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Introductions



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To and Through: Helping Community College Students **EXCEL** as STEM Transfers



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Why Are We Here?

Nicole Evans McIntyre

- UC Berkeley
 - College of Letters & Sciences
 - Department of Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences
 - Transfer-to-Excellence Program
 - College of Engineering
- Grad School
- Community College ♥



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Why Are We Here?

Tiffany Reardon

- MESA Director Skyline College - 8yrs
- MESA Statewide Community College Programs - 4yrs
- UC Berkeley College of Engineering - 11yrs
- REU Finder - 5yrs
- UC Berkeley Transfer Alliance Project - 1.5yrs



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Why STEM?

- Remains homogeneous
- Social mobility for students & their families
- State and national workforce needs
- Impact of diverse scientists, researchers, faculty, etc.



What are the largest challenges you see supporting STEM students through transfer?

SUBMIT YOUR ANSWERS IN THE CHAT



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Helping Community College Students to STEM Transfer



Exploring Majors & Demonstrating Passion for Major

- Internships
 - CalBridge!
 - National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (NSF REU)
 - reufinder.com
 - NASA remote programs
 - On campus & in community
- Independent projects
- Tutoring
- Research upper division coursework



Articulation

- What Students can do
- What Counselors can do
- “Required” vs. “Highly recommended” on Assist





Connect with MESA

- Supportive learning community for first-generation low-income students in STEM
 - STEM Community
 - Counseling
 - Tutoring
 - Study Groups
 - Internships
 - Scholarships
 - Field trips & conferences
 - Workshops



Understanding the UC Application

- **What students can do:**
 - PIQ's 1st question should be approached as a persuasive essay.
 - Not a diary entry
 - Demonstrated interest and passion, not simply a laundry list
 - coursework, extracurriculars, program participation, PIQ's
 - Illustrate preparation, aptitude, & resilience
 - Be concise



Understanding the UC Application

- **What counselors can do**
 - Encourage students to keep track of their activities as they progress through their time at CC.
 - Identify opportunities for students.
 - Help students dig deeper.
 - Identify themes.



Keep Students Focused on the Next Steps

- Current grades before transfer applications
- Transfer before grad school
- etc.





Helping Community College Students through STEM Transfer

Summer Breaks: Summer **before** transferring

- Take a break.
- Do not take classes!
- Refresh on foundational courses (trig, calculus, chem, physics)
- Update resume
- Transition programs, if available



What Makes a Successful Transfer

What students can do

- Go to orientation
- Enroll in Transfer Orientation courses
- Find study groups
- Stay on campus as much as possible



What Makes a Successful Transfer

What Counselors can do

- Offer transfer-preparation counseling course
- University visits
- Follow up with students to encourage and remain a resource
- Continue to send internships & scholarships

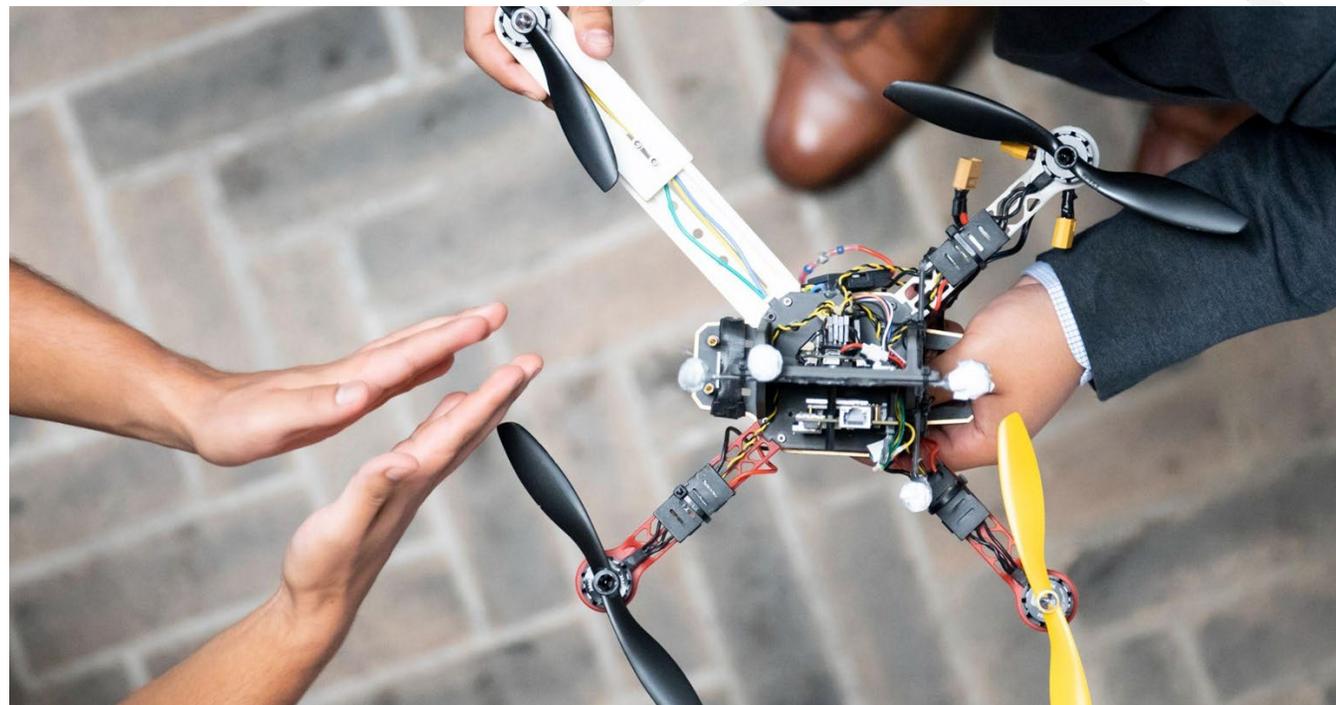


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Summer Breaks: Summers **after** transferring

- Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Programs
- Internships
 - Return offers
- Study Abroad
- Internships Abroad
- Ideally, no classes



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Warm Handoffs

- Track college alumni
- Research support programs
 - Be aware of support programs on different campuses
- Send email introductions!
- MESA Programs @ universities



What is one thing you can do to better support STEM transfers?

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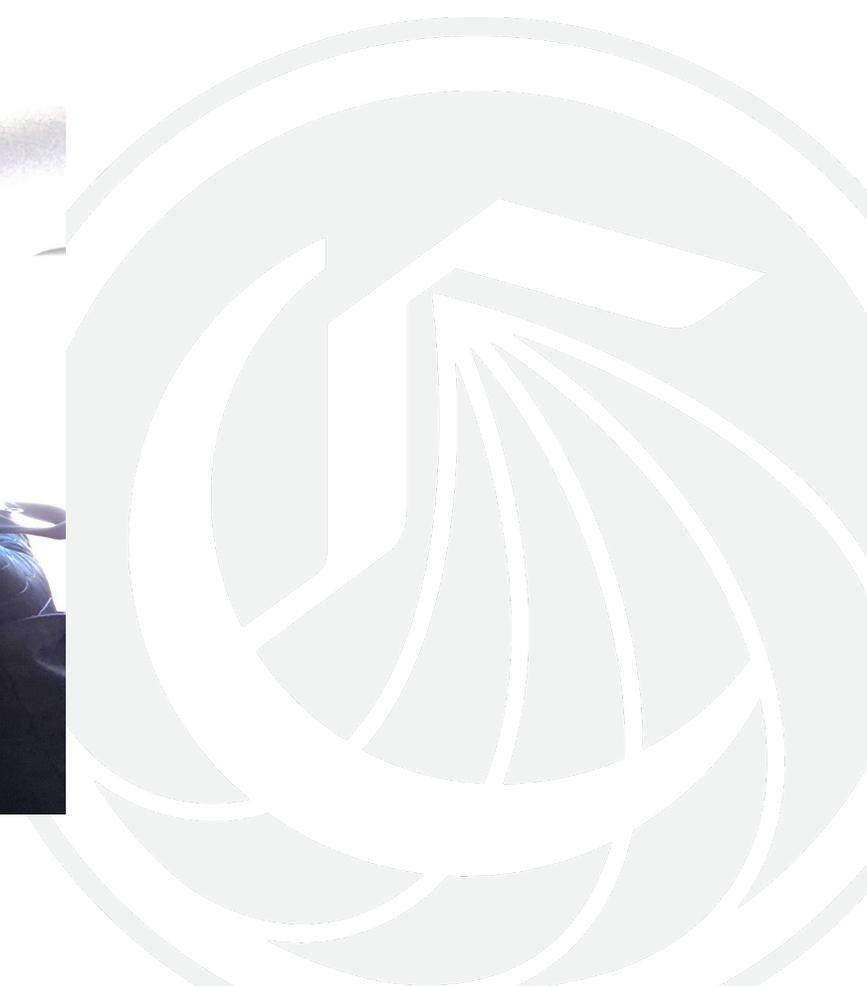


Questions?



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Today's Presentations and Session Recordings

All will be accessible in the coming weeks on the CCC Transfer Counselor Website:
<https://ccctransfer.org/>

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<https://ccctransfer.org/>

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