

# STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS

2021-2022 – *Student success is important now more than ever.*

**Student Success & Retention Innovation (SSRI)** works to support the success of undergraduate students through academic advising, individualized academic support, academic skill building, tutoring, peer mentoring, and creating community. The **SSRI Strategy team** works to promote student success, persistence and degree completion at the institutional level.

Faculty at the University of Arizona care deeply about our students. Here are some things every instructor can do to encourage student success.

<b>1.</b> Set and follow clear expectations and dates in the syllabus.	<b>2.</b> Share <b>success resources</b> with your students.	<b>3.</b> Provide them with feedback by using <b>Trellis Progress</b> , the Arizona progress report system.	<b>4.</b> Create a culture that celebrates <b>Growth Mindset</b> through your own stories, or <b>SSRI materials</b> .
<b>5.</b> Create a welcoming environment by encouraging them to visit office hours. Tell them you want to see or hear from them.	<b>6.</b> Tell them your story, were you a <b>first-generation college student</b> ? Share.	<b>7.</b> Ask for feedback from students. See how the class is going or their semester overall.	<b>8.</b> Encourage help seeking behaviors, <b>use SOS</b> or encourage students to <b>use SOS</b> .
<b>9.</b> Review the outstanding <b>resources created by OIA</b> .	<b>10.</b> Encourage connections in the classroom. Help students connect with each other so they can ask each other questions or create community.	<b>11.</b> Create a positive class experience through <b>affirming language and actions</b> .	<b>12.</b> Create personal connections by learning and using student's names.

## RESOURCES:

**SOS HELPFUL RESOURCES** – A searchable list of topics to help students.  
**STUDENT SUCCESS & RETENTION INNOVATION WEBSITE**  
**THE SOS PROGRAM**



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