Advising Community on Transfer Students
June 2019 Newsletter

Summer is upon us but that does not mean we are slowing down! There were some great posts happening through the listserv and Facebook over the past month. There was a discussion about transfer giveaways on the listserv as well as a request for people to share information regarding transfer student programming and resources including planning for Transfer Student Week on Facebook. I would encourage you all to get involved in these conversations and share any ideas you have from your experiences.

You see this particular part of the message every month, but I think it is important to continue to share the work we’re doing. If you know someone who would benefit from joining our community, please forward this message to them. For those of you who are new to the group this month, welcome! We have a lot of ways to engage members and we rely on you to help make this group as robust as possible. Whether it is engaging with the listserv, our Facebook and Twitter accounts, or attending an event, this group is what you make of it. As a quick reminder, just because you are part of the group does not automatically add you to the Advising Community listserv. If want to be added to the listserv, follow the directions located on this page: [https://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Community/Advising-Communities/Advising-Transfer-Students/Listserv.aspx](https://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Community/Advising-Communities/Advising-Transfer-Students/Listserv.aspx).

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Steering Committee Member Spotlight- Tiffany Reardon
Associate Director for Engineering Excellence Programs

For nearly twenty years Tiffany Reardon has been working to change the face of STEM. She began doing this at Skyline College where she worked as the Director of the Mathematics Engineering, Science Achievement Program from 2000 to 2008. After successfully establishing Skyline’s MESA program she accepted a position as the Assistant Director of Programs for MESA Statewide at the University of California’s Office of the President working with nearly 70 community college and university MESA programs. In 2012, she joined UC’s flagship campus by accepting a position at the UC Berkeley in the College of Engineering. In 2013, she established Berkeley’s Transfer Pre-Engineering Program which serves engineering students that have transferred from community colleges. Aside from T-PREP, she also directs the Pre-Engineering Program which serves freshman engineers. Both PREP and T-PREP support students throughout their time at Berkeley. Tiffany has helped hundreds of students successfully transfer to top-tier universities, prepare for graduate school, and gain prestigious research fellowships. In
2018, she launched REUFind which is a blog aimed at exposing non-traditional students to paid research opportunities.

Transfer Talks Update
We are set to go for our June Transfer Talk. We are hoping to engage in a lively discussion on Transfer Seminars. You do not need to have a seminar on your campus or event be planning to teach a seminar for this to be a meaningful event for you. We hope people will come and share ideas and content about what is important for transfer students to know in seminars. For those who teach or will be teaching a seminar, this is a great way to think about what you are including. For those who do not have seminars, it may be a great way for you to think about what transfer-specific material you can deliver to your students in other meaningful ways. We want to be sure to also include both 2-year and 4-year school-specific ideas, so come ready to share. If you have a seminar that you would like to highlight for a few minutes on our next session, please contact me at tazarowicz2@unl.edu. To access recording from previous Transfer Talks, go to our homepage: https://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Community/Advising-Communities/Advising-Transfer-Students.aspx.

Annual Conference Registration Is Open
I know it seems so far away, but registration is now open for the annual conference. This year’s conference, hosted in Louisville, Kentucky, is October 20th-23rd. To see more details and also to book hotels, go to https://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Events/Annual-Conference/Registration-Information.aspx. If you have never been to an annual conference before and have questions, reach out to us. We’d love to give you insights on what it looks like and what you can gain from attending a conference.

Reminder- Deadline for September Edition of Academic Advising Today is June 15th
Academic Advising Today (AAT) provides an opportunity to publish material that could include general articles, Vantage Point and Advising Community Sponsored articles. These are generally short articles (1000-1500 words). This is a great way to get involved with writing and publishing, and there is always a need to highlight great work that supports transfer students. AAT It exists to provide a venue for sharing of advising experiences and discussion of ideas related to the theory and practice of academic advising in higher education. The deadline for the September edition of Academic Advising Today is June 15th. If you have ideas for an article on transfer students, but would like to work as a group or have a co-author, utilize our listserv and social media outlets to connect. Feel free to reach out directly to me if you are looking for ideas or want help connecting with someone specific on a resource.

Resource/ Article Spotlight
As we get set to talk about transfer student seminars this week, I thought it would be great to highlight a resource pertaining to this topic. Although not the primary focus of this article, this article by Thomas, Walsh, Torr, Alvarez, and Malagon (2018) discusses a learning community model for transfer students. They noted that a learning community model for transfer students did increase a sense of community
and increased academic and social integration. To access the article, go to 
https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1521025118813618. If you believe you have a resource that is worth highlighting here, forward it to me at tlazarowicz2@unl.edu with a quick statement as to why you find that resource or article valuable.

As always, thank you so much for being a member of our advising community. I am excited to see where the new year takes us. If there is anything our advising community can do to help you with your role, please do not hesitate to reach out!

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