

TRANSFER STUDENT PEER MENTOR PROGRAM



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Hometown: Green River, Wyoming

Major: Marketing & Entrepreneurship

Personal Interests: Outdoors, Exploring, learning, helping others, and spending time with friends and family

Campus Involvement: I have been a part of Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional coed business fraternity, since I transferred to UW. I recommend it!

How I can help as your peer mentor (and former transfer student): As a peer mentor, I can help you by guiding you in the right direction. I won't lie – UW is a big college and it takes time to get used to it, however, every second you spend on campus is worth it. As a peer mentor, I am here to help you if you are feeling lost, confused, need a break from the library to grab lunch or coffee, and most importantly, to make you feel welcome and make new friends. My goal is to help make your college years an unforgettable adventure.

What was I nervous about? Failing has always been my biggest fear. I've never been scared to let myself down, it has always been everyone else around me: friends, families, strangers, etc. – anyone but myself. Every step I take in life I get so nervous about failing in what I'm about to do. I get nervous to disappoint the people that look up to me, that expect so much out of me, that see a bright future in me.

What was I excited about? Coming to UW, I was excited about being on my own. Challenging myself that I could do it, showing my mom what an amazing mom she is by doing what she has taught me best. Also, I wasn't truly alone, because my older sister is here. I know I couldn't have enjoyed my first year as a transfer student the way I did without my older sister by my side. I learned a lot from her and she gave me space to enjoy being on my own.

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Advice for an incoming transfer student: GET INVOLVED!! I say get involved because that one step can change your college years. I've always been involved throughout my life and it has helped me come out of my shell, meet unforgettable people, and find open doors that I couldn't imagine.

What is it like being a transfer student at UW? I love being a transfer student! Because I was a transfer student, I came in with four associates that I received within a period of two years. I came to UW knowing I wanted to graduate early, but little did I know I could graduate a semester early with two bachelor's degrees! Yes, at first, I was lost and scared, but I promise it gets better. By being a transfer student, many people expect more out of you, but if you have questions ASK. Don't be scared, because I'm sure at least one other student or employee has the same question as you.