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Javonny Elow (He/Him) is a Success Advisor at RCC. He graduated from Springfield College in 2011 with a degree in Business Management. Javonny grew up not too far from Roxbury Community College, in the Dorchester neighborhood! After graduating, Javonny pursued opportunities in Sales and Fitness. Landing a job as Sales Rep for Boston Sports Club, he was able to connect with community members, gain experience as a personal trainer, and help others enhance their health through staying active.

Javonny looks forward to helping students reach their full potential and to positively impact their world as a result. A focus of his is to support the men of color who come from some of the surrounding areas. He has experienced firsthand how difficult it can be as a Black man who grew up in an under-resourced area and wants to help other men of color cultivate a growth mindset that would lead to their success.

Javonny enjoys being active and working out. He plays basketball every Sunday at Dexter Southfield in Brookline and he works out at least five times a week. Javonny loves to coach and train. Lifting weights, watching TV shows, and trading are some things Javonny enjoys to pass time. He is concurrently the Strength and Conditioning Coach for the RCC soccer, basketball, baseball, and volleyball teams. He looks forward to creating success and helping students reach their full potential in the classrooms and out.

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Kervin T. Leonidas (He/Him) joined RCC January 2023 as a SUCCESS Coach. He graduated from Rhode Island College with a B.A. Politics Government (Class President & Commencement Speaker) and received his M.S. in Leadership from Northeastern University. Kervin joins the Student SUCCESS staff after spending several years working in the Higher Ed field (Career Services, Admission/Enrollment and Scholarship Services) as well Nonprofit, Public Health, and Community Development sectors as well. Kervin's professional interests focus on helping undergraduate students, particularly Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and First-Generation students. Kervin hopes to provide students with tools that will allow them to leverage campus resources, engage with staff, and positively impact their campus as student leaders this upcoming year. Kervin is bilingual (Kreyol Ayisyen), an avid traveler (having visited 15 countries thus far) and is passionate about exploring different cuisines. He also likes to read, watch boxing, NBA and when not walking, you can find him sleeping!



# STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM



## SUCCESS Students Receive:

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- Academic Advising
- Professional development Workshops
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My Huynh (she/her) is the Assistant Dean of SUCCESS Initiatives at RCC. My grew up in Portland, Maine and has lived in Boston for the past 8 years. My loves her multiracial, Afro-Vietnamese heritage and believes in representational stories, particularly for students. She is the first member of her family to attend and graduate from college and graduate school. My majored in Anthropology at Colby College, received an elementary teaching license from the University of New England, and a Master's degree in Education Policy and Management from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is currently pursuing her doctorate at UMass Boston. In addition to Boston, My has worked as an educator and non-profit leader in Maine, Washington D.C., and Maryland over the past 12 years.

My wants to help students at RCC advocate for their needs and to avoid some of the pitfalls she fell into as a first-generation college student. She also hopes the SUCCESS Center can be a safe space where students can create community through culture building. She believes that the process of one-on-one conversations with classmates, coaches, and staff is a great way to connect and claim space on campus.

When not at RCC, My enjoys hanging out with her mischievous cat, Herschel (nicknamed Hershey after the chocolate, which she also loves), running laps around any body of water, swimming, listening to pop culture podcasts, doing both hot and regular yoga, watching basketball, and discovering new music!



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Brenda Flores (she/her/ella) is the SUCCESS multicultural and affinity space specialist who supports students in finding their journey to success at RCC through community. As a first-generation Latina, born and raised in a small town in Upstate New York, Brenda has firsthand experience of what it is like stepping onto a college campus with little support or knowledge of how college truly works. She often felt alone and struggled to navigate her first few years of college. These experiences directly led Brenda to pursue a career in education, and the belief that developing student relationships and building community is the most important part of her work as a Success Coach.

As a former Inclusive Special Education Teacher, Brenda has spent the last 8 years pushing inclusive and equitable practices in the classroom setting. Brenda's work as an educator is firmly grounded in the pursuit of social justice, intersectionality, and radical love. She believes that education is about more than just grades and academics, but more about building the whole individual—mentally, emotionally, intellectually, and physically.

You can find Brenda doing almost anything outdoors related during her free time. She enjoys camping, hiking, backpacking, road tripping, and cross-country skiing, and is always looking for something new to try! When she is not adventuring in the outdoors, Brenda enjoys doing her nails, dancing, watching reality tv, and fashion thrifting. She looks forward to getting to know her students and supporting their vision of success. .

