

# THE GRADUATE SUCCESS CENTER

The College of Graduate Studies

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TOLEDO

## **OUR MISSION**

The Graduate Success Center promotes holistic growth and community-building among graduate students by providing individualized support and guidance to thrive personally, academically, and professionally. We accomplish this by connecting students to campus resources in order to build belonging.

## **OUR VISION**

We will be a leading hub for graduate student success in the nation that fosters belonging among the graduate student population at the University of Toledo, champions diversity, equity, and inclusion, and develops global citizens through transformative coaching.

# MEET THE TEAM



# MEET TERI

Hi, my name is Teri Green and I'm the Director of Graduate Academic & Student Affairs.

- **HOMETOWN:** Toledo, Ohio
  - **AREA(S) OF STUDY:** Af-Am Literature, Creative Writing/Rhetoric, Higher Education, and DEI [diversity, equity, inclusion]
  - First Generation college graduate
  - Won awards for my poetry
  - Currently in my fourth [and final] career
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- **FAVORITE COLLEGE MEMORY:** Meeting life-long friends through studying Japanese as an elective and traveling to Japan together with our teacher. Totally unexpected at this stage in life.



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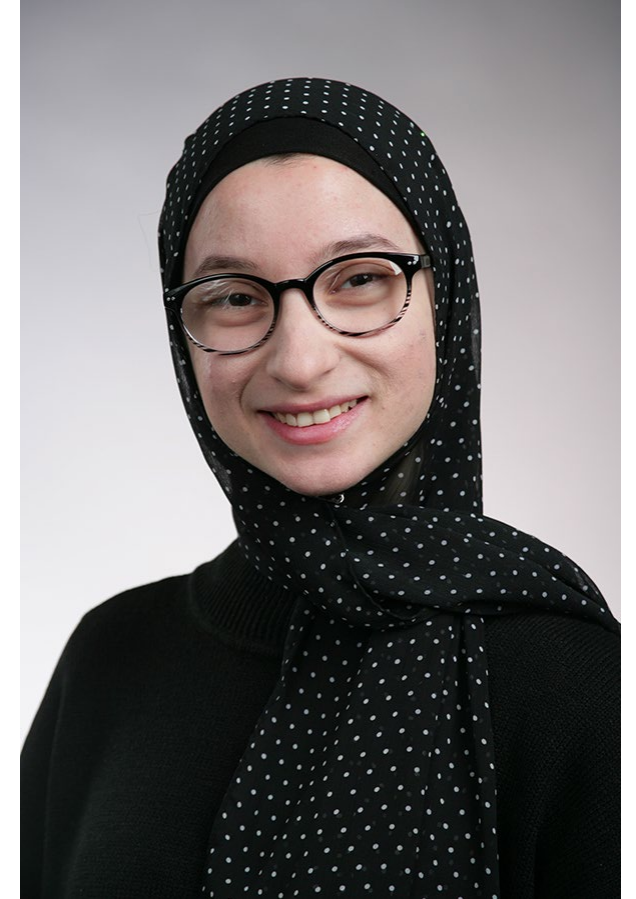


# MEET COACH YASMEEN

Hi, my name is Yasmeen Hamdah and I'm the Graduate Success Center Coordinator.

- **HOMETOWN:** Toledo, Ohio
  - **AREA(S) OF STUDY:** Communication and Higher Education
  - Former graduate assistant at the Office of Student Advocacy and Support
  - Comes from a first-generation family of Rockets, she and her four siblings have attended/graduated from UT!
  - Enjoys painting and hand lettering
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- **FAVORITE COLLEGE MEMORY:** Paneling at the TRIO SSS First Generation Celebration

Empathy **Futuristic** Connectedness **Ideation** **Intellection**



# MEET COACH JUSTEN

Hi, my name is Justen Bowser and I'm a peer success coach and graduate assistant.

- **HOMETOWN:** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
  - **AREA(S) OF STUDY:** Communication, Massage Therapy, and Occupational Therapy
  - Practiced massage for 11 years!
  - Has a Shiba Inu named Kaizen
  - Loves books, video games, and anime
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- **FAVORITE COLLEGE MEMORY:** Meeting his cohort at Sip Coffee for the first time!



# MEET COACH FATIMA

Hi, my name is Fatima Aldajani and I'm a peer success coach and graduate assistant.

- **HOMETOWN:** Amman, Jordan
- **AREA(S) OF STUDY:** Theology & Islamic Studies, Educational Leadership, and Curriculum & Instruction
- Has eight years of experience in academic coaching and advising
- Lived in Jordan, Kuwait, the U.S., and has traveled to many countries
- Has eight siblings in the healthcare field, only one in the group to pursue education!
  
- **FAVORITE COLLEGE MEMORY:** Faculty-students coffee hours!





# WHAT WE DO

The Graduate Success Center provides students with personal, academic, and professional support services including one-on-one coaching, social and professional programming, and connections to campus resources to enhance their graduate school experience.



# WHAT CAN STUDENTS ASK FOR HELP WITH?

- Refining study skills
- Getting involved on campus
- Learning about different campus resources
- Communicating with instructors
- Bettering organization and time-management skills
- Networking with peers
- Navigating financial aid processes

Our team is here from admission to graduation.



# PROFESSIONAL & PEER COACHING

- We offer one-on-one coaching sessions in person, on video chat, and over the phone.
- We can work with students on a variety of concerns such as time management, study habits, organization, and more!
- We're here to guide from admission to graduation.





# SOCIAL & PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMMING

- We strive to build belonging among graduate students.
- We will be offering a calendar of great opportunities for graduate students to meet other graduate students and prepare them for the professional world.
- Our programming includes workshops, study tables, game nights, and more!







# CONNECTING STUDENTS TO CAMPUS RESOURCES

Wondering what campus resources to refer students to?

**We can help.**

Think of us as a personal GPS to help students navigate all the support available to them at UToledo.



# SINCE FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

- Coordinator attended 30 trainings
  - 4 remaining
- Graduate peer coaches attended 13 trainings
  - 8 remaining
- Mission, vision, and goals completed
- Marketing items in progress, logo created
- Coaching toolkit created
- Established relationships with over 10 campus partners
- Coordinator joined CARES Team
- Graduate Student Appreciation Week

# THANK YOU

## Connect with us!

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