make sure students achieve their academic goals! I want to see you go the distance and feel free to call upon me if you need some advice or support in your classes, have program/career-related questions or have other needs related to your program. I am a resource for you in finding information you need, helping you get that job that you want, further pursuing your education beyond the ASIS program as well as offering other opportunities for our EP students.

I have been with Kaplan University since 2002 in a variety of roles, but my favorite role is interacting with all of you!

Carol Forrey (CForrey@kaplan.edu)

Hello! My name is Carol Forrey. I am the Academic Program Director for those earning an Associates of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies and for those who are earning an ASIS degree with an emphasis in Early Childhood Development. I am a licensed mental health counselor who has always enjoyed working with motivated people who desire to create a positive future for themselves and for their families. I believe that we can build a life by design if we set our goals and work in a step by step process to make our dreams a reality. I look forward to working with you as you create your future.

Rebecca Loehrer (RLoehrer@kaplan.edu)

Hello, my name is Rebecca Loehrer and I am the Academic Program Director for the Psychology degree program at Kaplan. Before becoming the program director I taught Developmental Psychology and Abnormal Psychology as an adjunct instructor here. I have Ph.D. from Texas A&M University in Counseling Psychology and I have taught in both undergraduate and graduate psychology programs for over fifteen years in both traditional and distance learning formats. I am a licensed clinical psychologist and I have also worked in a private practice setting as well as mental health clinics and community agencies providing psychological services for individuals many different psychological problems. I look forward to working with you and supporting you as you pursue your degree.



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Carolyn Stevenson (CStevenson@kaplan.edu)

Carolyn Stevenson is the Academic Program Director for the Communication degree programs for Kaplan University. She holds a B.A. in English, M.A. in Communications, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Organization Change with a higher education concentration. She has over thirteen years teaching and administrative experience in both face-to-face and distance learning formats. Her recent presentations include: DLA2007 Distance Learning Administration Conference: "Virtually Being There: Applying Leadership Styles to Enhancing Instruction" and a roundtable discussion presented by Stevenson, Forrey, and Battista: "Reaching beyond the Blackboard: Strategies for Motivating and Retaining First-Term Online Students." Presentation at: TCC 2007 Worldwide Online Conference, "Blending Reality and Multimedia in Ubiquitous Learning," presentation entitled "Strategies for Designing and Facilitating Effective Online Group Projects and Virtual Teams." American Educational Research Association's Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, April, 2006. Presentation entitled: "Breaking Boundaries: The Role of Internships in Promoting Service-Learning in College." Recent publications include entries for Fenwick, "Encyclopedia of Educational Leadership and Administration." She is currently working on a technical writing textbook.



Jennifer Fishman (JFishman@kaplan.edu)

My background is in education, and I have been with Kaplan University since 2004. Working within higher education has always been extremely important to me. My greatest reward is knowing that I have a positively impacted your educational experience. In my current role, I work hand in hand with a wonderful and inspiring group of individuals. We are all here to make Kaplan University the best it can be for you. I look forward to working with you and seeing you accomplish your goals.

Brooke Harrison (BHarrison@kaplan.edu)

My name is Brooke Harrison and I have been at Kaplan for almost 2 years. I have worked in Advising and Coaching before coming to be an Assistant Program Director. I hold a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Alabama and a Master's Degree from the University of Central Florida. I am very focused on making the student experience the best that it can be, and continually improving our programs and initiatives to match student need. I want your Kaplan University Degree to give you personal and professional fulfillment.



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Ft Lauderdale Florida Team



Charles Hooker (CHooker@kaplan.edu)

Hello, my name is Charles Hooker and I am the manager for the Arts and Health Science advising team. I have a Bachelor of Science in Business and I have been with Kaplan for close to three years. I began my career with Kaplan as an Academic Advisor, was promoted to Senior Academic Advisor, and then had the opportunity to move into a management role. I have greatly enjoyed managing this team because they are all very dedicated and are more than willing to go the extra mile for our students. I look forward to not only my continued growth with Kaplan, but also my team's and our students'.



Casi Haskins (CHaskins@kaplan.edu)

Hello, my name is Casi Haskins and I have been with Kaplan University since November of 2006. I started out as an Admissions Advisor and I recently made the change over to Academic Advising in August of 2007. I'm originally from a small suburb in Maryland, minutes outside of Washington DC. I attended Capitol College in Laurel, MD and earned a B.S. in Software and Internet Applications. Although that is my academic background, all of my working experience has been in marketing, sales, and customer service. The most rewarding part of my current position as an Academic Advisor is knowing that I'm playing a role in people achieving major life-changing goals. I'm truly enjoying being an Academic Advisor and I'm looking forward to a long career here at Kaplan.



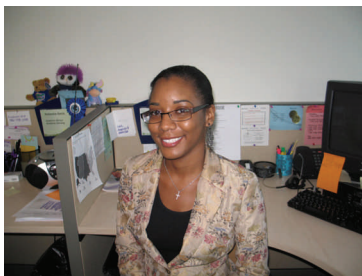
Banning Hendriks (BHendriks@kaplan.edu)

My name is Banning Hendriks and I am originally from Nashville, TN. I have been with Kaplan University for one year. I have a true passion to see people achieve their dreams and genuinely care about others. I admire anyone who is willing to make the sacrifice and dedicate themselves to the hard work necessary to meet their goals. I have a degree in Practical Theology and will soon begin pursuing a degree in Health Science. I have enjoyed traveling extensively throughout Southeast Asia and enjoy experiencing different cultures and learning from individuals different than myself. I believe there is something to learn in every aspect of life and the day you stop learning is the day you stop living.



Vedere Dutes (VDutes@kaplan.edu)

My name is Vedere Micael Dutes and I enjoy my position as an Academic Advisor here at Kaplan University. I'm a college graduate who majored in Psychology, Health Administration and minored in Education. Due to my past experiences in Academia, it's a pleasure to work with students because I remember how it was as a student, therefore I enjoy helping my students in climbing the ladder of success through higher learning. As your Academic Advisor at KU, it's always a pleasure to Help, Serve, Coach, Mentor, and Praise all the students.



Beverly Green (BGreen@kaplan.edu)

Hello, my name is Beverly Green and I am an Academic Advisor for the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Health Sciences. Both my Bachelors and Masters degrees are in the field of health sciences. As an Academic Advisor, I'm able to assist others in achieving their educational goals, which is the rewarding aspect of my position. I look forward to my continued success as an Academic Advisor and the continued success of my students.



Sandra Otero (SOtero@kaplan.edu)

My name is Sandra Otero and I am a native Floridian. I have been here at Kaplan for the past three years. I have a Bachelor of Information Technology and a Masters of Business Administration degree from American Intercontinental University. My goal is to become a college professor. I am an advocate of education because I have seen how it truly changes ones life.



Nicole Roe (NRoe@kaplan.edu)

My name is Nicole Roe and I am an Academic Advisor for Arts and Health Sciences. I am originally from New Jersey. I have a Bachelor of Science in Health Education. What I enjoy most about my position is being able to empower my students to succeed in their education.



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Natarsha Davis (NDavis@kaplan.edu)

Hello Scholars! My name is Natarsha Davis. I have a Bachelor in Psychology with a Minor in Communications and I have a Master's in Interpersonal Communications. I have a passion for promoting education and higher learning, and that has led me to this career. I have experience working with undergraduate and graduate students in areas of instructional and training respectively. I realized that I didn't get where I am by myself. I had the help of many mentors and kind individuals. I want to give the same opportunities that I had to my students. My favorite part about being an academic advisor is seeing my students find their hidden potential and motivating them to challenge themselves further. Remember that you can always change your future, one class at a time.



Rozeline Doriska (RDoriska@kaplan.edu)

My name is Rozeline Doriska and it has been a wonderful experience working here at Kaplan University for the past year and a half. I initially started out as an Admissions Advisor, then made a smooth transition in to Academic Advising. My new position is not only exciting, challenging, and fun, but also very rewarding. It is absolutely wonderful to see how my students continue to reach for the stars on a daily basis. My hobbies include spending time with my family and friends, reading, working out, and of course shopping! Currently, I am completing my degree in Bachelor of Science in Business Management and look forward to getting my MBA as well.

Francesca Copeland (FCopeland@kaplan.edu)

My name is Francesca, I'm originally from New York from the Queens Area .I'm a graduate with a degree in Fashion Design and Merchandising. I currently live in Coral Springs, FL and I have been here for two years. I have worked for Alfred Angelo Company Store as a Bridal consultant. In my spare time I design women's wear using watercolor and I'm currently writing a book on my theories.

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Boca Raton Florida Team



Beth Cohen (BCohen@kaplan.edu)

My name is Beth Cohen and I am the manager for the Boca Raton Arts and Health Science and Criminal Justice advising team. I am originally from Staten Island, NY and moved to Florida seven years ago. I have a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistic Studies from Syracuse University. I have been with Kaplan for over three years. I began my career with Kaplan as an Academic Advisor for the School of Business and was promoted to Academic Advising Manager in 2005. I have recently rejoined the Boca team and am extremely excited to be here. I look forward to my team's continued growth and success.



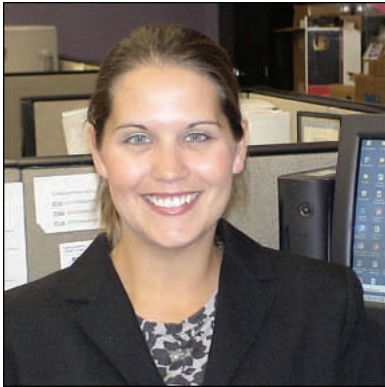
Pablo Garcia (PGarcia@kaplan.edu)

My name is Pablo Garcia, I was born and raised in NYC and have resided in Florida for the last 9 years. I currently hold a BA in Behavioral Science from National Louis University in Chicago IL, and my MBA from AIU Florida. I'm a proud husband and father of 3 beautiful children ages 7, 6, and 1. I have worked in the field of academics for the last 8 years as an advisor/counselor, and have loved the academic environment ever since I can remember. I strive in my career to help each and every one of my students graduate and achieve greater knowledge. Remember, Knowledge is "POWER"!



Vicki Sosik (VSosick@kaplan.edu)

Hi students, I am your Academic Advisor, Vicki. My hometown is New York and I am a N. Y. fan for everything. I always say you can take the girl out of N. Y., but you can't take N. Y. out of the girl. I have a wonderful Golden Retriever that I got from the Humane Society and he is the best. I enjoy Academic Advising because I am empathetic (sometimes too much) and I sympathize with your needs. I love to laugh and make others laugh, as my co-workers well know. This is a part of who I am, and I am proud of it. When we chat, I hope there's laughter mixed in as well!!



Dana Ott (DOtt@kaplan.edu)

Welcome to Kaplan University!!! I have been working in the Academic Advising Department at Kaplan University for just over a year. Before joining the Kaplan University team, I was living in Heidelberg, Germany working for another education institution. I have spent my entire professional career working in higher education so I understand the challenges and benefits that getting an education provides. I have a BA in Psychology from the University of Nebraska and an MS in Management Science. I completed my Master's degree completely online so I know what a commitment you are making in completing your degree with Kaplan University. I look forward to working with you in achieving your educational goals.



Lauren Kalafa (LKalafa@kaplan.edu)

Hi, my name is Lauren and I am your Academic Advisor. I look forward to working with you along your career path. I support your interest in education and you are an inspiration to me. My hope is that you earn a degree, something that nobody can take away from you.

A little about me: I am originally from New England but moved from the northeast coast to my hometown of Boca Raton, a beach community in south Florida where I grew up. I love to learn and graduated college from Lehigh University in 2006. During school, I began to miss the ocean and after four years time in the snow covered mountains of Pennsylvania I came home to be closer to the water. Try your best and make your dreams come true ☺ If you believe in yourself and know what you want, I have faith that you can make it happen!



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Katie Roberson (KRoberson@kaplan.edu)

Hello Students! I recently graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. I attended Florida State University for three years, and completed my degree at Florida Atlantic University. I am planning on pursuing my Masters in Higher Education in the near future. Some of my favorite things to do in my off time are being with my family and friends, playing with my puppy, movies, scrap booking, watching Grey's Anatomy, Desperate Housewives, and American Idol! My favorite quote is Live Happy, Love Much, and Laugh Often. I admire all of my students, as you take on the obstacles of life while managing your education. I do know where you are coming from; completing my education was the hardest thing I have ever done, and also my most proud. Please call or email me for questions and support. I wish you the best of luck in your studies, and Welcome to KU!

Dafnie Charles (DCharles@kaplan.edu)

My Kaplan career began on September 2005. I moved from Haiti to Florida at the age of 5 years old. I obtained a Bachelors of Arts in International Studies from the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, spending time with my family and friends, and seeking the perfect real estate investment opportunity. I currently hold an active mortgage brokers license. The best advice I ever received was to get an education; it is one of the best investments you can make for yourself.