**The Transfer Coach**

*The SDCC Transfer Information Newsletter*

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**IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS**

**JANUARY 31, 2014**
UC Academic Update priority deadline for all UC schools. If you missed the priority deadline, you should still submit!

Quick tip: Check out the webportals for each school you applied to early and often!

**FEBRUARY 7, 2014**
Supplemental application due for SDSU. Access through your WebPortal with your RedID.

**FEBRUARY 10, 2014**
ADT petition to graduate due to SDCCD for verification to your transfer CSU.

**MARCH 1, 2014**
Many applications due for private schools (USD, PLNU, etc.)

**APRIL 1, 2014**
All Associate Degree petitions for graduation due to SDCCD for May commencement.

**A WORD FROM THE TRANSFER/CENTER DIRECTOR**

*The Transfer Coach* is our new and improved newsletter geared toward students, faculty, staff....anyone interested in transfer news, updates and information! The Transfer/Career Center Director, Dr. Marilyn Harvey, hopes to enhance communication with all members of the City College community to increase successful transfers from SDCC. Your feedback is welcome! Email us: citytran@sdccd.edu

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UPCOMING TRANSFER/CAREER CENTER WORKSHOP DATES

Workshops are 1.5 - 2 hours and held in the Transfer/Career Center, room A-111. See you there!

UC Transfer Info
- Tues, Feb 4, 1pm
- Wed, Feb 19, 9am

CSU Transfer Info
- Thurs, Feb 6, 1pm
- Thurs, Feb 13, 1pm
- Thurs, Feb 20, 1pm
- Wed, Feb 26, 4:30pm

Resumes
- Wed, Feb 5, 4:30pm
- Wed, Feb 12, 12pm
- Wed, Feb 19, 4:30pm
- Tues, Feb 25, 10am

Interview Techniques
- Mon, Feb 10, 1pm
- Mon, Feb 24, 1pm

Cover Letters
- Mon, Feb 3, 1:30pm
- Tues, Feb 18, 1pm
- Thurs, Feb 27, 11:30am

DID YOU KNOW…
We have Transfer Admission Agreements with a number of Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs). These progressive institutions are steeped in history and provide rich academic experiences for our diverse and passionate students.

- Fisk University www.fisk.edu
- Dillard University www.dillard.edu
- Clark Atlanta University www.cau.edu
- Howard University www.howard.edu
- Hampton University www.hamptonu.edu
- Grambling State University www.gram.edu
- Spelman College www.spelman.edu
- Prairie View A&M University www.pvamu.edu
- Morehouse College www.morehouse.edu
- Tuskegee University www.tuskegee.edu
A UC EDUCATION IS MORE AFFORDABLE THAN YOU THINK!

The Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan is a UC financial aid program intended to expand access to the university for lower-income students by establishing a minimum level of grant aid for undergraduates with financial need and household incomes of less than $80,000.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
For California residents whose families earn less than $80,000 and who qualify for financial aid, the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan will fully cover UC's systemwide tuition and fees. Qualified students must be in their first four years of attendance (first two for transfer students).

The Blue and Gold program provides a minimum amount of grant money that students can receive. Students with sufficient financial need can qualify for even more grants to cover other educational expenses, such as room and board, books, and transportation. UC currently provides grant and scholarship assistance averaging $12,787 per student to more than half of undergraduates.

HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY?
Students should file the (FAFSA) and Cal Grant GPA Verification Form by March 2 of the year they plan to enter the university in order to qualify for the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan and to receive the highest possible financial aid award. No separate application is needed for the Blue and Gold plan; students will receive the benefits automatically if they qualify.

WHY DID UC CREATE THE BLUE AND GOLD OPPORTUNITY PLAN?
Although the university already offers a robust financial aid program and enrolls more low-income students (more than a third of all undergraduates) than any other top research university, President Mark Yudof spearheaded this plan out of concern that UC needs to do more to convey a simple but powerful financial aid message that would encourage more low-income students to apply.

"I didn't think I could afford UCSD before I read about the Blue & Gold Opportunity Plan. Now I'm coming out of school with lower costs than my friends at other 'cheaper' schools!"

- 2011 UCSD transfer student
A DEGREE WITH A GUARANTEE?

“What’s this about the Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT)? I heard I could get in automatically to any college I wanted with just an AA?” Not so fast! There is a lot of information and misinformation that is going around the CA community colleges currently surrounding this controversial topic. Is the ADT right for you? The quick answer? It depends! There are many different viewpoints and factors that will go into that answer for you individually. We are in a transition time with the ADTs right now so your best bet is definitely to do research for yourself, talk to counselors and staff and make an informed decision based on you and your specific situation!!


Here is a list of the current ADTs that are approved by City College and part of our catalog/curriculum:

- Communication Studies
- History
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Theatre Arts

MEET YOUR NEW TRANSFER COUNSELOR

Alisa Rowland has been an adjunct counselor and Personal Growth instructor at San Diego City College since June 2009. Her primary mission is serving community college students by providing individual attention and care as they navigate their educational and life decisions.

Her passion is helping students transfer and transition to the next phase of their academic career…and beyond! She has successfully helped students transfer to UCs, CSUs and many private/out-of-state schools. Previously, Alisa has dedicated her time to the FYE program and also to students pursuing the Mental Health Work Certificate of Achievement. Alisa is excited to be doing counseling work in the Transfer/Career Center to assist students in new and exciting ways. Alisa has a deep love for City College, its students and culture. Outside of SDCC, Alisa teaches yoga and volunteers as a mentor for young women through the Jenna Druck Center. Her other passions include music, balance, health, and living life with gratitude and forgiveness.
MEET THE TRANSFER/CAREER CENTER STAFF

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