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After a career in local broadcasting, I started at Youngstown State University in August 2001 as a full-time instructor in Telecommunication Studies. I taught full-time for 2 years and then as adjunct for 7 more. I was also Executive Producer of the Emmy nominated Homework Express 2005-2010, a homework help television show produced in the Bliss Hall television studio, plus part-time academic advisor in the former College of Fine and Performing Arts 2007-2010. I learned how to be an advisor from a wonderful lady named Mary Lou Weingart, who loved the students and made everything fun with her cheerful, high energy style.

I have fond memories of my time in F&PA of my dedicated, fun colleagues, and students excited by the arts. I will always fondly remember the sights and sounds of Bliss Hall such as the ever-present music in the second-floor hallway and the theater students swinging swords and doing combat rolls as part of the stage combat class. And of course, there was the creativity and energy of my own students in TCOM as they created videos for Homework Express and scrambled around the studio in organized chaos.

In 2010 I accepted a full-time position in the former Beeghly College of Education as academic advisor. In addition to advising students, I also created the promotional videos for the college as videographer/editor, and served on a number of college committees. I moved again in 2015 to the College of STEM as academic advisor and that's where I am today. I am fortunate to be in an office with devoted, resourceful individuals willing to collaborate to solve-problems and assist students. We work hard but we take a little time for laughter as well.

However, my first encounter with Youngstown State was as a student, and I earned 3 degrees from YSU; AB Speech/Telecommunications, BSAS Criminal Justice, and Master of Business Administration. As a guy from very working-class roots, were it not for the affordable education at YSU I would not have been able to attend college and for that, I am grateful.