Welcome to the spring edition of Talking Transfers, a publication designed to keep community college partners updated with important news and updates on transfer students at Appalachian. This edition will highlight the following:

- Advising reminders
- Introduction of new Jump Start Coordinator and OTS Administrative Assistant
- Transfer priority application deadlines
- New student pre-orientation options
- Advisor webinar information and survey
- Multicultural Transfer Student Day information and dates
- Opportunities to visit campus

I hope you find the information provided helpful as you assist students transferring to Appalachian.

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**ADVISING REMINDERS**

**Chemistry prerequisite change:** Effective fall 2017, all students registering for General Chemistry I will be required to have completed ONE of the following:

- MAT SAT 520+ / 550+ for those who took it March 2016 or later
- Passing the math portion of the TCPE (Toledo Chemistry Placement Exam)
- Credit for MAT 1020 (MAT 171) or higher

**Athletic Training:** The Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education (CAATE), has now mandated that the required degree to become an Athletic Trainer will be a master's degree. Students who enter the University during the 2017-2018 catalog year will have the opportunity to apply for admission to the undergraduate athletic training program during the fall semester of 2017.

**Transfer Priority Application Deadlines**

Transfer priority application deadlines provide transfer students the best chance for admission as well as housing and scholarship opportunities. All transfer applicants are reviewed and receive decisions on a rolling basis, which means that applicants are reviewed and decisioned until the incoming class is full. It is recommended that transfer students complete applications for admission as early as possible. Transfer admission decisions are typically released within two to four weeks after completing the application.

- **February 15** - summer or fall term
- **October 15** - spring term

**NEW OTS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: SUSAN TATE**

My name is Susan Tate and I am very happy to be the Administrative Assistant in the Office of Transfer Services. I was a transfer student myself, completing my degree in Recreation Management at Appalachian. I then went on to be a flight attendant for several years, and enjoyed traveling all over the world. Now I am thrilled to be back at Appalachian, working with students and assisting them as they navigate the transfer process.

**NEW JUMPSTART COORDINATOR: MATT HUNTANAR**

Hello, my name is Matt Huntanar; I am the Coordinator of Jump Start Appalachian, a transfer student transition and support program designed to help students successfully transfer to Appalachian. My job, along with the Transfer Student Mentors is to help transfer students find helpful resources, and answers to any questions they might have as they move through the transfer process. Visit the Jump Start Appalachian website [www.jumpstart.appstate.edu](http://www.jumpstart.appstate.edu) to meet all of the Transfer Student Mentors and learn more about the Jump Start program.

I worked at Davidson County Community College for 17 years as an academic advisor and faculty member. I understand the challenges that community college students face when transferring to their 4-year school and what they need to be successful on campus. Please feel free to call or email me to let me know how I can help you and your students. I look forward to hearing from you!

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SAVE THE DATE: Multicultural Transfer Student Day
Thursday, April 13, 2017
This is a one-day event for diverse transfer students who want a first-hand look at Appalachian. Participants will experience our beautiful location, learn about our strong academic programs, engage with faculty, meet current students, discover financial aid and scholarship options, and explore leadership opportunities for diverse students. Appalachian values diversity and inclusion -- explore the different ways Appalachian can support you to achieve your academic and career goals.

Stay tuned for registration details.

NEW TRANSFER STUDENT PRE-ORIENTATION OPTIONS

ADMITTED STUDENT WEBINARS
In the fall of 2016 the Office of Transfer Services piloted three webinars designed to provide newly admitted students the opportunity to learn more about understanding their credit evaluation and transfer advising, housing and student employment. This spring, we will be hosting four webinars on the following dates:

- Tuesday, February 21 at 10am
- Wednesday, March 22 at 10am
- Wednesday, April 5 at 2pm
- Friday, April 14 at 4pm

T-POP: TRANSFER PRE-ORIENTATION PROGRAM
T-POP is a day of activities designed to help newly admitted transfer students get better acquainted with resources and prepare for their upcoming orientation session. A typical day involves sessions on financial aid, transfer of credit and advising, and involvement in campus life. There will also be a transfer student panel and campus tour. This spring, T-POP will be held on the following dates:

- Monday, April 24
- Friday, April 28
- Monday, May 1

REGISTRATION
Participation in these programs is optional but we encourage all newly admitted transfer students to attend one.

https://orientation.appstate.edu/transfer

OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT CAMPUS

- **Transfer Track** - Visit sessions for transfer students which includes a presentation and tour of campus. Available most Tuesdays and Fridays this fall and spring when school is in session. Students can register online.

- **Spring Open House, April 22** - Many departments on campus will be represented during the Academic Expo and students can attend various sessions including transfer information and financial aid, or take a tour of campus.

- **Group Tours** - Bring groups of students to visit campus and see Boone! Please schedule one month in advance so we can prepare for your visit.

SAVE THE DATE: NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNSELOR ADVISING WEBINAR
This spring, Appalachian and the Office of Transfer Services will be hosting two NC community college advising webinars. These webinars will provide valuable information advisors can utilize as they assist students wishing to transfer to Appalachian’s main campus. To guarantee information provided is applicable and meets the needs of all advisors, please utilize the link below to take a short survey designed to assess the gaps in knowledge and guide further webinar content.

https://appstate.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_07LFvjosnrIZL49

WEBINAR DATES: Wednesday, March 8 at 11am and Tuesday, March 21 at 1pm