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Students from every year and major participated in the Advising Kickoff Oct. 18 on the Chavis University Center Lawn from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Students had an opportunity to speak with representatives from different majors and get information about registration and financial aid.

“It is a chance to show students the range of opportunities of study available to them,” said Dr. Michele Fazio, assistant professor in the Department of English and Theater.

It's important for students to understand how majors and minors can complement each other and what classes will benefit them, Dr. Fazio said.

Dr. Robert Spevace, associate professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, said that it was important for the departments to be visible on campus.

He said it was an important first step to reach beyond the office and work with students on this kind of level.

“A lot of students come in not knowing what they want to major in,” Hunt said. He said he had even changed his major since his first year.

Jennifer Whittington, a teacher recruiter in the School of Education, talked with students about requirements for becoming a teacher, gave tips for what classes to take and talked to students about deciding on a major.

Also present at the Advising Kickoff were the Career Center, Financial Aid and the Center for Academic Excellence.

Excellence was able to talk to students one-on-one about how to register for classes and the benefits of registering early. If students register for classes on the first day they are eligible, they will be entered in a drawing for a $1,000 scholarship, Witter said.

The Advising Kickoff was one of many events during Advising Week, Oct. 17-21.