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UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION: ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

Summary: This presentation will review of some of the programs and efforts that help students transition to college at the Regent universities.

Presenters:

Jesús Lizárraga Estrada serves as the director of Student Success and Retention at the University of Northern Iowa. Jesús provides oversight of orientation and transition programs for new students, as well as campus-wide early intervention, retention, and student success initiatives.

Sarah Merrill is the Director of New Student Programs at Iowa State University, a role in which she has been serving since 2018. After earning her bachelor's and master's degrees at Western Illinois University, her career began at Iowa State in 2004 and has worked in a variety of roles in Residence Life and New Student Programs. She is actively involved the Association for Orientation, Transition and Retention in Higher Education (NODA), including fulfilling the role of Lead Faculty for the Student Leadership Institute. She lives by the quote "We come to college not alone to prepare to make a living but to learn to live a life" by Martin Riggs, 1883, which is engraved above the door to the NSP office in the Memorial Union.

Tina Arthur is the Director of Orientation Services at the University of Iowa. She earned her bachelor's degree in electronic media and journalism from the University of Northern Iowa and her master's degree in student development in post-secondary education from the University of Iowa. She provides strategic oversight of orientation and transition programs for undergraduate students at Iowa, is heavily involved in the Association for Orientation, Transition and Retention in Higher Education (NODA), and also teaches College Transition Seminar.