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Dear SAS Community,

I'm excited to take on the role of Dean of College Counseling this July, and to build upon the strong foundation the SAS College Counseling Office has established over many years.

Good college counseling is about relationships, and the growth that becomes possible for students when those relationships are strong. I've believed that for a long time, and a student reminded me of it recently in a way I won't forget. She told me she'd learned more about herself through the college process than at any other point in high school. Her process was not a smooth ride. There were moments of real uncertainty, and lots of challenging conversations about who she was and what she valued. But she trusted the process and came out the other side knowing herself in a way she never had. That's what this work can, and should, do.

Having worked at SAS these last four years, I know that this kind of outcome is no accident. It happens because of the people in our community: educators who care deeply about students, families who are engaged and supportive, and students who have the capacity to surprise you. It is the convergence of our relationships that gives our students safe ground to stand on when thinking about the future feels scary or difficult.

I know how much families trust this office with something that matters enormously to them. Our job is to make sure every student who comes through our doors feels known, supported, and challenged – and comes out the other side knowing themselves better than when they started.

I look forward to deepening the trust and relationships built over seven decades, and thank you for your continued support of the SAS College Counseling Office.

Warmly,

Charles Wester