

Office of Transfer Services

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Happy New Year!

Welcome to the Spring 2016 newsletter for the Office of Transfer Services. This publication is designed to provide our community college partners with updates and information on the activities of our office, students, and University.

Transfers Talking



Hello Mountaineers! My name is Bradley Coniglio. I transferred to this wonderful university from Central Piedmont Community College in 2012 after completing my Associates Degree in International Business. I am currently majoring in Business Management and I serve as the President of the Walker College of Business

Transfer Student Association. At the beginning of my experience here, knowing how and where to get my involvement started proved to be a difficult task. Between the abundance of clubs and organizations on campus and the struggle of settling into my routine, I often found myself feeling overwhelmed. Once I did take the leap and got involved with clubs of my aligned interests, I realize how inviting the students and faculty are to transfer students. Taking that leap has proved to be one of the best decisions I've ever made in my life.

As a transfer student here at Appalachian State University, you are equipped with the resources, opportunities, and connections you need to be successful academically and carve out your future career opportunities. Most importantly, you are equipped with a choice: acclimate yourself to this change alone or seize the opportunities available to you. In just a year and a half, the resources across campus have helped me land the summer internship of my dreams, secure a career after graduation, and meet some amazing people that I am honored to call friends for the rest of my life. Greatness is within reach here at Appalachian State, leave no doubt by getting involved, getting connected, and unlocking your true potential! The Mountaineer family awaits you, join us as together we rise and make dreams come true!

Advising Webinar

Beth Watts, Transfer Transition Advisor, is in the process of planning Appalachian's Spring Advising Webinar and needs your help! Beth will be emailing a survey soon to inquire as to what Appalachian advising topics advisors are interested in learning more about. Please be watching your inbox for the survey, which should be coming your way by

the middle of February. The Webinar will take place in March, with two possible dates for attendance. More information to follow soon.

New Office Staff

The Office of Transfer Services welcomed two new staff members late last semester.

Kim Morton, Associate Director

Kim oversees engagement and retention efforts for our current students. Starting with T-POP and through to graduation, she serves as a resource and information source for our current students. With ten years' experience working at a community college in Virginia and over five years at four-year institutions, Kim appreciates the transitional adjustment of transfer students. Kim has a bachelor degree from Gettysburg College, a master degree in Student Affairs from Kutztown University and a doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Mandi Miller, Administrative Assistant

Mandi Miller provides front desk customer service, directing phone calls, and greeting visitors for the Office of Transfer Services as well as assists the director. Mandi joined the Mountaineer family as a transfer student from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute with her Associate of Arts. Mandi received her Basic Law Enforcement Certification from Wilkes Community College in 2011. Mandi served as a full time Police Officer for ASU from 2013-2015 and continues to serve as a Reserve Officer on Campus. Mandi began with OTS in November of 2015.

Visiting Appalachian

Appalachian offers a range of events to facilitate student visits to the University.

- **Transfer Multicultural Student Day** This event, to be held on **Monday, February 29, 2016**, is designed specifically for diverse prospective students interested in transferring to a four-year institution. While we will provide information on Appalachian, the information presented will be useful for students interested in an array of universities. Community college students will learn about the transfer process, hear from current students and faculty, and have the opportunity to apply (application fee will be waived this day!). Transportation will be arranged for students from certain nearby colleges. For more information please visit admissions.appstate.edu/mtsdl.

- **Open House** Open House is a great way for prospective transfer students to meet faculty, tour campus, and learn more about financial aid, scholarships, admissions, and what student life at Appalachian is really like. In addition, there are transfer student specific sessions which provide information on how credits transfer and the importance of getting connected on campus. The next Open House is on **Saturday, April 16, 2016**. For more information: [Open House](#)
- **Transfer Track** Transfer Track sessions are campus tours designed specifically for transfer students who are considering Appalachian. During the Spring 2016 Semester, Transfer Track sessions will be held each Monday and Friday, starting at 1pm. These sessions are designed to allow prospective transfer students to “get a taste of life of a transfer student” at Appalachian. More [here](#).
- **Transfer Pre-Orientation Program (T-POP)** T-POP is a day of activities designed to help newly admitted Appalachian transfer students find the answers to all of their questions. A typical day involves sessions on financial aid, transfer of credit, advising, and involvement in campus life. There is also a Q&A session with the transfer student mentors and a tour of the campus. The aim of the day is to help students prepare for Orientation so that everything goes smoothly on that day. Students attending T-POP will still be required to attend an on-campus Orientation session. There will be three T-POP sessions for Fall 2016 students—Friday, April 15; Friday, April 29; and Thursday, June 9. Find out more [here](#)
- **Orientation** All new transfer students are required to attend Orientation. For transfers, this is a one-day event where students meet with academic departments, finalize their class schedule with an advisor, and choose from a conference style set of workshops. The Orientation dates for Fall 2016 are Monday, May 23; Friday, June 10; Friday, June 24; and Wednesday, August 10. orientation.appstate.edu/transfer
- **Welcome Weekend** Held the weekend prior to classes starting (Saturday, August 13—Monday, August 15), Welcome Weekend helps students become more comfortable at Appalachian, make new friends, and start to weave into the fabric of student life. orientation.appstate.edu/welcome
- **First Semester Events** Throughout the first semester, OTS works with others including Career Development, the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, and our 3 student transfer groups, to help create transitional events for new transfers. Students find out about the events through a weekly email newsletter, *Transfer Scoop*. Events will also be listed soon on our website.

Distance Education Option Available

Do you have students interested in completing a 4-year degree with Appalachian, but relocating to Boone is not an option? Appalachian State University's Distance Education programs provide high-quality Mountaineer education off the mountain. A variety of undergraduate degrees are available in online, hybrid, or face-to-face delivery formats. Options include education, health care and communication. Applications are now open for 2016. For more information, visit our [Distance Education's degrees page](#).

Activities for New Students

Acclimating to a new social and academic environment is one of the harder challenges for transfer students. To help, we have developed transfer specific events and support resources.

- **Summer Programs** Transfer specific groups for these summer programs: Trailhead Academy is a 4-day academy which allows new students to enhance their leadership skills, form lasting bonds with fellow new transfer students, and learn more about ASU and the Boone community! First Ascent is a wilderness orientation program for incoming students allowing students to form bonds while exploring and appreciating the outdoors around Boone. trailhead.appstate.edu
op.appstate.edu/first-ascent

New Twitter Account for OTS

Current and future students can learn of updates and events by following the Office of Transfer Services on Twitter [@AppTransfers](#). If you are more of a Facebook fan, our [Jump Start](#) page is still the best place to direct students.

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