

Office of Transfer Services

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Happy New Year!

Welcome to the Spring edition of *Talking Transfers*, the newsletter of Appalachian's Office of Transfer Services. In this edition, we hear from another of our transfer student mentors, and introduce two more members of the Office. We also highlight some of the resources we provide in support of you and your work with transfer students.

Transfers Talking



My name is Riley. I transferred to Appalachian from Lenoir-Rhyne University via Caldwell Community College. I am studying Appropriate Technology and Environmental Design. I wish when I first applied to college I had known what Appalachian was really like – it would have been my first choice of school. Instead, I spent some time on the transfer route. The hardest part about transferring to Appalachian was figuring out how to get involved. There are so many opportunities here, it's sometimes difficult to choose! But I love it. Campus life, and life in Boone itself, are incredible. It's a very giving community where everyone is willing to help. Driving home in the dark one evening, I saw a car broken down in the road, and four or five cars parked at the side of the road – everybody had stopped to help push the broken down car out of danger. That just would not have happened where I grew up. In Boone, I always feel comfortable and safe and I just can't picture myself studying anywhere else.

Did you know?

- Appalachian admitted 1148 new transfer students in Fall 2014. As such, transfer students made up 27% of new students at Appalachian this year.
- 52% of new transfer students in Fall 2014 came in as sophomores.
- 30% of the 2013~14 graduating class first enrolled at Appalachian as transfer students.
- The top major department selected by transfer students at the time of admission was Curriculum and Instruction.
- The average age of new transfer students in Fall 2014 was 21.3.

See the Transfer Student Talking Points for more information about Appalachian's transfer students: <http://transfersymposium.appstate.edu/tool-kit>

Updates

- **Transfer Guides** Appalachian is in the process of producing Baccalaureate Degree Plans (BDP). BDPs identify community college courses that lead to associate degree and baccalaureate degree completion. Complete BDPs can be found at <http://ncccfouryearguides.appstate.edu> More guides will be added as they are completed.
- **General Education** Appalachian's new General Education curriculum will be effective from Fall 2015. Students entering in Fall 2015 should check Degree Works by May 1st for a more accurate reflection of how their courses have been applied to General Education requirements. Students entering in summer 2015 should refer to the current General Education curriculum.
- **Applications** are open for Summer & Fall 2015.
- **Admissions Criteria:** The objective credentials - cumulative college GPA and credit hours - play the most important role in the admissions process. While Appalachian's minimum GPA continues to be a 2.0, students who are between a 2.0 and 2.25 may be waitlisted, due to the competitive nature of the process. The average transfer GPA is over a 3.0.
- **Minimum Course Requirements** For students who do not meet NC Minimum Course Requirements, Appalachian now keeps the student's application "incomplete" until we receive a brief email confirmation that the student is "on track" to complete an Associates degree. Students may approach counselors asking for such an email. When the email is received, we then review the student and can tentatively admit her or him while waiting for the final transcript.
- Admitted students can find their **credit evaluations** in DegreeWorks by clicking on "transfer coursework evaluation" in their MyAPP account.

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Transfer and Transition – Beth Watts



As the Transfer Transition Advisor in the Office of Transfer Services, I work with prospective and admitted transfer students to ensure coursework selection is appropriate for general education and major requirements. I collaborate with various departments across campus to stay abreast of curriculum changes and advising matters and then disseminate relevant information to community college counselors, advisors, and students. I also travel to various community-college campuses to offer student workshops, present to ACA 122 classes, and work with student support personnel. As a student-centered professional, I greatly enjoy working with transfer students to provide the tools and resources to ensure their goals are attainable and provide for their futures.

New Jump Start Coordinator

In September, Bob Charlebois joined the Office of Transfer Services as the Jump Start Coordinator.

Hi, my name is Bob Charlebois and I am really thrilled to be the newest member of the Office of Transfer Services. Jump Start is a transfer student support program which aims to assist incoming transfer



Bob getting some support from the Transfer Student Mentors

students with accurate information and getting connected with campus. Along with a group of Transfer Student Mentors, we regularly visit partner community colleges to answer questions for both students and counselors. Our help is not just limited to partner colleges; it is also available via email and online to students and counselors from any college. You can contact me to get answers to just about any question you may have. If I don't have the answer, I promise I will get it for you. I can also put students in touch with both faculty and students in their chosen major. This is a great way to begin learning more about their field of study. The thing I like most about my job is the opportunity to work with all the great transfer students working so hard to become future Mountaineers.

Office of Transfer Services – Resources

The Office of Transfer Services has a number of resources available to help community college counselors and students navigate the transfer path. We will focus on one or two of these in the next few newsletters. Firstly, we are in the process of preparing a series of informational videos on a range of topics. Topics include the Admissions process, Advising, Credit Evaluation, Jump Start and Orientation. Our first informational video introduces the Universal General Education Transfer Component (UGETC) guide. You can watch the video by following this link: <http://youtu.be/RVwsLqkPX6I>. You can find a copy of the UGETC guide in the *Resources* block on the Office of Transfer Services website: <http://transferservices.appstate.edu>. It's well worth investing some time exploring this site. Another key resource is the Course Equivalency Search, which allows you to determine how courses completed at other institutions may transfer to Appalachian.

Events coming up:

Open House

18th April, 2015

An opportunity for prospective transfer students to meet faculty, tour campus, and learn what student life at Appalachian is really like.

<http://admissions.appstate.edu/visit/open-house>

Transfer Pre-Orientation Program

24th and 27th April, 2015

The Transfer Pre-Orientation Program is a day of activities designed to help newly admitted Appalachian transfer students find the answers to all of their questions and prepare for their upcoming Orientation session. Find out more:

<http://orientation.appstate.edu/tpop>

Transfer Track Visits - Most Tuesdays and Fridays
Transfer Track visits target prospective transfer students and include information about admissions requirements and campus resources. Transfer Track visits also provide an opportunity to meet the transfer student mentors, and a chance to tour the campus. Find out more here:

<http://admissions.appstate.edu/prospective-students/transfer-students>