STEP Forward Committee
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STEP Forward (Successful Transitions through Engaged Planning) is a coordinated approach of curricular, co-curricular, and advising activities in the Faculty of Arts & Science. The driving goal of the framework is to develop students’ ability to critically reflect on their own knowledge and experiences, to create their own pathways into the future, and to continually learn and grow as engaged and self-directed members of their communities and the working world. STEP Forward activities integrate the provision of resources with the development of: learning and self-reflective skills, knowledge relating to personal and professional goals, and the self-efficacy required to participate actively in diverse communities within and outside the Faculty. This occurs across four transitional stages in undergraduate studies: STEP into Arts & Science, STEP into Programs of Study, STEP into Action, and STEP into the Future. As such, STEP Forward provides an overarching framework for situating such activities within the academic mission of the Faculty, and for highlighting the role of holistic student development in our approach to education.

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