



EASTERN UNIVERSITY DATA PULSE 2024 SPRING I

FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

As some of you might know, I have two school-aged children, and my wife is a high school science teacher. As both of us are educators and we have children in school, it's unsurprising we often discuss education in one way or another.

Recently, my wife and I have spent quite a bit of time discussing how we can reach students as individual learners. My wife's classrooms are full of truly diverse learners: students who want to be pre-med, alongside those who tell her they will no longer attend school once they're legally able to; students who come from incredibly privileged backgrounds, and those who just moved to the United States and speak no English at all. Similarly, our daughters provide us with different perspectives, as one of my daughters is gifted, and one has a disability.

The challenge of designing an effectively inclusive curriculum is significant wherever the classroom is, including in our programs. Our students come from varied backgrounds, possess diverse skill sets, and have unique learning styles. Some of you enjoy detailed lectures, while others prefer hands-on projects.

Our team has been hard at work thinking of how we can meet each of you where you are. While we have a long way to go and will have more to announce soon, I'm happy we can introduce our Course Information page. Located on our program Brightspace page, this new resource is here for your preparation before each course begins. We hope this extra prep work will allow you to feel more comfortable entering our courses and lead to better success in the term.

Our goal is to create an environment where each of you feels not only challenged but supported as individual learners. We believe this new resource will be a step towards a more effective learning experience for each of you.

Thanks for being the most important part of this program.

DR. GREG LONGO, MSDS & DA PROGRAM DIRECTOR



MEET YOUR ADVISORS

AMY BERRIOS

With her son Andrew at a Jeep Derby in Ocean City Maryland in Summer 2023



If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

Amy: I would love to live in southern Italy because of the food, history and beauty there and also because of the slower pace of life and the simpler, peaceful lifestyle.

Kim: I would live in El Salvador. I love the culture, the food, and being able to have a slower, peaceful life.

What is your favorite thing about your career?

Amy: I really enjoy the thought that I have played some small part in assisting our students with completing their academic journey at Eastern and their growth towards a new career.

Kim: My favorite thing about becoming an academic advisor is to be able to help students in navigating their educational journey and being able to provide guidance to their success.

Do you have any hobbies?

Amy: I compete in a "senior" swimming league and host game nights with my family and friends once per month. Most importantly, I am a HUGE Philly sports fan!

Kim: I love to read and travel with my family.

Would you rather wash dishes, mow the lawn, clean the bathroom, or vacuum the house?

Amy: Mow the lawn for certain!

Kim: Vacuum the house

KIMBERLY CASTRO BENITEZ

Fur babies Bailey and Hazel



If you could hire someone to help you, would it be with cleaning, cooking, or yard work?

Amy: All three, but if I had to choose, it would be help with cleaning.

Kim: Cleaning, I don't trust many people in the kitchen

What's your favorite zoo animal?

Amy: I love Sea Otters – seriously, try and look at one and not smile!

Kim: Lions!

What's your favorite holiday?

Amy: Halloween because you can be whoever you want to be for a day, and you don't have to buy any gifts for anyone or cook any food for anyone!

Kim: Christmas, I love the lights and the decorations!

What was your favorite subject in school?

Amy: English and Literature

Kim: Math all the way

Do you collect anything?

Amy: I collect Star Wars memorabilia, and I also enjoy collecting magnets from every place that I visit and putting them on my fridge.

Kim: Disney mugs!!

If you could meet up with anyone for coffee, who would it be?

Amy: Nancy Grace – she is one tough lady, and I find her to be incredibly interesting and accomplished.

Kim: Probably nobody, I don't care for celebrities

PREVIEW YOUR NEXT COURSE: UPDATED BRIGHTSPACE PROGRAM PAGE

Curious about a course before you enroll? Head over to the [MS in Data Science and Analytics Programs page on Brightspace!](#)

We've added lecture videos and resources for each course in the **Course Information** module. If you have questions regarding Courses or Advising resources, you can now post on the **Discussion Boards** and get a response from staff. Also, make sure to check out the **updated Handbook** and **FAQ Doc**.

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WELCOME NEW STAFF!

- **Madison Macaulay: GA 520**
- **Connor Wright: GA 520**
- **Michael Morrissey: GA 550**
- **Ivan Turner: GA 550**
- **Amena Choudhury: GA 560**
- **Jason May: GA 580**
- **Carly Adams: FTA 600**
- **Bryan Piguave: GA 650**
- **Mark Bahr: GA 660**
- **Emily High: AA 660**
- **Mitchell Ramsey: FTA 685**
- **Matthew Becker: Mentor 691**

ADVISING

Term Dates

- SP1 ends February 25th 11:59 pm ET
 - Grades posted within 1 - 2 weeks
- Last day of SP1 and withdraw without academic penalty
 - February 25th by 5:00 pm ET
- SP2 begins March 4th

Ready to Graduate?

- Complete the Graduation Application during your final term
- To access the form, log in to [MyEastern](#) and look for Academic Profile under the Self-Service menu. Graduation Application will be one of the choices underneath Academic Profile

Number of Current Students: 2,934

Number of Fall Graduates: 206

[Guide to Not Getting Scammed:](#)

Tips from EU's CIO

FAITH AND COUNSELING

Counseling and Crisis Services

Services through Uwill are available to all students and include 24/7/365 crisis support.

- [Click here for the Uwill website](#)
- [See the Uwill FAQ](#)
- **Uwill Crisis Line:** 833-646-1526 (outside the US, Canada and Caribbean call +1-984-268-2016)

EU Chapel Livestream:

- [Watch Live Chapel](#)
- [Recorded Chapel \(YouTube\)](#)
- [Chapel Schedule](#)

University Chaplain:

[Dr. Joseph Modica](#)

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