January Kick Off

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What Is Transfer Connections?

Transfer Connections is a mentoring program for incoming LSA transfer students at the University of Michigan. We provide individual mentorship and greater access to faculty and rich campus resources. Each transfer student in the program will be able to interact with not only their mentor, but other transfer students in the program. Transfer Connections also focuses on organizing informational workshops in order to present transfer students with a wide array of opportunities.

Visit Our Website: www.onsp.umich.edu/transfer_students/welcome/

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Meet Your Mentors!

Hi! My name is Karen Mastie and I'm a Senior majoring in Communication Studies. I transferred from Indiana University in Bloomington where I was a Theater major. Not to sound dramatic, (pun intended) but coming to Michigan is a dream come true. I'm the third generation to come to Michigan, my grandparents met here, and so did my parents. If it weren't for Michigan I literally would not be here. If that's not the Michigan difference I don't know what is. I love this school and all the amazing things you can do here. My favorite things on campus are attending student performances (singing, dancing, of both--musicals), joining student Orgs, STARTING a student org, meeting professors, and meeting students that are going to change the world. I also have watched Michigan football since I was little and being in the Big House cheering in the student section is something I will never forget! I'm from Hygiene Colorado, but since that's not on a map I'll say right outside of Boulder and 45 minutes SW of Denver. I love being outside, hiking, fishing, camping, and biking. I am pretty sure I'll be ending up in the New Mexico/ Colorado region, but since I don't have a job yet I can't say for sure.

My name is Lydia Lopez and am a Junior studying Political Science and International Studies. I am currently the vice chair of the Transfer Student Resource Commission in CSG as well as the Chair of the Diversity Affairs Committee in LSASG. I am from Boston, MA, but was born in El Salvador. I look forward to getting to know all of you this semester!
Hello hello! My name is Qian Hou, and right now I am a junior student (senior-standing in winter, yea!) majoring in Biochemistry. Before coming to U of M, I spent two years in Xi’an Jiaotong University and Miami University-Oxford, majoring in English Language. This upcoming semester will be my fourth semester on this wonderful campus, and what keeps me loving U of M till now is all the possibilities and opportunities the school can provide. Transferring to a foreign country and to a major totally unrelated to my previous one could be a big challenge. So dream big, and welcome to U of M!

My name is Michelle Jacobs and I am a BCN major with an intent to attend Medical School after undergrad. I am hoping to take at least one year in between undergrad and going to medical school to go abroad. I transferred to U of M from Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame winter 2013. My favorite part about Michigan is the vibe on campus and the feeling I get when I am on campus. I absolutely love to travel and am always looking for ways to help others and travel the world. I am doing research this year in the ECMO lab at the Medical School and am hoping to continue doing research at this lab until I graduate. My biggest time commitment is my executive board position in a student organization called Timmy Global Health, as the Trip Leader.
Hey! My name is Will Chen and I am a sophomore majoring in BCN. I transferred from the University at Buffalo before coming into U of M. As a transfer, I came in mid-semester during my freshman year, smack-dab in the cold horrendous winter. Transfer Connections was a huge part in my transfer process, not only was I able to form a strong community within the program, the acknowledgement that I was not the only one going through the obstacles that I faced as a transfer, definitely made me feel less lonely. On campus, I am captain of an intramural Volleyball team. I’ve been playing volleyball since High School, so it’s always been my outlet whenever I am stressed out. Coming to Michigan was by far the best decision of my life. I’m from NYC, and the distance made everything seem that much more foreign. Every day is a new challenge, and a new opportunity to prove just how resilient I can be. The classes are interesting and the school spirit is what makes Michigan so different from other universities. It’s great to be a Michigan Wolverine!

Hi TC! My name is Lauren Kiryakoza. I'm a junior here at Umich majoring in Global Health and Environment under the Program in International and Comparative Studies (PICS). I am passionate about travelling, foreign languages, and science. I will be applying to medical school next year, and hope to eventually work abroad as a physician. Aside from keeping busy with science and international studies classes, I am the Recruitment Chair for a global health non-profit on campus called Timmy Global Health. I also am a tutor in the Spanish Club, which offers free tutoring to U of M students taking Spanish. This term also takes me to a new research position in a psychology lab on campus. Aside from school, I love to run, read, watch crime documentaries (I'm addicted!), and spend time with family and friends. I'm from Farmington Hills, a town about 40 minutes away from campus. Welcome to U of M!
Bring your MCARD Everywhere

Why? Here are a few important reasons:

After Hours Building Access  Library
Dining Hall Access  Exams
Campus Events  Ann Arbor Public Transportation

Health is a Top Priority

Be sure to visit University of Health System (UHS)

main UHS number 734-764-8320

Michigan Freeloaders has both a Facebook and Twitter page that shows you all the free events that are happening on campus.

Office hours are a great way to obtain more information on concepts that you are unsure about. Also, you are given the opportunity to build a personal connection with your GSI or professor.
Stop By These Helpful Offices

**LSA Newnan Academic Advising**
Class planning, adviser advice, career planning
Phone: 734.764.0332
Newnan Advising Center
1255 Angell Hall
435 S. State Street

**The Career Center** offers an incredible amount of information about internships, jobs, resume tips, and much, much more
Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8am - 5pm
515 E. Jefferson
3200 Student Activities Building
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1316
Phone: 734-764-7460
Fax: 734-763-9268
Email: careercenter@umich.edu

**Office of Financial Aid**
Office of Financial Aid * 2500 Student Activities Building, 515 E. Jefferson, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1316 *
Tel 734-763-6600

**Counseling and Psychological Services- CAPS**
Michigan Union Room 3100

**Hours Fall/Winter:** Mon-Thurs 8AM-7PM Fri 8AM-5PM

**Spring/Summer:** Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM

(734) 764-8312
Will’s Money Saving Tips

Create an Emergency Fund
All of us will eventually have financial emergency situations. It is good to set aside money, and actively add on to create a big safety net for yourself. You never know what is going to happen, and you would rather prepare adequately rather than stress out when something does happen.

Keep a journal or notebook of how much you have spent.
A record of what you have spent is good for doing a monthly review of how much you are spending and earning each month.

Effort-Reward System
This technique has been highly effective in my quest for saving money. I write down the luxuries that I would like to have, and set goals for myself that I have to succeed in before being able to purchase the luxury. Common goals could be finishing an essay on time, achieving a certain score on an exam, or even going to the gym two to three times a week.

Keep all receipts.
For items such as clothes, don't rip the tag off for a few days, so that you are able to clearly feel out if you made the right purchase. I've bought many clothes only to return them the following week.
Look out for these upcoming Transfer Connections Events in the near future!

**January**
Winter Kickoff - Jan 14, 6-8pm, Alumni Center, Founders Room
Research, Publication, Etc. Workshop with Martha Kirpes
SAAN Annual Conference

**February**
Movie Night
Sporting Event
Medical School Tour

**March**
Dance Mix
Resume Workshop

**April**
Musket performance
End of Year Celebration