



# The Ohio State University

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## *Focusing on the First Year—The Transfer Experience*

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

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- 8–8:30 a.m.                    **Registration and continental breakfast** (Fawcett Center Assembly Hall lobby)
- 8:30–8:45 a.m.                **Welcome** (Fawcett Center Assembly Hall)  
Amy Walker, *transfer student*  
Allen Kraus, *senior associate director,*  
*Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience*
- 8:45–9:45 a.m.                **Keynote presentation** (Fawcett Center Assembly Hall)  
**Transfer and Campus-Change Brain Trust**  
Panel moderated by Dr. Mabel Freeman, *assistant vice president,*  
*Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience*
- 10–11 a.m.                    **Concurrent sessions I**  
(Please see attachment for locations and session descriptions.)
- Transfer Student Demographics and Involvement: Implications and Comparisons
  - Shaping the Transfer Student Experience: Ohio State and CSCC Joint Initiatives
  - Transfers are First-Year Students, Too: FYE Programming for Transfer and Campus-Change Students
  - Becoming Buckeyes: Facilitating the Transfer Transition and Creating a Sense of Place and Purpose
  - Transfer Student Panel
- 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.        **Concurrent sessions II**  
(Please see attachment for locations and session descriptions.)
- Merging In and Moving Forward: How the Office of Student Life Supports the Transition of Transfer Students at Ohio State
  - Have You Met the Neighbors? Fostering a Cross-Institutional Dialogue Between Advising Professionals at The Ohio State University and Columbus State Community College
  - State-Level Activity on Articulation and Transfer
  - Office of Minority Affairs (OMA) Specialized Programming for Underrepresented Transfer and Campus-Change Students
  - Regional Campuses: Fact or Fiction?
  - Transfer Student Panel
- 12:30–2 p.m.                    **Lunch** (Fawcett Center Ballrooms)  
**Remarks:** Martha Garland, *vice provost and dean,*  
*Enrollment Services and Undergraduate Education*  
**Lunch presentation:** Dr. Barbara Gellman-Danley, *vice chancellor,*  
*Academic Affairs & System Integration, Ohio Board of Regents*
- Closing**  
Allen Kraus, *senior associate director,*  
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### **Keynote Presentation**

#### **Transfer and Campus-Change Brain Trust**

Dr. Jack Cooley, *dean of Arts & Sciences, Columbus State Community College*

Dr. Evelyn Freeman, *dean and professor of education and human ecology, Ohio State University (Mansfield)*

Tally Hart, *director of the Economic Access Initiative, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

Brad Myers, *university registrar and interim director of Student Financial Aid,*

*Ohio State University (Columbus)*

Dr. W. Randy Smith, *vice provost for Curriculum and Institutional Relations,*

*Ohio State University (Columbus)*

Panel moderated by Dr. Mabel Freeman, *assistant vice president, Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

#### **Location: Assembly Hall**

The students of the future are those who pursue a degree at more than one institution. With increasing numbers of students transferring between institutions in central Ohio, it is important to understand this student experience. How much do we know about today's transfer students? What are the biggest challenges for these students and how can we help?

This “brain trust” of local experts will set the stage for the remainder of the conference as they address the issues facing transfer students today.

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### **Concurrent Sessions I (10–11 a.m.)**

#### **Transfer Student Demographics and Involvement: Implications and Comparisons**

Gail Stephenoff, *director, Office of Enrollment Management, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

Dr. Xueli Wang, *senior research associate, Student Life Research and Assessment,*

*Ohio State University (Columbus)*

Daniel Newhart, *assistant director, Student Life Research and Assessment,*

*Ohio State University (Columbus)*

#### **Location: Clinton**

Many administrators and faculty wish they knew more about the transfer student and regional campus-change populations at Ohio State. In this session, presenters will share data about transfer and regional campus-change enrollment patterns and behavior on Ohio State's campus.

The Office of Enrollment Management will share demographic information about our transfer and campus-change students and the Office of Student Life Research and Assessment will share results from the Ohio State Student Involvement Survey. The Student Life Research and Assessment portion of the presentation will compare transfer students to new first-quarter freshmen and discuss the implications of this data on our daily practice.

## **Shaping the Transfer Student Experience: Ohio State & CSCC Joint Initiatives**

Dr. Jack Cooley, *dean of Arts & Sciences, Columbus State Community College*

Dr. Deborah Haddad, *assistant dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

Dr. Jill Pfister, *assistant dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

David Roy, *senior assistant director, Academic Relations, Undergraduate Admissions  
and First Year Experience, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

Dr. John Wanzer, *assistant provost, Office of Enrollment Services and Undergraduate Education,  
Ohio State University (Columbus)*

### **Location: Harrison**

Students transferring from community colleges to selective, research-intensive universities undergo a particularly challenging transition related to a variety of academic, curricular, social, procedural, cultural, and economic issues. The Ohio State University and Columbus State Community College have embarked on an effort to devise a plan that will ameliorate those challenges through a variety of programs and initiatives to provide as much joint academic planning, course selection, sharing of events, and special transition policies as possible. This plan is very much in its infancy, and there are many opportunities for shaping the principles of and implementing the plan.

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## **Transfers are First-Year Students, Too: FYE Programming for Transfer and Campus-Change Students**

Jenny Osborn, *assistant director, Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience,  
Ohio State University (Columbus)*

### **Location: Delaware**

Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience is committed to facilitating successful student transitions for all students coming into Ohio State. The office has numerous programs and efforts that welcome transfer and campus-change students and help them acclimate to the university. This session informs the audience of FYE's current and new initiatives that serve the transfer and campus-change student population.

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## **Becoming Buckeyes: Facilitating the Transfer Transition and Creating a Sense of Place and Purpose**

Paul Heimberger, *academic counselor, College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences,  
Ohio State University (Columbus)*

Lauren Haas, *program coordinator, Research Office, College of Social Work,  
Ohio State University (Columbus)*

### **Location: Alumni Lounge**

Transfer students are not just the sum of their transfer credits. Even less seamless than the transfer credit process itself is the student development transition. Ultimate transfer student success depends on the purposeful and prompt creation of "a sense of place."

To initiate and facilitate this creation, University Survey courses within the College of Social Work (SOC WORK 100) and the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (FAES 100T) have some unique curricular components which help transfer students adapt to their new surroundings. Presenters will share some of these student-centered strategies, such as integrating Carmen, implementing an advising model, and including service learning.

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## **Transfer Student Panel**

Moderated by Nicole Craven, *program coordinator, Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience,  
Ohio State University (Columbus)*

### **Location: Assembly Hall**

Students who transfer or change campuses to begin their Columbus campus career have different transitional experiences than students who begin at the Columbus campus following high school graduation. This session offers a look at the successes and challenges of the transfer process from the perspective of current transfer students. Audience members will have an opportunity to ask panelists questions to gain valuable information specific to their work with transfer students.



## Concurrent Sessions II (11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.)

### **Merging In and Moving Forward: How the Office of Student Life Supports the Transition of Transfer Students at Ohio State**

Matt Couch, *senior assistant director of Student Activities and director of Student Life Orientation, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

Sean M. McLaughlin, *assistant director, Off-Campus Student Services, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

Doug Eck, *hall director, University Housing, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

#### **Location: Highland**

The Office of Student Life is committed to enhancing the student experience and promoting student success. Getting transfer and campus-change students connected with the numerous resources available to them is vitally important to their life outside the classroom and their overall success.

The objective of this session is to share the current practices and strategies that Student Life uses to help transfer students transition to the university and also to discuss how the office can better serve the members of this population.

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### **Have You Met the Neighbors? Fostering a Cross-Institutional Dialogue Between Advising Professionals at The Ohio State University and Columbus State Community College**

Mary Higginbotham, *academic counselor and staff assistant, College of Pharmacy, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

#### **Location: Alumni Lounge**

The Ohio State University and Columbus State Community College have a lot in common when it comes to working with undergraduate students. Academic service professionals, especially academic advisors, are often some of the first and most consistent points of contact for students transferring between Ohio State and CSCC, and can do much to help ease “transfer shock” for students making the transition.

This session is designed to explore best practices in advising students transferring between Ohio State and CSCC. We hope to strengthen an existing dialogue between advisors at both institutions and give academic service professionals a chance to learn more about how we can all assist transfer students making the transition from community colleges to four-year institutions or from four-year institutions to community colleges.

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### **State-Level Activity on Articulation and Transfer**

Dr. W. Randy Smith, *vice provost for Curriculum and Institutional Relations, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

Cynthia A. Feilder, *associate registrar, Office of Enrollment Services & Undergraduate Education, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

#### **Location: Clinton**

For two decades Ohio’s four- and two-year public institutions of higher education, have worked through the Ohio Board of Regents to facilitate transfer among institutions. The Transfer Module, which focused on general education categories, was established in the 1990s. This decade has seen an increased emphasis on undergraduate majors through Transfer Assurance Guides.

This session will focus on the development of these two initiatives, the current status of each, and next steps that appear to be emerging. Presenters will give attention to The Ohio State University’s involvement in these activities; the initiatives’ impact on future curricular development; and the ongoing roles of academic units, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the Office of the University Registrar.

## **Office of Minority Affairs (OMA) Specialized Programming for Underrepresented Transfer and Campus-Change Students**

Michelle Cobbs-Martin, MSW, LCSW, *program coordinator, OSU Bound, Office of Minority Affairs, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

Robert Decatur, *program director, Office of Minority Affairs, regional campuses and transfer students, Ohio State University (Columbus)*

### **Location: Harrison**

This session will describe the OSU Bound program at Columbus State Community College and will reveal the challenges that underrepresented transfer and campus-change students face while transferring/transitioning to the Columbus campus.

The presenters will also discuss a variety of academic and non-academic resources this population needs to transfer/transition, to stay on track, and ultimately to graduate. Such key resources include specialized academic services offered to students through Ohio State's Office of Minority Affairs and sometimes in collaboration with other support offices at the university.

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## **Regional Campuses: Fact or Fiction?**

Kyle Morgan, *director of Advising, Ohio State University (Newark)*

Karen Prost, *assistant program coordinator of Education, Ohio State University (Newark)*

### **Location: Delaware**

This interactive presentation will clarify some of the misconceptions about regional campuses and the students who attend these campuses. The presentation is designed to help Columbus campus faculty and staff understand the knowledge base and experiences of students who transfer from regional campuses to the Columbus campus. This presentation will also help faculty and staff discern between fact and fiction when hearing what the students themselves have to say about their experiences at regional campuses.

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## **Lunch (12:30 p.m.–2 p.m.)**

### **Location: Ballrooms A–D**

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Barbara Gellman-Danley, *vice chancellor, Academic Affairs & System Integration, Ohio Board of Regents*



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**Please identify the institution with which you are affiliated:**

- Columbus State Community College  
 The Ohio State University (Columbus campus)  
 The Ohio State University (regional campus)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**In what capacity do you interact with students? (Check all the apply.)**

- Faculty  
 Administrator  
 Graduate Student  
 Undergraduate Student

**Please rate the following on a scale from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent):**

		Poor					Excellent
Program format	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	
Program variety	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	
Length of program	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	
Keynote presentation	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	
Relevance of presentations	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	

**Please indicate and rate the break-out sessions you attended:**

Concurrent sessions I: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ N/A 1 2 3 4 5

Concurrent sessions II: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ N/A 1 2 3 4 5

Please see reverse side for addition questions



**Did the conference provide you with new information that will be useful in your work with transfer and campus-change students? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (please explain)**

**What was the most beneficial aspect of the program?**

**What suggestions or changes (speakers or program topics) would you recommend for a possible future campus conference related to first-year students?**



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### *Advancing Our Efforts*

Please share any ideas or thoughts you may have from today's conference that could be helpful in developing future initiatives for first-year students.

