

## **Capstone Reflection**

### **AFMIX 2013-2015**

Over the past two years, I have had the privilege of attending AFMIX every Tuesday to continue my own learning and work on expanding my knowledge of the Jesuit and Xavier Mission and Vision. Through complex and thought-provoking meetings over lunch, I have watched myself and my classmates grow and engage over our perceptions of Xavier and the importance of our work. I have been able to challenge other faculty and staff to show them what it is like working on the front lines of student affairs, and they have been able to challenge me to think more academically about the student as a whole person.

In learning more about myself, and I had no intention going in on learning as much about myself as I actually did, I have been able to see how much of an impact Xavier has had on my work, and how much the Jesuit values of Cura Personalis, Magis, and Discernment play into my daily conversations with students. By reflecting on my own successes and failures, I am able to provide even more individualized and personalized care and support to each student I work with, whether that be through the conduct process, housing sign-ups, roommate conflicts, or just a casual conversation in the hall. AFMIX has supported me in using my skills to be the best Xavier employee that I can be, and to be a better person for others.

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