Aloha Transfer students!

September flew by and we hope that October has been well so far. This month we’re focusing on scholarships and online learning. We have more featured virtual resources for you to check out, and our events calendar for the upcoming workshops for Online Learning Success on the 20th! More on page 02!

One of our favorite sections is the Student Spotlight starting on page 03! Last issue we got to hear about Emma’s journey to her MSW program. And this month we another shining student just like you who shares their accomplishments and the different opportunities they experienced along the way.

As a reminder, be sure you meet your advisors for mandatory advising. Check your UH email for any communication from your advisor(s)!

Financial Aid Services Virtual Front Desk
http://www.hawaii.edu/fas/
Look for the green button on the right of the home page.
Wednesdays 9am - 2pm HST

Online Learning Academy (OLA)
http://manoa.hawaii.edu/ola/

Math & Science Tutoring
Sunday: 5:00-8:00pm
Monday: 5:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday: 5:00-9:00pm
Wednesday: 5:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday: 5:00-9:00pm

Writing Tutoring
By appointment

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EVENTS THIS SEMESTER
https://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/transfer/events/
Each month the MTCC will host 2 virtual workshops based on the month’s theme. Instagram posts & articles here will match the monthly themes. We hope you will join us in building this transfer community.

SEPTEMBER
Building a Transfer Community Month
- Wednesday September 16, 2020
  12pm - 1pm
- Tuesday September 22, 2020
  11am - 12pm

OCTOBER
Success in Online Learning & Scholarships Month
- Wednesday October 14, 2020
  12pm - 1pm
- Tuesday October 20, 2020
  11am - 12pm

NOVEMBER
Stress Relief Month
- Wednesday November 18, 2020
  12pm - 1pm
- Tuesday November 24, 2020
  11am - 12pm

INFO & REGISTRATION
https://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/transfer/events/

COMING UP!

OCTOBER
This month we're focusing on Getting Ahead of Scholarships, and developing skills to be successful in online learning, especially in this Fall 2020 environment.

October 14 = Getting Ahead of Scholarships
October 20 = Success in Online Learning

Did you join on us on the 14th for the optional community building? This is where our attendees came from!
TRANSFER STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

This section is dedicated to celebrating all of the various ways UH Mānoa’s transfer students are thriving. Through highlighting student successes in scholarship, research, leadership, service, and achievement, we invite you to take part in the pride we feel for our transfer ʻohana.

RIANA KAWASAKI, BS HDF5

Change is always hard. I started my college career at Seattle University back in 2018. I was nervous, scared, and excited to be starting a new chapter in my life all at the same time. I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to do, so I entered as a psychology major, because I took one psychology class in high school and decided I liked it more than any of my other classes.

My mind was all over the place and I ended up switching my major 4 times in my first year, from psychology, to communications, to marketing and international business, to Japanese. After my first year ended and I was back in Hawaii, I realized that I needed a change.

I felt like I was wasting my time while also paying ridiculous amounts of tuition to Seattle University. I knew that if I stayed there, I would continue to take classes that I didn’t necessarily need because I wanted to find my interests and explore more options. I was definitely going to graduate beyond 4 years, and my scholarship only covered up to that amount of time. Because of this, and a variety of other factors, I decided to transfer home to UH Manoa.

While at UHM, I decided to continue with my pre-business pathway. I had no idea if I actually wanted to go into a business job in the future, but it seemed like an easy pathway for someone who wasn’t sure what to do. However, after I took Shauna and Leilani’s UNIV 240 class, I was exposed to a variety of reflective opportunities that helped me to narrow down my future choices and allow me to explore ideas that I had previously thought not possible. After a semester of gaining new insights, talking and listening to a wide range of professionals, and spending hours conversing with Shauna and Leilani, I was able to finally narrow down my pathway to the healthcare field.

The day that I decided to start nursing prerequisites and go to a pre-nursing meeting, I felt in awe. It was a new feeling for me to finally feel like I knew what I was doing, or to feel that I finally had a direction in life that I could work to.

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I had spent all of high school and the entirety of my first two years of college jumping from one major to the next, taking a huge variety of different courses, and feeling so frustrated that I couldn’t commit to one decision.

But through this entire experience, the largest takeaway I gained was to take your time. Many people, myself included, have an idea that we have to get through college in 4 years and then immediately get a job, but this isn’t always the case. You’re the only one who’s going to be living your life; you will be the only one that has to live with your decisions, so make choices for yourself and not for anyone else.

Change is always hard, and sometimes you’ll hate it so much that you even consider dropping out of college and running away to a foreign country to avoid your responsibilities (I mean, haven’t we all?). But ultimately, change is good. It’s necessary and a large part of growing up. Change is scary, but if you understand that you have a support system here to help you, and that you are not alone, change doesn’t seem as hard as it used to be.