

SUPPORTING STUDENT ACTIVISTS

A Guide for Educators, Advisors, and Supervisors



INTRODUCTION

"Student activists have been at the heart of social progress for decades, serving as instrumental participants in movements against sexism and racism and for more civil rights and freedoms. College campuses often serve as incubators of these movements, providing a setting where students discover their passions and develop skills to combat prejudice and inequality." Our role as educators, advisors, and supervisors often places us in a position to support and prepare our students for activism.

STEP ONE:

Explore your own relationship to activism and the causes for which your students exude passion. Your internal biases will greatly impact the ways your support manifests itself.



STEP TWO:

Guide student activists through the practice of introspection and reflection to identify skills they are building in the process of campaigning for their cause.

STEP THREE:

Encourage student activists to keep updated and abreast of how concurrent issues are related to and/or impact the cause they are championing.

STEP FOUR:

Coach student activists to see their project through to the end. This could build a life-long commitment and devotion to standing up for their communities.

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