

Z Paul Reynolds, M.S. Ed.



Z Paul Reynolds, a native of Sandusky, Ohio, is currently serving as the Director of the Waldron Campus Center at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. He has been in his current post since January, 2022. In this role at Gannon, Reynolds is charged with the responsibility of the overall short- and long-term growth and operation of the Campus Center. Included in his responsibilities are the supervision of two full-time Assistant Directors (one for Scheduling & Logistics; the other for Operations and Technology) as well as the overall administration and supervision of a staff of 25 students (three levels). Additionally, he is responsible for the overall budget, revenue generation, assisting in the coordination of major campus events

such as Commencement and Convocation, as well as collaborating across departments at the University to provide a seamless experience to guests. Reynolds has also taught at the collegiate level – both as an adjunct English instructor as well as a facilitator/instructor in freshman seminar courses.

Before assuming his role at Gannon, Reynolds previously taught for the Decatur Public School District and has held various student affairs leadership positions at other major Universities across the country – including stints as the Assistant Manager of Student Life at the University of Pennsylvania (managing America’s FIRST student union – Houston Hall), Temple University, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, Illinois State University, as well as Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. In addition to his broad and deep knowledge of student affairs in higher education (student union administration, retention and persistence, at-risk advising, trauma-informed care, residence life, camps and conferences, etc.), Reynolds also has complimentary experience in the hotel and hospitality industry, having served for several years as the Executive Director of Administration & Operations for a hospitality management firm – where he oversaw the operations of 16 hotel properties and general managers.

Reynolds graduated from St. Mary’s Central Catholic High School in Sandusky, Ohio and went on to receive a bachelor’s degree in education (Secondary Business Education) from the University of Toledo. After that, he went onto the University of Pennsylvania where he received a master’s degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration. Post masters, Reynolds completed all coursework and passed the comprehensive exam for a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree. While he did not complete the dissertation process,

because of his extensive post-graduate study, Penn awarded Reynolds a Certificate of Advanced Study in Higher Education in December of 2010.

In his free time, Paul likes to spend time with his stubborn and ornery beagle, Norman and his cantankerous cat Theo. He's an avid computer/technology geek and a huge fan of NCAA football as well as the NFL (go Browns!!). He also loves to spend time boating on Lake Erie. He has been involved in music and eucharistic ministry at several parishes and has an eclectic interest in all kinds of music!

His primary professional laser focus has always been about developing students to be prepared for the work-force and/or graduate study as well as providing space, time, and place for students, faculty, and staff to BUILD COMMUNITY on campus!