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Transfer & Career Center

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TAG, You're In!

UC Transfer Admission Guarantee

Need Assistance with your application?

The Transfer & Career Center will be assisting students from 8:30am-1:30pm & 3:00pm-5pm the following dates:

September 4, 2018

September 20, 2018

September 6, 2018

September 24, 2018

September 11, 2018

September 27, 2018



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TRANSFER DAY FAIR 2018

The Transfer & Career Center presents

TRANSFER DAY 2018

SEPTEMBER 17TH @ 10AM-1PM IN THE GYM

- **American Jewish University**
- **Azusa Pacific University**
- **Brandman University**
- **California Baptist University**
- **CSU Bakersfield**
- **CSU San Bernardino**
- **HBCU Representative**
- **Holy Names University**
- **Humboldt State University**
- **La Sierra University**
- **Loma Linda University**
- **National University**
- **Park University**
- **UC Berkeley**
- **UC Davis**
- **UC Irvine**
- **UC Merced**
- **UC Riverside**
- **UC Santa Barbara**
- **University of La Verne**
- **University of Redlands**
- **University of San Francisco**
- **University of the Pacific**





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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT— JAIME RODRIGUEZ, Counselor



Please tell me a little bit about yourself.

I am originally from Chelmsford, Massachusetts, but moved to Barstow when I was 8 years old. I grew up playing soccer, softball and was also in BHS marching band. I have one younger sister and a nephew, been married almost 11 years and have two sons, 8 and 6.

Why did you ultimately decide to transfer to CSUSB?

I wasn't sure what I wanted to be when I grew up but it was somewhat of an expectation to attend college after high school so I enrolled at BCC. When I completed my A.A., I was encouraged to go further and figured I had nothing to lose. I regularly spoke with my counselor and since I knew I wasn't going to move out of town, CSUSB was the right fit. I'm so thankful I chose this route because as time passed, I realized how valuable education is.

What was your favorite thing about CSUSB?

My favorite thing about CSUSB was the campus. It's a beautiful, big and I loved the feeling of being a part of a university. There were always activities going on, lots of new people to meet, a food court, huge library, lots of resources, etc.

Were you a first generation or low-income college student? If so, what was that like for you?

I was a low income student. I grew up with only one parent working as my dad was in a car accident and became paralyzed in his early 20's. It was something that occurred while I was an infant so it was all I knew, but I never understood the financial burden my parents experienced with only one income. I definitely received a huge amount of support from them and I was eligible for financial aid which was incredibly helpful. My parents always encouraged me but neither of them continued to the level of a 4-year degree, so I was also the first in my family to accomplish this.

Did you go to college with the intention of getting the job you have now? If not, explain how you came to the position you're in now. Any other jobs lead you here?

I majored in Psychology and Human Development which revolved a Child Development track. Originally, I wanted to go in to counseling but while attending CSUSB, there were layoffs in the local school district and I recall Counselors being one of the first positions to be cut. At that time, I decided not to take that route in fear of being laid off. I decided to go in to teaching (I knew I wanted to be in Education) and fulfilled the coursework for a credential. I didn't stick with teaching, became a substitute teacher for several years and also worked at the Marine Corps Base as a mechanic helper for a year. Ultimately, I wanted to go back to school and decided to go forth with my original goal of becoming a counselor and attended Azusa Pacific University where I completed my MA in Educational Counseling, PPS (Pupil Personnel Services). I was offered a position at Silver Valley High School and worked the one year as a high school counselor and was then laid off. My fear had come true but the beauty of my circumstances allowed me to finish requirements for my degree as well as mandatory hours. I also gained experience and realized that sometimes our plan isn't the permanent plan. Being laid off led me to an open adjunct counseling position with Barstow College. I hadn't considered college level counseling and now I cannot imagine doing anything else. I absolutely love what I do.

What advice would you give to someone who's considering transferring to a 4-year university?

Go for it. The blood, sweat, tears, effort, time, money, sacrifice is ALL worth it. Don't ever think that you CAN'T.



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT— NATALIA SACA, TRANSFERRED TO USC



Please tell me a little bit about yourself?

Hi, I'm Natalia. I am currently a senior at the University of Southern California. I am majoring in International Relations with an emphasis on security and foreign policy. I graduated from Barstow Community College in the spring of 2017. I was a former president of Alpha Gamma Sigma. I transferred to the University of Southern California in the fall of 2017. As of right now, I am preparing myself for my last year of college and will be studying for the GRE while filling out graduate school applications.

Why did you choose to transfer to USC?

The truth is USC has always been one of my dream schools. I never really saw myself applying to USC, but I started to build that courage once I saw how well I was doing at Barstow Community College. When choosing which school, I wanted to attend I took into consideration multiple factors: location, my major, overall cost, etc. USC offered me more resources than I could ever imagine. USC is one of the most diverse schools and that is something that I took into account as well.

What is your favorite thing about USC?

My favorite thing about USC is most likely the Trojan Family and how flat USC's campus is. Every person that attends USC is part of the Trojan Family and I am now part of that family. USC has always maintained a strong relationship with their alumni. USC alumni always help out current students by having networking events so current students and alumni can connect with one another. I really admire USC for having a flat campus because it allows me to ride my bike to class, which makes it a lot easier.

Is there anything that you wish you would have known before going to UC Berkeley that you didn't find out about until after the fact?

I wish that I would have realized that USC is a school that has a student body that is extremely competitive. I knew that there would be some competition but never thought it would be this extreme. I experienced this competition my first semester at USC. The majority of students at USC are bright and go above and beyond. When it comes to applying for internships it is even more competitive because chances are there are hundreds of other students from your major applying for that position. So you constantly have to find ways to stand out from the rest of the other applicants. Even though USC is competitive, I do not regret choosing to attend this school, it teaches me how the real world will be and overall it pushes me to work harder.

Do you feel that you have been challenged in your coursework at UC Berkeley?

I definitely have been challenged. Since I'm studying International Relations I get a lot of reading assignments. I am assigned approximately 300-400 pages a week. If I get assigned anything less than that, it's a good week! Another challenge that I have encountered is taking good notes and not relying on PowerPoints. Not every professor will use a PowerPoint, they will just lecture without any visual aid. I have gotten into the habit of not relying on a PowerPoint.

What kind of advice would you offer to a BCC student looking to transfer to (your university)?

If you're a student looking to transfer to USC prepare yourself to work hard. Get the best grades that you can get. Also, get involved in clubs on campus that is something that USC takes into consideration. I was president of Alpha Gamma Sigma and was a member of multiple student organizations at Barstow Community College. During the admission application process make sure to put a lot of effort into the personal statements and everything that is required on the application. Another last piece of advice, is always speak to your academic advisor. Do not be afraid to reach out for help from your advisors. I was lucky enough to have a great advisor like Eduardo Vasquez to help me through the application process.



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UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT— CSU FULLERTON



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY FULLERTON



California State Fullerton is a public research university in Fullerton, California. With a total enrollment of about 40,400, it has the largest student body out of the 23-campus California State University (CSU) system, and its approximately 5,800 graduate student body is also the largest in the CSU and one of the largest in all of California.

CSUF is a Leader in Degrees Awarded to Underrepresented Students, and is a nationally accredited in art, athletic training, business, chemistry, communications, communicative disorders, computer science, dance, engineering, music, nursing, public administration, public health, social work, teacher education and theater. Designated as an Hispanic-Serving Institution.

Basic Requirements For Transfer:

- You must complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit with a minimum GPA of 2.0 (California residents) or 2.8 (nonresidents).
- Cal State Fullerton is an impacted campus so strive to **surpass** the minimum GPA.
- **Good academic standing** at the last college attended



Take a Virtual Tour:

http://www.fullerton.edu/oro/campus_tours/Virtual_visit.php





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TRANSFER AWARENESS TENT – SEPTEMBER 2018

TRANSFER AWARENESS TENT

September 26th

9:30am-1:30pm

Amphitheatre



Participating Universities

Grand Canyon University

Brandman University

Azusa Pacific University

University of La Verne



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UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES ON CAMPUS– SEPTEMBER 2018



GRAND CANYON
UNIVERSITY™

Grand Canyon University
September 10th, 2018
9:30am to 1:00 pm
Viking Learning Center

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Grand Canyon University or visit:: <https://www.gcu.edu/>



UC Santa Barbara
September 17th, 2018
1:30 pm to 4:30pm
Transfer Center

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Cal UC Santa Barbara or visit:: <https://www.ucsb.edu/>

To schedule a one-on-one appointment with a university representative, please email transfer@barstow.edu or call us at 760-252-2411 ext. 6793.



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TRANSFER CENTER EVENTS CALENDAR— SEPTEMBER 2018

University representatives scheduled to visit BCC may require an appointment.

Please call 760-252-2411 ext.7321 or email transfer@barstow.edu to schedule an appointment OR to reserve your space in a workshop.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 	4 UC TAG Application Assistance 8:30am-1:30pm & 3:00-5pm Transfer Center	5 University of La Verne 10am-1pm Viking Learning Center Transfer 101: The Basics Workshop 12:30pm-1:20pm Transfer Center	6 UC TAG Application Assistance 8:30am-1:30pm & 3:00-5pm Transfer Center Vector Marketing 8am-12pm	7
10 Grand Canyon University 9:30am-1pm Viking Learning Center Finding the Right University for YOU! Workshop 12:30pm-1:20pm Transfer Center	11 UC TAG Application Assistance 8:30am-1:30pm & 3pm-5pm Transfer Center	12 Transfer Series Workshop 12:30pm-1:15pm & 4pm-5pm	13 How to Transfer to CSU's Workshop 12:30pm-1:20pm Transfer Center Vector Marketing 8am-12pm	14 TCC Univ.Trip: University of California- San Diego 7am-4pm
17 Annual Transfer Day Fair 10am-1pm Gymnasium UCSB 1:30pm-4:30pm Transfer Center	18 Transfer Awareness Tent 9:30am-1pm Top Parking Lot	19 How to Transfer to UC's Workshop 12:30pm-1:20pm Transfer Center	20 UC TAG Application Assistance 8am-1:30pm & 3pm-5pm Transfer Center STEP MTG. 12:30pm-1:20pm Transfer Center	21
24 UC TAG Application Assistance 8:30am-1:30pm & 3pm-5pm Transfer Center Vector Marketing 8am-12pm	25 Transfer Series Workshop 12:30pm-1:15pm & 4pm-5pm	26 Transfer Awareness Tent 9:30am-1pm Amphitheatre	27 UC TAG Application Assistance 8:30am-1:30pm & 3pm-5pm Transfer Center Vector Marketing 8am-12pm	28 TCC Univ.Trip: UC-Irvine 8am-4pm