Welcome to Transfer Connections!

My name is Adam Baker and I serve as the program manager for Transfer Connections. This year is going to be packed with new and exciting ways to be engaged and involved with the program. We have six wonderful mentors who will be working with you throughout the year as you make the transition and get settled in here at the university and in the city of Ann Arbor. Here’s what you can expect from our program this year:

- Once a month, we will host a social event for the entire program to keep you connected with Transfer Connections!
- You will also be invited to various skill-based activities that students need to do or learn during their time at UM, and we provide the extra support and guidance (and food!). We will also be working alongside University Mentorship, our partner program, to co-host various events throughout the year.
- In addition to our monthly events, each month you will also be meeting one-on-one with your mentors to discuss whatever is on your mind, whether it’s classes, getting around campus, or making Michigan your home.

Along the way you have the support of dedicated staff who are here to answer questions and send reminders. And finally, remember to LIKE our Facebook page: Transfer Connections University of Michigan so you can join our conversations, learn about special opportunities and contests, post Scavenger Hunt photos and stay connected. GO BLUE!
Name: Lydia  Hometown: Boston, MA

Transfer School: UMass Boston

Favorite restaurant in AA: Suvai

If I only had 24 hours to live on campus, I would take a Food Tour! Bubble tea, thai, indian, & coffee!

Since being a student at UofM My academic advisor is my most prized possession.

I wish I knew of more deadlines! before coming to UofM

The best part of being a transfer student is...having the best of both worlds: Discovering a new campus while also on your way to graduating!
**Meet your Fall Mentors!!**

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**Favorite AA Restaurant:**
- when my parents are in town: **Gandy Dancer...**
- when they aren't: **Jimmy Johns**

Since being a student at UofM, **My M Planner** is my most prized possession.

I wish I knew before coming to UofM that an A on my first paper isn't guaranteed!

If I only had 24 hours to live on campus, I would **sneak into the Big House!**

The best part of being a transfer student is... **Telling people you're a transfer student, and people saying “Congratulations!” and “Welcome to Michigan!”** Also wearing my Michigan gear home and getting a chorus of **“GO BLUE!”** while walking through the airport. Every occurrence reminds me that...

**I'm finally in the right place!!!**
Meet your Fall 2013

Name: William X. Chen  Hometown: New York City
Transfer School: University of Buffalo
Nickname: Will the Thrill  Favorite AA restaurant: The Chop House

If I only had 24 hours to live on campus, I would go midnight ice skating at Yost Ice Arena, have a random silent dance party in the law library, then bike through campus and remind myself why I'm here in the first place.

Before coming to UofM, I wish I knew that all the emotions of sadness and loneliness was completely normal, it's something everyone goes through when starting over again; the feeling of hopelessness eventually makes us strong. & That no matter how many jackets I packed, a warm bed w/huge comforters is most important!

The best part of being a transfer student is...telling everyone in NY that I go to UofM & seeing their priceless reaction; never gets old! My pride has increased 120% since transferring, for once everything is falling into place. I'm more stressed & nervous, but it's the good kind its a beautiful thing. I'm not ashamed of who I am and want the world to know that I am a Wolverine...Loud and Proud!!
Name: QIAN (Iris)  
Nickname: Monkey

Hometown: Jinan City, Shandong Province, China
Transfer School: Xian Jiaotong University & Miami University-Oxford
Favorite AA restuant: Neopapalis

Since being a student at UofM my M planner is my most prized possession.

If I only had 24 hours left to live on campus, I would go to a concert at Hill auditorium. As a Wolverine, one privilege is access to world first-class artists for half off the ticket price!

Before coming to UofM, I wish I knew that exams can take place out of classtime, even at night. This is typical for science classes. Take this into consideration when scheduling classes. Don’t over stretch yourself on those days.

The best part of being a transfer student is having more experiences to learn from. UofM is a great place for new & exciting memories. This also means going through old things again. Like taking the same class, or interviewing again, or getting to know new roommates. But this time, we are more mature and capable to handle the challenges!!

Meet your Fall 2013 Mentors!!
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Xuequan Peng  
Hometown: Yanne, China
Transfer School: University of Iowa
Nickname: Elsie  
Favorite AA Restaurant: Marnee Thai

If I only had 24 hours left to live on campus I would have a cup of coffee from Amer's Cafe with friends, listen to our band play at Hill Auditorium, & expose myself to sunshine in the beautiful Arb!

Since being a student at UofM, my friends from all diverse backgrounds is my most prize possesion.

Before coming to UofM, I wish I knew that 400-level classes have insanely amount of course work, try not to take more than two 400-level classes in one semester.

The best part of being a transfer student is that We are are more psychologically mature to adapt to a new enviroment and to catch up on college life. With this kind of mindset, we can experience the excitement of exploring a new campus, making friends, and branching out our interests in a broader extent.
Name: Michelle  
Hometown: Grosse Ile, Michigan

Transfer School: Saint Mary's College

Favorite AA restaurant: Sadako  
Nickname: Mich

If I only had 24 hours left on campus I would go to a football game!

Since being at UofM, my computer is my most prized possession.

One thing I wish I knew before coming to UofM is that not everyone finds his/her best friend the 1st semester they transfer, but eventually everything falls into place.

The best part of being a transfer student is the connection you have with other transfer students, because you are going through a similar transition. Also, the University cares and provides many programs just for transfer students, like Transfer Connections!

Transfer Connections

Coffee Social

September 10th 2013

Michigan Union Parker Room (2nd floor)

1-3pm
transfer roadmap to success!!!

1. living arrangements

- always lock your doors
- discuss food arrangements with roommates
- practice taking the bus/walking to campus before the first day of classes!
- visit UofM housing office regarding further questions

5. get involved!

there are many ways to get involved on campus. here are some useful tools to get connected and plugged in!

1. attend festifall: come talk to representatives from organizations and receive free give aways and sweet treats!
2. find out about organizations online through UMich’s MaizePages website
3. get involved with Transfer Connections events!

have fun on your new journey!

you are finally here! you’ve worked hard to transfer, now it’s time to enjoy the perks of being a Wolverine. you are amongst the Leaders and the Best. because you are here, you are (and will always be) a true Victor... Go Blue!
2. Get Familiar with Computing Sites

- **CTools: Course Management**
  - Find course syllabus and important documents
  - Communicate with instructors
  - Chat with students through discussion boards
  - Check grades
  - Watch Podcasts from class
  - Turn in assignments and receive graded work

- **Wolverine Access**
  - Check financial aid status
  - Conduct registration for classes
  - Access & request transcripts
  - Update personal documents (ID, change of address, etc)
  - Track progress towards your degree
  - Apply for campus jobs

3. Get your books!

4. Schedule an Appointment with LSA Advisors

- Discuss transfer credits
- Explore the 75+ majors and 90+ minors that LSA has to offer
- Get Pre-graduate school advising
- Establish a class plan for graduation
- Talk with peer mentors who have been in your shoes!

...Next visit your concentration advisors!

Find the books your professors request through CTOOLS.

Possible buying options:
- Online bookstores such as:
  - Amazon
  - Nebo
  - Ched
- Campus bookstores
  - Ulrichs
    - Located on South University Ave
  - Barnes and Noble
    - Located in the Michigan Union
Resources

The University of Michigan offers its students a wide variety of resources, which are designed to assist them with problems that students typically face. Although you may not use the majority of resources available on campus, it is always good to know how the University can help you as you finish your undergraduate degree here. Here are just a few of the resources available to you that may be particularly helpful as you transition U of M.

Academic Resources

**Sweetland Center for Writing**
1310 North Quad | (734)764-0429
www.lsa.umich.edu/sweetland/

Advisors provide free consultations to help students with their academic writing. They also offer writing workshops, peer tutoring, and an online writing lab.

**Language Resource Center (LRC)**
1500 North Quad | (734)764-0424
www.umich.edu/~langres/

Supports language acquisition and proficiency by providing tutoring, conversation partners, and foreign language television and software.

**Center for Global and Intercultural Study (CGIS)**
G155 Angell Hall | (734)764-4311
www.lsa.umich.edu/cgis/

Provides information and academic advising to all UM students regarding study abroad programs and direct enrollment at foreign institutions.

**Science Learning Center (SLC)**
1720 Chemistry | (734)764-9326
www.lsa.umich.edu/slc

For students taking natural science classes, the SLC offers tutoring, GSI consultations, study groups, self-paced materials, and advising. The computer lab here is available to all students.

**Math Lab**
B860 East Hall | (734)936-0160
www.math.lsa.umich.edu/undergrad/mathlab/

Free walk-in tutoring services for all UM students taking mathematics courses through MATH 217.

**Physics Help Room**
1416 Randall Lab | (734)763-7222

GSIs who teach introductory physics labs and faculty teaching introductory physics courses are available for students needing help with their physics coursework.
Health & Wellness Resources

University Health Services (UHS)
207 Fletcher St | (734)764-8320
(uhs.umich.edu)
UHS is a comprehensive outpatient clinic that offers primary health care, allergy treatment, gynecology check ups, a nutrition clinic, STD testing, and much more. Many of these services are also covered by your student tuition! To make an appointment, call (734)764-8325.

Recreational Facilities
recsports.umich.edu/facilities
The University offers three facilities where students can work-out, take fitness classes, or consult personal trainers. All three facilities also have swimming pools as well. The three facilities are:
• CCRB (central campus)
• IMBS (south campus)
• NCRB (north campus)

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
3100 Michigan Union | (734)764-8312
umich.edu/~caps
The transition process can be tough. The University provides many mental health resources that can help you through the transition process. CAPS offers many services, such as therapeutic counseling (for individuals, groups, and couples) and crisis intervention, at no additional cost to students currently enrolled at U of M.

Additional UM Mental Health Resources:
• UM Mental Health | umich.edu/~mhealth/
• Campus Mindworks | campusmindworks.org
• MiTalk | mitalk.umich.edu

Campus Resources

Office of Financial Aid
2500 SAB | (734)736-6600
www.finaid.umich.edu
Advisors are committed to helping students obtain financial assistance needed to meet their education goals.

Office of the Registrar
1207 LSA Building | (734)764-3507
www.ro.umich.edu
View online schedule of classes, final exam schedules, and tuition payment schedules.

LSA Scholarship Office
2248 LSA Building | (734)615-0660
www.lsa.umich.edu/students/scholarships
Provides information on scholarship opportunities and the application process for LSA students.
More Resources

**Wolverine Access**

wolverineaccess.umich.edu

Gateway for all University students, faculty, staff, and alumni to access University-related information and systems. This is the system you use to register for classes, but you can also check your degree progress, financial records, transcripts, and much more.

**Online LSA Course Guide**

lsa.umich.edu/cg/

Site that allows you to search for courses offered during specific semesters and at what times they are offered. Also provides course descriptions and other information regarding class registration.

**Professional Resources**

**Career Center**

3200 SAB | (734)764-7460
careercenter.umich.edu

Provides assistance to students exploring professional opportunities, including jobs, internships, and graduate schools. They offer services like cover letter and resume preparation, mock interviews, and much more. Definitely take advantage of this place as early as you can.

**Newnan Advising Center**

1255 Angell Hall | (734)764-0332
lsa.umich.edu/advising

Home to all of the LSA general advisors. You can consult your advisor about graduation requirements or what classes you should take and when. You can also talk

**CTools**

cTools.umich.edu

course/project sites

Online course tools site that your professors and GSIs will use to communicate with students enrolled in their classes. Instructors will post readings, homework, announcements, and relevant course information here, so you will definitely use this site frequently.

**MCommunity Campus Directory**

mcommunity.umich.edu

Search for contact information of UM faculty, staff, alumni and students.
Tips To Help With Your Transition

General Pointers:

Balance Your Life

You are in college primarily to pursue your academic goals and prepare for your career. However, it is important not to lose sight of your other interests that make life exciting. Whether you are participating in an extracurricular activity, going for a run, or just hanging out with friends, it is important to balance your life with things you enjoy.

Monitor Your Degree Progress

It is important to keep track of which classes you have taken and need to take in order to fulfill requirements for LSA distribution and your concentration. You can monitor your degree progress by seeing an academic advisor or checking on Wolverine Access.

Manage Your Time

As the semester progresses, you will find that work and responsibilities quickly pile up. In particular, classes start becoming very demanding in October. Make sure to stay on top of your work from the beginning so you can avoid stressful situations later in the semester.

Get Involved!

Clubs & Organizations

With over 1000 clubs and organizations to join, there is bound to be an organization for you. Just because you are not a freshman does not mean you are not welcome join a club. Students of all ages constantly join new clubs and get involved with new organizations throughout their college career. Dare to branch out of your comfort zone and try something new and exciting that interests you!

Learn more at Maize Pages, where you can search the directory of UM clubs and organizations. And definitely check out Festifall.

Research Opportunities

U of M is one of the premier research institutions in the US and world. On top of that, the UM faculty members engaging in cutting edge research oftentimes look for undergraduate students to assist them in their projects. Faculty members also supervise students in their own independent projects.

Learn more about research opportunities by consulting with your department of study and check out UROP (lsa.umich.edu/urop).

Job Opportunities

There are plenty of on- and off-campus employment opportunities for students with and without work-study. The University offers a wide variety of jobs to students that are also flexible toward student life (exams, studying, etc.) Learn more at the Student Employment Office.
The Transfer Connections Scavenger Hunt 2013

Race against other Transfer Connections groups to see who can get the most and best pictures of people and places at the University of Michigan. With over 100 clues, there are even photos that you may take while here at Kickoff!

Submit pictures by uploading an album to the our facebook page. Like Transfer Connections to get started.
Album title: [Your Transfer Mentor’s Full Name] + ScavHunt 2013
No worries, your Mentor will help you out when you’re ready to upload!

Clues and rules found on the next two pages and will be posted on the Transfer Connections website.

Highest Scoring Groups Can Win
1st Place: Gift certificate to a local restaurant
2nd Place: Gift certificate to a local ice cream shop

Top Reasons to Play
- Explore locations you didn’t learn about on your campus tour
- Win a prize your whole TC group can enjoy
- Find fun, creative ways to interpret the clues
- Win extra points, bragging rights and instant fame
- Get to know your group members
- Take an action-packed study break!

Please note that groups will receive an ADDITIONAL:
5 points per picture containing your entire group (all of your group’s active mentees and Transfer Mentor)
3 points per picture of your group’s active mentee(s) only
Images Due
Thursday, October 31st at 5 PM

Your group must take a picture at each of the following sites below in order to be considered for the 2013 Transfer Connections Scavenger Hunt. These are base points; the rest of the clues on these pages are not mandatory, but will of course be added to your overall score. The more you do, the greater your chances to win!

These mandatory base points are each worth 15 points!
• Take a walk in the Arboretum.
• Go find out what you want to be when you grow up by visiting and taking a picture with a career counselor in the Career Center.
• Find out ways to balance your life by visiting CAPS—take a photo outside by the sign.
• Visit the famous “Rock”; add 20 extra points if the word “Mentorship” is painted on the rock.
• Orgo exam? Take a photo of your group studying at the Science Learning Center!

These clues are all over and everywhere!
• Random person wearing a TC t-shirt, carrying a mentorship cup or other TC Items 20 Pts
• Study in a library that is not the UGLi, Grad, or already listed on this sheet 15 Pts
  o (10 pts per each additional library)
• Search for fairies and if they are not home pose with their tiny doors 20 Pts
  o (10 Pts per additional door; 9 doors total)
• A coffee shop that isn’t Starbucks, Espresso Royale, or Amer’s 20 Pts
• Ahoy there matey! Take a picture with a giant anchor 5 Pts per anchor
• Play dead in the cemetery 10 Pts
  o (additional 10 Pts if you “spin” the cube tombstone)
• With Tom Goss 25 Pts
• Picture in front of every single residence hall 75 Pts
• All 3 campus recreation buildings 30 Pts
Explore the Central Campus Sites

- Find a Transfer Mentor outside of the ONSP office 30 Pts
- Cultivate diversity and visit OAMI 20 Pts
- Get math help at the Math Lab with a Math Lab tutor 15 Pts
- Explore the night sky at the planetarium 25 Pts
- Edit your papers at the Sweetland Writing Center (but not in Angell Hall!) 15 Pts
- Inside the library that contains Columbus’ announcement of the New World 20 Pts
- Random person wearing a Mentorship t-shirt, carrying a Mentorship cup or other items 20 Pts
- Pet a giant horse, don’t worry it doesn’t bite...or move 10 Pts
- Speak up for your rights in the lounge named after this famous Japanese American human rights activist 20 Pts
- Have a chat under a Tiffany & Co.® chandelier 15 Pts
- Kiss here with your sweetheart before midnight and you’re destined for marriage. 20 pts
- Don’t object! Go visit the Law Reading Room 10 Pts
- Fly with an American Eagle on your way into the Michigan Stadium 25 Pts
- Visit the post office and send a letter home to mom 15 Pts
- Take a picture with g Minus Two 10 Pts
- Swim a little in the “lake” in Palmer Commons 15 Pts
- Late night munchies? Find the new Insomnia Cookie store 10 Pts
- Fox trot in front of the Trotter Center 20 Pts
- Commemorate the late UM Prof Arthur Rich’s research on anti-matter and take a picture with the “positronium” 15 Pts
- Get a good view of Ann Arbor from the Observatory 25 Pts
- Park your tuches in front of Hillel 15 Pts
- Find an on campus gym that is not the IMB, CCRB or NCRB 20 Pts
- Don your jackets in the Winter Garden 15 Pts
- The world is your oyster! Visit CGIS 15 Pts
- With the statue that used to be on exhibit at Chicago’s Millennium Park and was assembled by the crane “Porkchop” 15 Pts
Check out these clues on North Campus -
- In a building that has no 90 degree angles in studios and classrooms 25 Pts
- Frolic in the Wave Field 25 Pts
- Reflect on your life at the Reflecting Pool 20 Pts
- Crash on a comfy couch at the Art School 15 Pts
- Capture a wolverine. 25 pts
- Hate stairs? Use the escalator! 15 Pts
- Make a pyramid in front of the bell tower 15 Pts
- Tell time with a sundial 15 Pts

10 Points for these extras:
- Ann Arbor Public Library
- Arthur Miller Theater
- Blue Apple
- Cobblestone streets
- Front porch of a fraternity house with white pillars
50 pts possible
- Office of Student Conflict and Resolution
- Outdoor Adventures Office
- Pond outside the School of Music
- Revelli Hall
- Ronald McDonald House
- SAPAC
- School of Nursing
- The TeaHaus
- A world famous delicatessen
- Weill Hall
- Yost

5 Points for these extras:
- A housing co-op
- Alumni Center
- An acoustically perfect facility
- Art Museum
- Askwith Media Library
- Cashier's office
- CCRB Track
- Dinosaur Skeleton
- Ginsberg Center
- Housing Office
- IGR Office
- Language Resource Center
- Largest (by seats) lecture hall on campus
- Maize & Blue Deli
- MCard Center
- MESA
- Office of Greek Life
- Office of the Registrar
- Res. Comp
- School of Public Health Patio
- Sea Simulator
- Smallest Residence Hall on campus
- Spectrum Center
- Student Activities and Leadership Building
- Student Legal Services
- The International Center
- UHS
- Undergraduate Admissions
- Undergraduate Science Building
- Union Courtyard
- UROP Office

BONUS POINTS
Transfer Student Checklist

♦ Familiarize yourself with campus
  ○ Locate the buildings and rooms of your classes
  ○ Explore local shops and restaurants

♦ Make sure you are in contact with your Transfer Connections Mentor
  ○ Set up your first one-on-one meeting
  ○ Come up with a list of questions for your mentor ahead of time

♦ Understand your transfer credits. Knowing which credits count towards your concentration and LSA distributions will help with future scheduling.

♦ Books! Figure out which books you will need sooner rather than later. Keep in mind, you can purchase new or used textbooks, rent books, or use textbooks on reserve in the library.

♦ Explore extracurricular activities early. Search Maize Pages (http://studentorgs.umich.edu/maize) for clubs that interest you before Festifall so that you know which tables visit.

♦ Get sleep! The semester will pick up rather quickly, so load up on sleep while you can.

“Your experience here at Michigan, especially being a transfer student, will truly be what you make of it. that being said, challenge yourself to branch out and enjoy all the wonderful traditions, diverse people, and enriching experiences Michigan has to offer. Go Blue!” ~ Anise Hines, transfer mentor 2012