I AM true BLUE
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
What can I do to help my student succeed?
Why the urgency?

- 30% (in the first year alone)
- 50% (after six years)
- 160 hours?
MTSU’s Quest for Student Success

- 78 advisors to assist students
- Sophisticated early warning systems
Myth vs Reality

- **Myth 1**: Going to college will change your student’s life.
- **Reality**: It is all about completing college, not simply attending.
Myth vs Reality

- **Myth 2:** You don’t have to go to class
- **Reality:** The single most important predictor …
Myth vs Reality

- **Myth 3:** It’s okay to have a rough start
- **Reality:** Early success is the key to success!!
  - Only 30% of students with less than a 2.0 GPA return for the second year
Myth vs Reality

- **Myth #4:** College is hard, some students won’t make it
- **Reality:** Every student admitted to MTSU has the ability to be successful!
  - 24,289 degrees awarded in past five years
Myth vs Reality

- **Myth #5**: 12 hours is full-time
- **Reality**: Time is the enemy
  - 15 hours each semester, spread throughout the week
Other Resources

- Free Tutoring – for more than 200 classes each semester!!
- See your academic advisor – S/he is there to help you figure it all out!!