

**The University of Oklahoma**  
**Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost**

is pleased to announce the appointment of

**Johnnie-Margaret McConnell as**  
**Director of Transfer Student Success**



Dr. McConnell currently serves as Assistant Dean of Student Success for OU's College of Professional and Continuing Studies (PACS) and has taught at OU since 2003. She is a four-time graduate of the University of Oklahoma, holding a Ph.D. in Education Studies. Her 22 years as an educator includes curricular and co-curricular positions as an academic advisor, music lab coordinator, residential life administrator, academic intervention specialist, tutoring services coordinator, and Director of Student Services for Academic Advising in University College. Within these varied roles, Dr. McConnell has demonstrated success in leading and developing in-person and virtual student services aligned with national standards that reach the needs of today's undergraduates.

Dr. McConnell is a trained academic life coach committed to helping all students identify campus services and academic experiences they need to meet their individual goals. Through the experience gained in her many campus roles, she has become one of campus' strongest advocates for in-person and online transfer students, recognizing the unique needs and perspectives of each student population.

"Students transfer to OU at various points in their academic career and life," said Dr. McConnell. "We often assume they already know how to 'do college,' but what we forget is transfer students are just beginning their OU journey, and their needs are as varied as their circumstances. Many need help like any first-year student navigating campus, learning our academic expectations, and understanding OU jargon and processes. I am honored to lead the efforts to coordinate and develop support for the University's ever-increasing population of transfer students."

Dr. McConnell taught and designed the curriculum for OU's first Transitions-Transfer Students (UCOL 3001) course. She continues to serve on University College's First-Year Foundations curriculum committee. She also teaches graduate courses for the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education's adult and higher education program.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. McConnell on her new role.