

# Pillars of the Profession

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Numerous scholars and practitioners have contributed to the knowledge base of student affairs. However, there are those whose influence has defined the profession. For this assignment, you will select one influential figure in student affairs as “your pillar.” Please come to class on September 8<sup>th</sup> with three choices; pillars will be chosen in class.

Your tasks are to produce a two page report and give an oral briefing about this person. In your report, you should include biographical information, topics of study, a synopsis of relevant publications with citations, and an overall summary of this person’s contribution to student affairs. This should be no more than one double-sided document. You will then provide a 5-10 minute in-class briefing using your paper as a guide. Your grade will be based on how well you synthesize the work of a scholar in student affairs and how well you present that information. We are primarily assessing the clarity of the hand-out and the quality of your presentation, including content and professionalism.

This activity’s learning objectives require you to:

- Summarize the person’s contributions to the profession.
- Compose a two page handout for class members.
- Articulate the biography as an oral briefing.
- Construct a file for future reference.

## **Notes:**

Biographical information includes personal information as well as employment information. For faculty, please provide information about the institution’s research centers and his/her role.

Relevant publications also include acting as journal editors.

It is important that you use multiple sources for information.