



# MAY 2025 MCC STUDENT ENGAGEMENT REPORT - ADVISING

## IMPACT SNAPSHOT 2023-2024

Each month, the Student Engagement Team spotlights a different department, celebrating its contributions to student success. This month, we're excited to feature the Advising team, showcasing the vital support Advisors give to our students.

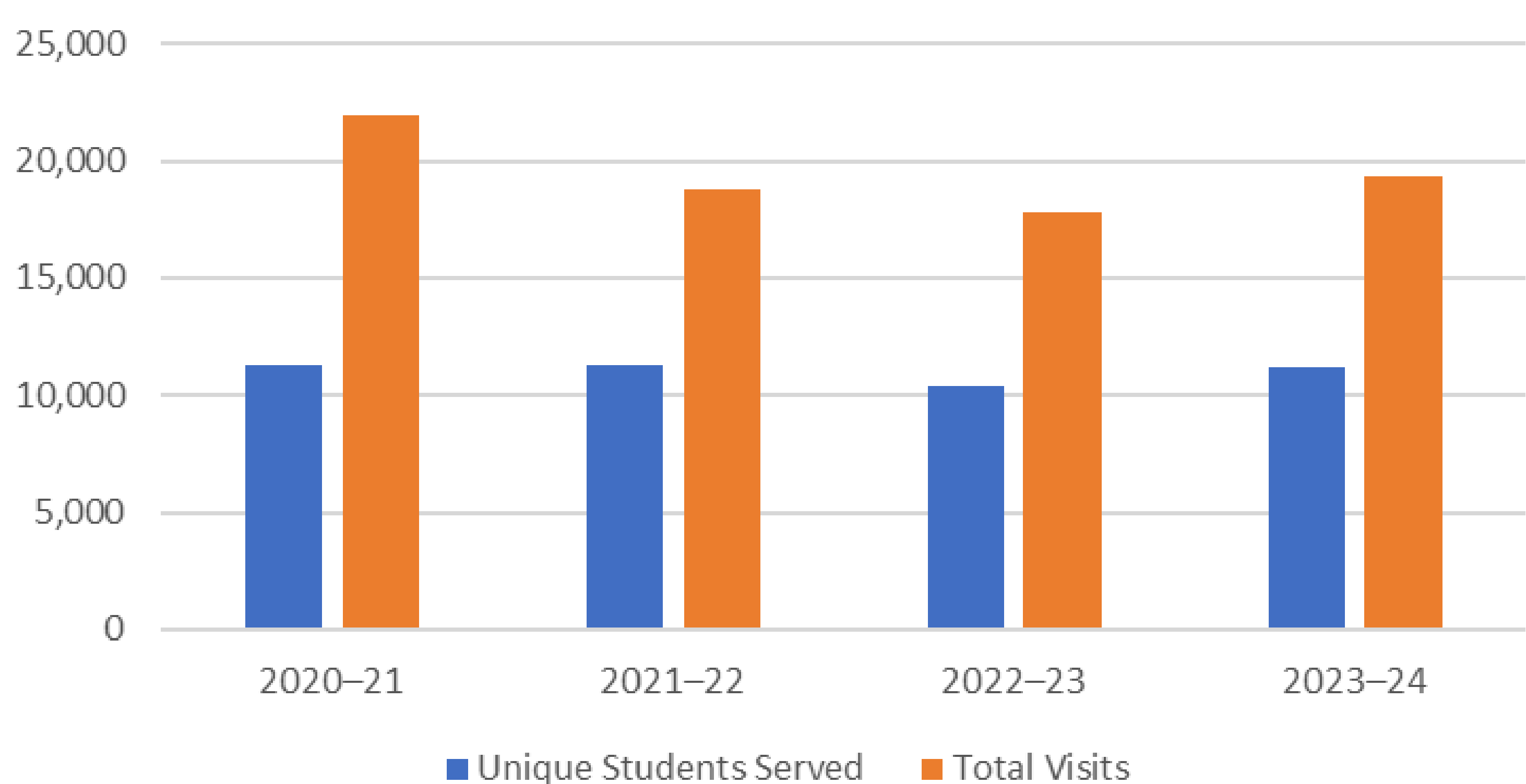
At its core, academic advising is a collaborative and student-centered process that empowers individuals to make informed, intentional decisions about their educational, career, and life goals. At McLennan Community College, Advising and Career Services plays a vital role in this journey, helping students navigate their academic paths, discover their strengths, and prepare for their future.

This annual snapshot highlights the significant strides made over the past year, reflecting our ongoing commitment to meaningful student engagement, proactive support, and personalized advising experiences that truly make a difference.

## Advising & Career Services



Advising at a Glance

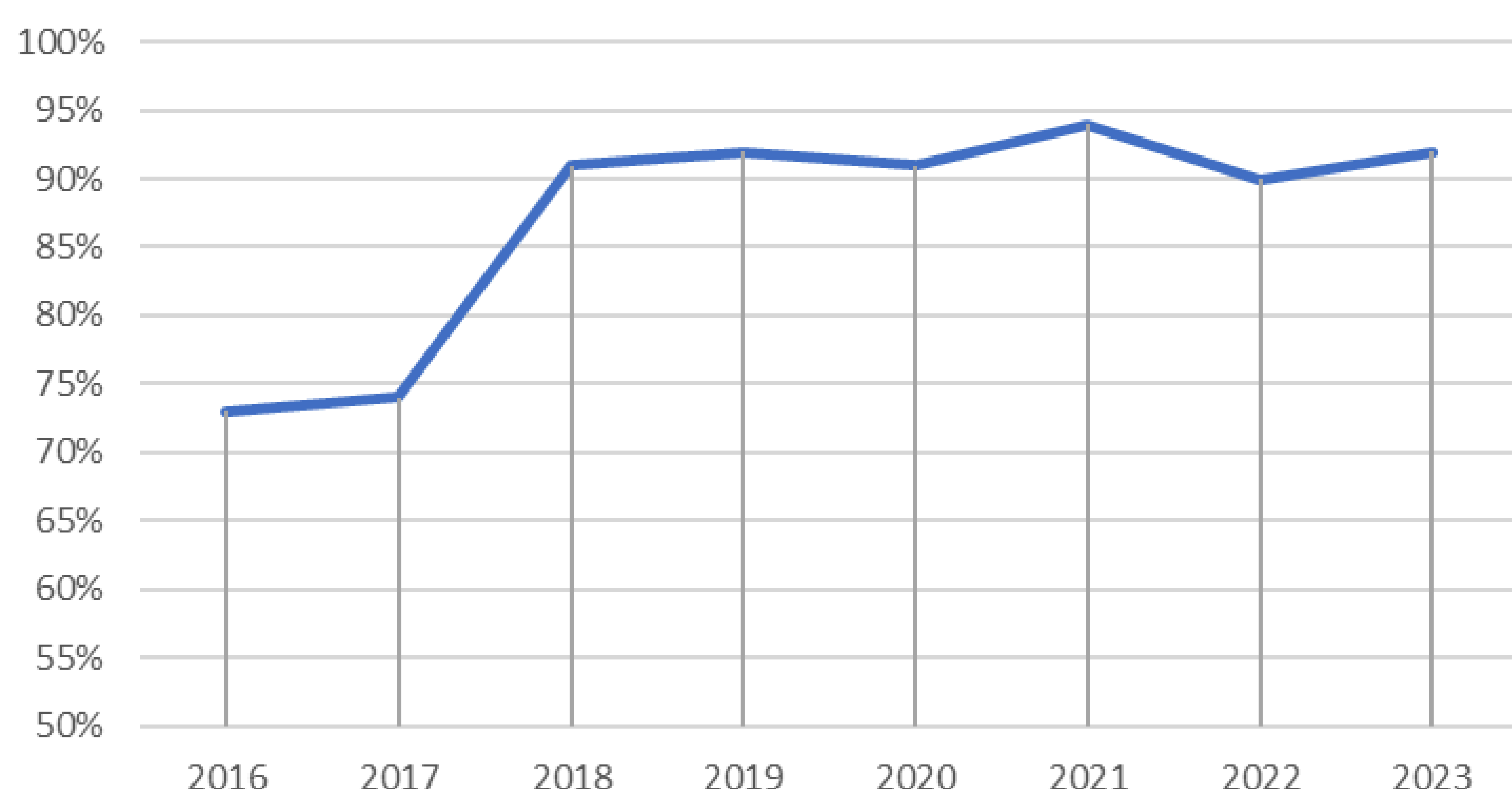


**Appreciative Advising** is a student-centered framework that uses the principles of Appreciative Inquiry to build strong, supportive relationships between advisors and students. It involves intentionally engaging students in open, positive conversations to help them identify their strengths, set goals, and develop a clear academic and career path. The approach encourages trust, collaboration, and a sense of purpose in the advising experience.

**Average student-to-advisor ratio: 864 to 1**

**Increase of 20% points in student satisfaction since launch of Appreciative Advising Model in Fall 2018**

Student Satisfaction with Advising



### 😊 SMILEY FACE SURVEY (2023-2024)

- 1,538 student responses
- 91% rated their advising as Excellent
- 98% felt ACS is doing a Good Job or Better



## “GET ON THE BUS” UNIVERSITY TOURS

- **9 campus trips** hosted in 2023–24
- 104 students + 3 guests attended
- **Visits included:** Texas State, UT Austin (2x), Tarleton, SHSU, UMHB, Baylor, Texas A&M–Central Texas, and UNT
- **Special Highlight:** \$1,000 Baylor transfer scholarship offered during May 3rd trip

## MID POINT PROGRESS CHECK

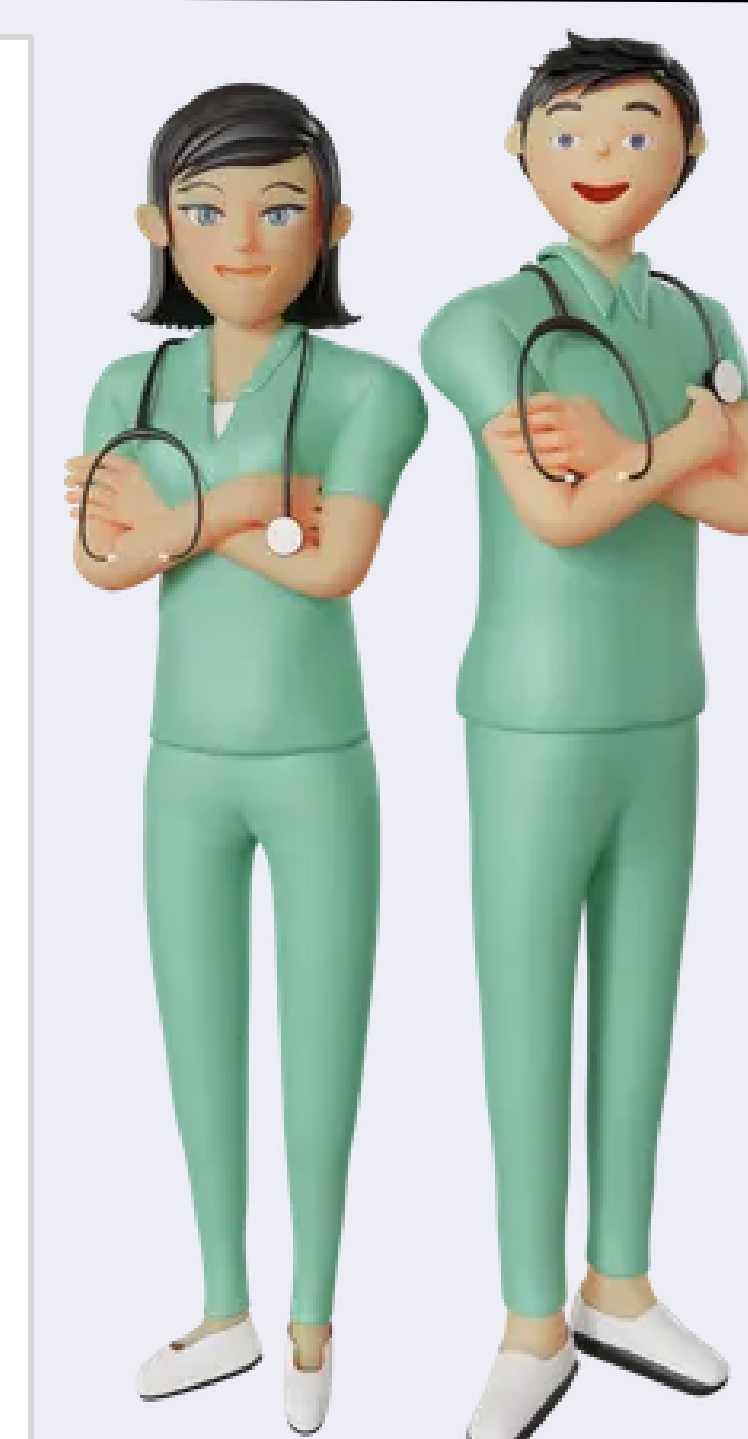
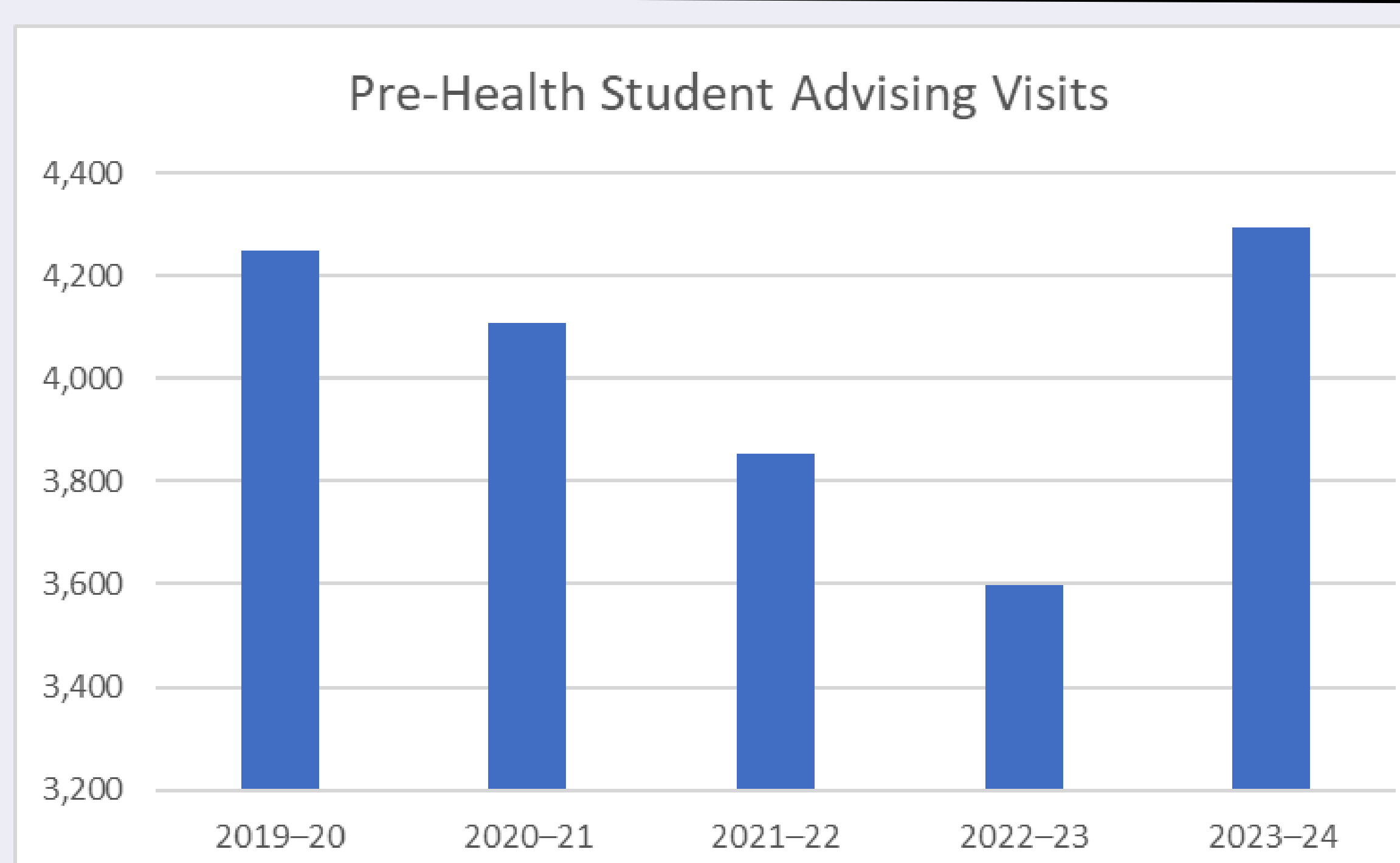
At the midpoint of each semester, our advising team reaches out to students to check in on their progress and overall experience. These proactive conversations allow us to offer encouragement, listen for any challenges they may be facing, and connect them with helpful resources such as tutoring, Success Coaches, CREW, and the Counseling Center. We also take this opportunity to assist students with planning for the upcoming registration period and reviewing their graduation pathway to ensure they stay on track to meet their academic goals.

“I haven't been back to school in almost 10 years and I felt very anxious about starting back school. My advisor made me feel so comfortable and she was so helpful. I am so appreciative of her for helping me with these next steps.” - MCC Student

“My advisor has been amazing to work with. I am also in higher education and the advisors that we have don't exhibit the compassion and understanding that she has showcased on each visit. I truly appreciate how easy she has made it for me coming back to school.” - MCC Student

## PRE-HEALTH STUDENT ADVISING

A formal partnership with the Health Professions division began in 2018 to help prepare students for acceptance into Health Professions programs and is one of the largest groups of students that Advising serves.



“The collaboration and partnership between our advising team and health professions faculty and program directors has been a game changer! Students are well-prepared to enter our health professions programs and start strong, with an advocate from day one. The relationship between advising and the HP team has also strengthened and is supported by open communication, trust, and a genuine desire to help students achieve their goals. I can't say enough about how much I respect and rely on our advising team—they are truly great colleagues!”  
Glynnis Gaines, Dean Health Professions

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