Transfer Initiatives 2012~2013

This edition of Talking Transfers reports on a few of the initiatives designed to help transfer students as they transition to Appalachian.

Early Registration Advising. Staff and students from several departments collaborated to rework the ERA online course to make it more relevant to transfer students. The new ERA went live on April 15th.

Housing & Residence Life. In 2009, Housing and Residence Life established the Transfer Educators Residential Learning Community. Based on the success of the RLC, Housing created a second RLC for transfer students in 2012~13. Students living in the Transfer RLC report they feel well-connected to campus life and are very satisfied with their living situation. Early data from IRAP suggests that transfer students living in an RLC perform better than transfer students living in other environments. Two additional transfer student-themed residence floors are planned for next year.

MAP-Works. The MAP-Works survey was implemented with all new transfers to the main campus. The survey helps students find out about the campus resources available to them. MAP-Works also provides a way for all the faculty and staff who work with a student to connect and collaborate, making sure the student receives the support he or she needs to be successful at Appalachian.

Transfer Pre-Orientaion Program. The Transfer Pre-Orientaion Program was new to Appalachian this year. There were two transfer pre-orientation days in April, with a total of 120 admitted students attending. The aim of the program was to prepare students for registration and their new life as Mountaineers. The days included sessions on Campus Involvement, Advising, Transfer of Credits and a Q&A Panel with the Transfer Student Mentors. Feedback on the event was overwhelmingly positive.

Transfer Heroes. Thank you to all the faculty and staff who reach out to and support our transfer students. Your work is appreciated.

Transfers Talking

Kirsten Lyck and Lindsey Shaw worked with Jump Start from its inception. They both graduated this Spring, but take time to reflect on their experiences as transfer students at Appalachian.

Kirsten. Being a transfer student is not always easy. It's sometimes difficult getting adjusted. I believe the key is to get involved in campus life as quickly as possible. The sooner you make friends the easier and more enjoyable college life becomes. My biggest piece of advice to transfer students is: Don't be scared. Get involved! Meet new people! Enjoy your time at college because it goes by so much faster than you would think! One of my most rewarding experiences as a transfer student was the opportunity to become a transfer student mentor for the Jump Start Appalachian program. As a mentor I was able to not only help other transfer students, but also learn some new things of my own. I also met some amazing people and made some great friends.

Lindsey. I transferred to Appalachian from Central Piedmont Community College. The transition was not that easy. There were some bumps in the road, but I made it through and loved it here. The friendly students, and the knowledgeable, friendly and always helpful professors, made Appalachian the right choice for me.

More information

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

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