

**Meet Krista Autrey –  
Geneva's Director Center for Calling and Career**

*Introduction by Jamie R. Swank, J.D., M.A.*

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I'd like to introduce you to Krista Autrey, our new Director of the Center for Calling and Career.

Some of you may be asking, "What is the Center for Calling and Career?" Great question! The Center for Calling and Career is the new name for the former Career Development Center. Why the change? Well, we know that questions of career and work are much bigger than just writing a resume or finding an internship. Questions of vocation and calling are with us our whole lives and are critical to our spiritual and personal growth. Our desire is to create a more holistic approach to career development/discernment and to offer an office that works with students from the time they enter as a freshman through when they step out into the marketplace after graduation.

I'll let Krista tell you more!



Hello!

Though the circumstances are greatly different than expected, I am still incredibly excited to have joined the Student Development team at Geneva.

As Jamie mentioned, we are currently in the process of rebranding the office. Part of this is renovating our office so that we can serve students better through appointments as well as develop a more robust on-campus recruiting program with employers.

We are also changing our name from the Career Development Center to the Center for Calling and Career and hope to more strategically focus on larger conversations around calling in addition to the typical conversations about career.

Many of us have been taught that we should choose a career based on our passions. Research shows, however, that passion is actually developed after you try something, discover you like it and develop MASTERY over it. That is a big reframe from what we are usually taught about choosing and finding a career path. The journey your student is currently on is just the beginning of a lifelong conversation concerning questions of calling and vocation. It is our hope in the Center for Calling and Career, that we can come alongside your student in the discovery and development of their passions throughout the entire time they spend with us at Geneva and beyond.

Though the remainder of the semester is going to look different than expected, please know that we are excited to work with your student! Students will receive more information in the coming weeks about how they can use our office virtually. In the meantime, if your student finds themselves wondering what to do with their major or perhaps a little more unsure about career-related things than they were a few weeks ago, you can encourage them to go ahead and reach out by emailing me at [kmautrey@geneva.edu](mailto:kmautrey@geneva.edu) and we can set up a time to meet.

My best to you and your student – we're looking forward to working with them now virtually and in person in the fall.

Best,  
Krista

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