This is what community looks like: Transition, retention & beyond

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Session agenda

- Transition mindset
  - Understanding admissions
  - UC transfer programs
  - Best practices
- Retention
  - Meeting students' needs
- Beyond
  - Alumni
  - Data
Transition mindset
Steps to enrollment

**ADMITTED STUDENT**
- Read conditions of admission
- Understand provisions

**REPORT CHANGES**
- Withdrawing from courses
- Incomplete grades
- Non-passing grades (D,F)
- Did not meet a provision

**REMAIN IN GOOD STANDING**
- Last term of attendance
- May vary by campus

**SUBMIT OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS**
- From all institutions attended/reported on application
- AP/IB scores
Summer programs for prospective students
Best practices

- Seeking help & resources
- Transition summer experiences
- Orientation participation
- Self-agency
- Create a transfer action plan
Student testimonials

**Stella Rocha**  
Riverside City College  
As a first-gen, non-traditional, Latina, student parent, I was hesitant to start my first quarter at UCR because the world was in the middle of a pandemic. I attended the Transfer Success Series. Through the series, I received the tools necessary to succeed. We were connected with resources to ease our transition such as financial aid, library resources, mentorship programs, tutoring, and reading/writing support.

**Alyicia Teal**  
Los Medanos College  
The resources and support services I used most at my community college were the Transfer and Career Services, Extended Opportunity Program and Services, and my learning communities MESA and Umoja. Each program helped me with balancing work and school, with personal and financial support and most importantly achieving academic success and transferring to UC Merced.

**Maricela Vazquez Aviles**  
Mt. San Antonio College  
As an undocumented, first-generation, and former foster youth, transferring to UC Merced was challenging. The Services for Undocumented Students provided the help I needed to pay for my classes, allowed me to find my support community and connect with those that share my identity. The Guardian Scholars Program has helped me stay connected with my campus and the people that can help me succeed academically.
Retention
Retaining students: Financial and basic need support

- Financial aid modifications
- Emergency loans
- Basic needs - food & housing
- Financial wellness programs
Meeting students’ needs: Academic support

- Transition courses
- Advising
- Making connections
- Learning centers
Meeting students’ needs: Finding community

**LIVING & LEARNING**
- Culturally inclusive
- Engaging in learning communities with a focus on discipline

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**
- Professional clubs
- Cultural & ethnic
- Social
- Fraternities/sororities

**RESOURCE CENTER**
- Advising & academic support
- Scholarships
- Mentorships
- Safe space

**SOCIAL MEDIA**
- Facebook Groups
- Instagram & TikTok
- WeChat & WhatsApp
Meeting students’ needs: Experience

Study Abroad
40+ countries & 165 programs through UC Study Abroad or through an external program.

Career Center
Internships, job fairs, grad school fairs, workshops & appointments for jobs and grad school application support.

Research
Participate in research through an established program or finding scholarships to support individual research.

UCDC/UCCS
Intern for government and public service either in Washington D.C or Sacramento
Beyond……
By the numbers

- 2M LIVING ALUMNI
- 75% UC ALUM LIVE IN CALIFORNIA
- 84K RECENT GRADUATES (2021)
Alumni engagement

UC ALUMNI CAREER NETWORK

ALUMNI HIRING OTHER ALUMNI

ACCESS TO CAREER COACHES

LINKEDIN MASTERCLASS

CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL COURSES AVAILABLE
Alumni

• Median earnings can be looked at by major or discipline and will continue to show a higher median earning than other CA 4-year institutions

• Median earning is at a higher rate than other CA 4-year
Social mobility

UC prides itself in social mobility

At 5 years after graduation, first generation students earn similar salaries to other UC graduates who had a parent attend college

Social Mobility of UC Alumni

By early-career, the median household income for students enrolling at UC whose parents were in the bottom 20 percent of income is almost 50 percent higher than alumni who enrolled at another 4-year college in CA, and almost three times as high as those who never enrolled in college.

UC is an equalizer for students who come from the bottom 20 percent of income - they go on to earn as much as students who come from middle-income families. Those earnings double by 10 years after graduation.

At five years after graduation, first generation UC graduates earn similar salaries to UC graduates who had a parent that graduated from college. (among UC degree earners only)
Alumni Spotlight

Cory Mccullough
Merced College

In his early 20s Cory battled addiction and stole to support his habits. The Dos Palos native spent several stints in prison as early as 2011 for commercial burglary. Education was the last thing on his mind.

Now, the third-year UC Merced Ph.D. candidate is using his experiences and education to teach incarcerated students through the Merced College Rising Scholars Program. The program partners with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and serves 600 students at two state prisons in Chowchilla: Valley State Prison and Central California Women's Facility.
Alumni Spotlight

Wiley Wilson
El Camino College
Proud to say that I’m a graduate of the University California, Irvine. This school has provided me with so many opportunities that has allowed me to not only survive, but thrive. From being offered a paid student staff position as a UMOJA Ambassador in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, to becoming a researcher under the Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) Fellow. UCI even made me add to my list of people I consider to be family, who has also worked with me on new opportunities that opened the door for other incoming and current students at UCI. Now that I have graduated, I am still proud to say that I still call UCI my home by recently becoming its first UMOJA Coordinator/Student Advisor under the Transfer Student Center!!

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Transfer resources and matrix

Please see the QR code and/or link for more information regarding our Transfer Resource Guide and Matrix.
THANK YOU