



## ANNOUNCEMENT:

# The Hope Center Names a Director of Technical Assistance to Uplift Supports for #RealCollege Students

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Andy Howe, Ph.D., a higher education veteran well-known for his leadership of institutional support programs and policy/practice changes, is the new Director of Technical Assistance at [The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice](#). The Hope Center is based in the [Lewis Katz School of Medicine](#) at Temple University.

[Howe](#), who has served as interim director since June, is directing The Hope Center's investments in evidence-based education and training services for colleges and universities nationally. He has 20 years of experience in strategic leadership with both public and private universities where he has focused on student affairs, support services, and retention initiatives. His body of work aligns with The Hope Center's goals of leading systemic change for students experiencing basic needs insecurity.

"I am excited about my role at the Hope Center because of the potential to provide personalized and customized support and guidance, including evidence-based practices, for higher education institutions so that they can remove barriers and create equitable environments where all students can thrive and succeed," Howe said. "I identify as a white, gay male who grew up poor in the United States and was the first in my family to attend college. I hold on to these identities and experiences like a rope because they give me purpose: to influence and dismantle systemic barriers that limit choices and success for some."

Howe is an innovative, strategic, and data-driven leader who influences through collaboration and engagement. His Ph.D. from University of Minnesota is in higher education leadership and policy. He has taught graduate courses at Kansas State University/National Academic Advising Association and the University of Minnesota on developing supportive campus ecosystems.

"I've been a fan of Andy's work for many years, and especially appreciate his thoughtful approach to crafting learning experiences for professionals," said The Hope Center's President and Founder, Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab. "I know he is the right person to lead our training, coaching, and assessment work with higher education institutions to address students' needs. I'm excited about his future at Hope!"