



# Regis College

Graduate and Professional Career Planning



On the journey with your fellow Regis graduates.



## A COLLEGE HOMECOMING, THEN A RAPID RISE

For former college counselor **Alexander Patturelli MS '19**, a new job as Director of Undergraduate Admissions ignited a renewed investment in a personal passion.

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“A few years ago, I worked closely with a student who really wanted to come to Regis,” recalls Alexander Patturelli, who began as an Admissions Counselor at Regis nearly seven years ago and worked his way up to Director of Undergraduate Admissions last June. “The student was tackling all of the admission process on their own and would reach out frequently with questions. At points, I wasn’t sure it was going to work out. Then they finally enrolled and at the first year move-in, they ran over with a big smile, then tears and a hug

as they told their family that I was the person who got them to college. Four years later that student graduated. Again, a big smile and telling my wife that I helped them go to college. **That student is always on my mind as inspiration for why I do this.**”

As if that reaction wasn't enough of a motivator, Alex describes another reason his job is such an ideal fit:

“In this role, I am able to influence college access which is a passion of mine. My doctoral research explored how to better work with low-income, first-generation students who are pursuing college. I want to assist them in making one of the largest decisions of their life related to their educational path. I spent years working on an individual level with students, parents and guidance counselors. **Now, I have the opportunity to influence the policies and processes that can impact a student's ability to access higher education.** This new role sparks a renewed investment in this passion.”

With a bachelor's in management and an EdD in Higher Education Administration to complement his Regis MS in Organizational Communication, Alex is well equipped to manage a new team of undergraduate admission counselors.

“I am working to build a culture of creative thinking and ideas in our office,” he explains. “I think this movement into creativity stems in large part from the professors who challenged me at Regis to think outside the box and work through something new rather than settling for the familiar.”

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## TAKE 5

### **Seeking career wisdom? Ask a professional.**

We asked Alex to share what he learned in order to obtain his current position and help him remain effective on the job. Here, in random order, are 5 of his takeaways:

**5: Take the initiative** when you first start. Say yes to some projects that others are declining and perfect the process. People will notice!

**4: Find out what you are most passionate about** in your job and create a proposal for how you can make yourself part of that

taskforce/project.

**3: Don't be afraid!** All your ideas that you bring forward to your manager are not going to work. But if you don't bring them forward, then you won't know which ones will be successful.

**2: Don't let barriers stop you from trying.** If I gave into resistance, I would have never progressed in my role.

**1: Open yourself up** to feedback but also don't be afraid to give feedback.

**DO YOU HAVE A NEW JOB** with your present employer or another organization? If you would be willing to share more about how you got there, including advice for your fellow Regis graduates, contact Kaitlynn M. Arvidson, Ed.M. Director, Graduate and Professional Career Planning at [Kaitlynn.arvidson@regiscollege.edu](mailto:Kaitlynn.arvidson@regiscollege.edu).

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