Advising Philosophy

As a kid one of my favorite movies of all time was the Wizard of Oz. My siblings and I would watch it almost every Thanksgiving break. One of my favorite scenes from the movie was when Glenda the Good Witch explains to Dorothy that what she was looking for (home) was inside of her all along. That sentiment resonated with me as a child and throughout my life. I have always felt that we as people have what is necessary to be successful and progress through life, but we need someone or something to help us find what has been inside of us all along.

Because my personal philosophy centers on self-efficacy and an internal locus of control, the Socratic Advising Model appeals to me the most. The Socratic Advising Model derives from the Socratic Method which focuses on asking reflective and thought provoking questions which will guide pupils to the answers through their own critical thinking and self-reflection. Many students come into my office with questions and doubts about what they should do in regards to their academics and or even life in general. However, after asking insightful and direct questions that require them to engage in introspection and reflection, we are able find a feasible solution to whatever problem they are facing. In the end, this helps the student feel empowered and trust themselves when it comes to making decisions that are important to their academic success.