Welcome
Welcome to the first edition of Talking Transfers, a quarterly newsletter focusing on transfer student issues on the main Appalachian campus. The aim of the newsletter is to provide information about transfer students and the issues they face, so that faculty and staff can better understand the students with whom they work. The newsletter is produced by the Office of Transfer Articulation, which assists transfer students with the evaluation of credit, and Jump Start Appalachian, a program designed to assist transfer students with the transition to the main Appalachian campus in Boone.

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Did you know?
The following facts and figures were provided by Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning:

- 3971 new undergraduate students enrolled at Appalachian in Fall 2012. Of these, 943 (24%) were transfer students.
- 60% of these transfer students transferred from a community college, while 40% transferred from a four-year institution.
- Nearly 10% of the students who transferred to Appalachian in Fall 2012 came from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute.
- More than 9% of new transfer students chose a major in Health, Leisure and Exercise Science. Biology and Government and Justice Studies each took 6% of the new transfer student intake.
- More than 50% of transfer students enter Appalachian as sophomores; another 34% come here as juniors.
- The average age of students transferring to Appalachian in Fall 2012 was 21.5.

Transfers Talking
This will be a regular feature, where transfer students share a little about their transfer experience and how they find life at Appalachian.

My name is Hannah. I transferred to Appalachian from Caldwell Community College. One of the most challenging things about transferring to ASU was making new friends. It seemed that everyone had already formed friendships, from being in residence halls together and sharing classes previously. It wasn’t until I became more involved with campus organizations and my academic department that I found a community. I am currently studying Sociology/Criminology and have completely fallen in love with my professors as well as the department. The glorious atmosphere, the prestigious academic departments, and the multitude of exciting campus organizations are a few of the many reasons why I chose Appstate. I currently work for Jump Start as a Transfer Student Mentor. I wanted to be a Transfer Student Mentor because I know how it feels to struggle with having clear direction on what choices to make regarding college. I want to help other students as they navigate through the messy process of transferring, as well as motivate students to get involved.

More information
If you would like more information on transfer student issues, please visit our websites:

- Jump Start Appalachian: jumpstart.appstate.edu
- Office of Transfer Articulation: ota.appstate.edu