

Dr. Debra Buenting

#### Advisor Welcome Transcript

Hi. My name is Debra Buenting and I'm really happy to be part of the San Jose School of Information. I'm so impressed with this program and think that you are too or you soon will be. I've been teaching here since about 2011.

I've spent most of my career traveling the world and working in communication. I come from an audio and video production background, worked in news. Done a lot of things like that. And so now I'm happy to bring that experience to the classroom where I can invest in you and have a good time in the meantime. I did my doctoral dissertation on entertainment-education, so I think that education should be fun, it should be engaging, and it should include a variety of sources. I like to use a lot of video, humor, and reading and discussions and different things as teaching tools in my classrooms whether it be face-to-face or online.

So I hope that I get to meet you by the Internet soon and that we can share an experience together as we all build toward a career.

My flagship course is intercultural communication which is so important in today's world where people are moving around like never before, and also that, because of the Internet and all the new technologies, the distances are just so minimal compared with what they used to be.

You have more power in your pocket than put a man on the moon. And it has the power to connect you to someone on the other side of the world and disconnect you from the person sitting across from you at a table. So we need to explore those kinds of things for our personal lives and for our careers. And I hope that I can serve you here!