• Welcome and thank you for joining us for the "This is what community looks like: Transition, retention and beyond" session
• My colleagues and I have prepared a presentation that will help support your students’ transition from community college to the University of California
• So without further ado, let’s traverse what community looks like for our transfer community
• So, what does our day look like today?
• We will begin transitioning our mindsets by gaining some knowledge and understanding of the admissions realms, an overview of UC transfer programs and best practices to help prepare your students' transition.
• Then you will explore retention programs and services of the University of California to help meet your student needs.
• And beyond all that, we will conclude with information regarding UC alumni and data for your references.
Transition mindset

- In efforts to support our students’ transition to a 4-year university, it is important to adopt a transition mindset.
- A transition mindset includes an understanding of what happens after a student has been admitted to a UC.
• As counselors, you can help facilitate transitions as your students complete community college and prepare their new academic journey at a different institution
• To ensure they don’t feel like they are reinventing the wheel, here are a few things we want you to be aware of and share with your students
• Once a student has been Admitted
  • It is critical to understand that a student’s admission is conditional
  • Encourage your students to fully read and understand if there are any additional requirements or provisions to be met prior to transferring.
• Reporting Changes
  • It is important students report any changes to the information previously submitted on their application
  • Changes may include but are not limited to, changes to personal information, withdrawing their application, corrections to non-academic information, and/or any transfer student updates to coursework

Remaining in good standing
- Although a student has been admitted, it is important we remind students they are responsible for remaining in good standing.
If possible, recommend your students complete courses with B or better grades.
- Submitting official documents
As students get near the end of their academic year at their respective community college, they will also have to find a balance to ensure they meet deadlines to submit any official documents such as transcripts, AP/IB scores, etc., to the receiving institution
Knowledge is power!

As your students begin to plan out their transfer journey, there are various ways to engage your students with UC institutions early on and attend some of our prospective summer transfer programs.

These programs will expose students to the UC learning environment early on and the endless resources available to transfer students at the UC level.

In addition, students will engage with faculty, advisors, and peers all while learning about the UC admissions process and strategies for crafting a competitive UC application.

UC Merced - Transfer Academy: [https://uctip.ucmerced.edu/programs](https://uctip.ucmerced.edu/programs)

UCM - Early Transfer Opportunity: [https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/early-transfer-opportunity](https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/early-transfer-opportunity)

UCD - Via TOP - Aggie Transfer Scholars Weekend: [https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/events/aggie-transfer-scholars-weekend](https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/events/aggie-transfer-scholars-weekend)

UCD - Via TOP - Aggie To Be (HS students attending CC for transfer): [https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/events/aggie-to-be](https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/events/aggie-to-be)

UCB - Berkeley Summer Experience: [https://admissions.berkeley.edu/berkeley-summer-experience/](https://admissions.berkeley.edu/berkeley-summer-experience/)

UCSB - Transfer Prep Academy: [https://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/transfer-prep](https://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/transfer-prep)

UCSC - Transfer Prep Academy: [https://admissions.ucsc.edu/transfer-admission/transfer-preparation-program-tpp](https://admissions.ucsc.edu/transfer-admission/transfer-preparation-program-tpp)
Speaking of programs, here are additional programs to help support students in the transition process.

- After students have been admitted, they may ask how to prepare to transition to a UC or possibly want to start engaging early on.
- There are plenty of summer Bridge programs available for students to start getting connected on the campus they choose to attend.
- Some UC’s offer week-long programs to help student acclimate into the UC of their attendance.
- Some offer courses to assist students in understanding the UC system.
- Here you will find various transitional programs to support your CC students as they matriculate into the UC system.

Every summer transition program may look different.

UCR: Transition & Success Series: [https://arc.ucr.edu/tsp#summer2022](https://arc.ucr.edu/tsp#summer2022)
UCCLA: AAP Transfer Summer Program: [https://www.aap.ucla.edu/units/new-student-programs/](https://www.aap.ucla.edu/units/new-student-programs/)
UCB: Transfer Summer Edge: [https://summer.berkeley.edu/special-programs/transfer-edge](https://summer.berkeley.edu/special-programs/transfer-edge)
UCM:
UCI: Transfer Boost: [https://summer.uci.edu/programs/transfer-boost/](https://summer.uci.edu/programs/transfer-boost/)
UCD: Transfer Edge: [https://trc.ucdavis.edu/services/transfer-resources](https://trc.ucdavis.edu/services/transfer-resources)
UCSB: Transfer Edge: [https://summer.ucsb.edu/programs/transfer-edge/overview](https://summer.ucsb.edu/programs/transfer-edge/overview)
UCSC: Transfer Edge: [https://summer.ucsc.edu/summer-edge/transfer/index.html](https://summer.ucsc.edu/summer-edge/transfer/index.html)
UCSD: Transfer Prep Series: [https://transferstudents.ucsd.edu/resources/summerseries.html](https://transferstudents.ucsd.edu/resources/summerseries.html)
Now that we have developed a transition mindset, here are some best practices to help support a smooth transition into the UC system:

1. Encourage your students to ask for help and seek resources in the process:
   1. We want students to discover the tangible benefits they can be provided with in their education.
2. Invite them to explore and consider Transition Summer Experiences:
   1. These programs allow students to connect with the institutions and gain a sense of belonging.
3. Orientation participation is highly recommended even if it is not required:
   - Every college takes a different approach to orientation; however, this is a great opportunity for students to get a feel for transfer pride.
4. Self-agency:
   1. Promoting a growth mindset is critical.
   2. Students engage in self-agency and advocacy by beginning to utilize campus resources/events to make connections with peers, faculty/staff etc.
5. Creating a Transfer Action Plan:
   1. Students work with their UC academic advisors and even student mentors to create this.
• Your student are our students
• There are some of many UC students who have experienced summer transition programs
• Part of transitioning is being able to maximize all the resources and services available to our students
Retention

How can we as a University and you as a counselor help students learn about resources they may not be aware of?
Encourage students to learn where their financial aid office is located on campus, to check their portal that may provide housing information and other financial support. Encourage them to look into financial wellness programs and basic needs resources.

- All UCs provide the opportunity for students to appeal/modify their financial aid due to financial hardships and changes to personal circumstances.
- Emergency loans - small amount loans that students can take out and pay back to the campus.
  - Students may receive an emergency loan and one Short Term/Assistant loan per quarter (Check with financial aid at the individual UC)
- Basic Needs support with:
  - Financial Resources: social services resources, budgeting to name a few
  - Food Security- Food available immediately through center, CalFresh, Healthy, low-cost recipes, Food maps
  - Housing Resources- Rapid Rehousing programs, Emergency Housing, Housing Listings, Free Legal Housing services, Housing Conflict
  - Mental Wellness- Immediate Mental Health Resources, Campus and community resources, Substance abuse

- Financial Wellness Programs - Bring information about the financial aid process to prospective and continuing students.
  - They provide workshops, coaching, and online education that is relevant to the student’s personal experience
Meeting students’ needs: Academic support

- Transition courses:
  - First semester transition courses may be 1 or 2 unit courses
    - credit-bearing transition courses and workshops that introduce students to campus culture, structure, policies, and procedures
    - Ex: UC Berkeley has multiple Ed 198 course that range from Introduction to a Research University, veterans in higher ed, and being a student parent at a UC to name a few).

- Learning Centers/Writing Centers:
  - These centers provide tutoring services and academic support by professional and student staff
  - Support students with all subject areas developing academic confidence
  - Students are able to submit writing for feedback
  - Attend workshops to assist with scholarship essays

- Making Connections
  - Meet with faculty during office hours to enhance a better understanding of the course and start building network opportunity for future letters of recommendation
  - TA's Teachers Assistance typically a graduate students who can help answer questions that were not covered over lecture and/or need further clarification
  - every UC campus offers peer mentoring programs for newly enrolled transfer students, and some campuses also offer faculty mentoring programs
  - Academic Club (stem, psych, med, etc.) they can offer networking and further insight for degree and career.

- Advising:
  - recommend to meet with advisor at least once a quarter/semester to ensure they are on track to graduate or advise on double majoring and/or picking up a minor
  - Be mindful that there may not be advisor for everything so make sure you are speaking to the right person.
    - Ex: Health profession advising center, are advisor who help students with health-related majors/interests
Living-Learning Communities are for motivated transfer students of all backgrounds, majors, and experiences ready to cultivate strong relationships with their peers.

- Transfer student living communities
- Student programming offers diversity of perspective for students to learn from each other and grow together
- Themed apartments (STEM, bio, culturally, global sustainability, all inclusive, etc.)
- Stay connected to campus because there is no commute involved
- Family housing is available, except UC Merced, but they have affordable rent where it is possible to rent a space for family.

- Student organizations - All campuses offer student clubs and organizations for students from underrepresented backgrounds to support their cultural, professional, and personal growth.
  - Student may choose from over 300+ clubs and organizations varying from professional clubs, cultural, ethnic, fun clubs, and fraternities/sororities
  - Student stay involved and some provided with leadership experience

Transfer/Resource Centers -
- With many resource centers available to the students, these centers provides, safe space for students, scholarships, mentorships, and some can provide advising and academic support.
- Transfer center: transfer support centers that provide critical orientation, academic success workshops, academic advising sessions, guidance on career and graduate or professional school, exploration of research options, and community-building and networking opportunities with faculty, students, and alumni
- EOP, Student Parents, Veterans, Re-entry, and first-gen support.
- CCC-cultural center that provides a space and resource for URM students
- Space to rent out books for the quarter/semester
- Free scantrons/blue books
- Clicker rentals

- Using Social Media (Facebook groups, Instagram, snapchat, WeChat, WhatsApp)
  - To get connected with students prior to enrolling and during undergrad
  - Students stay connected to campus when they know what’s going on around campus
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 (Undergraduate Research) through an established program or finding scholarships to support individual research
  - Early research opportunities help prepare students for lifelong learning and expose them to critical thinking experiences. Engaging in research outside the classroom connects students to faculty and hands-on experiences, which are believed to encourage them to pursue advanced degree.
- UCDC/UC Sacramento
  - UCDC-Students from these and other campuses are eligible to spend a term in residence at the Center working and studying in the Washington DC metropolitan area. As interns with Congress, the White House, cabinet agencies, advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, scientific laboratories, and the news media, students gain firsthand exposure to the American political process while attaining valuable work experience.
  - UCCS (UC Center Sacramento)- Educates California’s future leaders in the crafts of politics and policymaking, while making the expertise of faculty of the nation’s leading university available to decision-makers in the legislative and executive branches of the government.

Remember to network, build connections, and explore when participating in studying abroad, research and uc/dc-
Beyond......
According to NCH data: 36% of UC undergraduates pursue an advanced degree - with African Americans having the highest rate at 40% followed by Latinx, Asian & White at 35%

UC has more than 2 million alumni living and working around the globe. They are leaders and contributors to the vitality of our communities, our businesses and our culture. The mission of the Alumni Engagement office is to enrich the lives of alumni and engage them as volunteers, advocates and contributors who strengthen the University of California.
The University of California is pleased to host the UC Alumni Career Network, a unique series aimed at supporting the career and professional needs of UC alumni. In addition, whether you are a new graduate, considering a career change, pursuing professional networking, or seeking on-the-job career advice, UC campuses offer many resources to help you in your professional journey.

The UC alumni Career Network helps alumni make connections and attract other alumni for their companies. Alumni have access to career coaches post-graduation via their alumni association. LinkedIn Masterclass to those that wish to take the course. Continuing and professional Courses available for all alumni through continuing education or extension and may be offered a discount via their alumni association.
Generally speaking, UC Alumni are earning at a higher median range than other CA 4-year institutions. It may vary by major and discipline.

The chart above shows the middle range of UC alumni earnings salaries for the selected major or discipline using the 25th percentile, median and 75th percentile. The range in salary shows a likely range of salaries for alumni with this major at 2, 5 and 10 years after graduation.

The chart next to is an average earning of all majors and/or disciplines compared to students attending other CA 4 year institutions.

https://visualizedata.ucop.edu/t/Public/views/UCAlumniatWorkDashboardwithGraduateAttainment/ByUGMajor?iframeSizedToWindow=true&:embed=y&:display_spinner=no&:showAppBanner=false&:embedded_code_version=3&:loadOrderID=0&:display_count=n&:showVizHome=n&:origin=viz_share_link
UC’s collaboration with the [Equality of Opportunity Project](https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/climb-mobility-analysis) and the [CLIMB Initiative](https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/climb-mobility-analysis) reveals new insights into UC’s role in enabling low-income students to achieve intergenerational economic mobility. Through matching UC students to their IRS tax records and linking them to their parents’ tax records when they first enrolled at UC, researchers have been able to determine how many UC students achieve economic mobility - beginning at the bottom 20 percent of the national income distribution as teenagers and making it to the top 20 percent as adults after attending UC.

Source
Social Mobility: [https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/climb-mobility-analysis](https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/climb-mobility-analysis)
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/Matrix Link:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tHmhN8N0VsXPHH15sjtPtiif2YynR_Si/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115431263144382118035&rtpof=true&sd=true
THANK YOU