

TRANSFER STUDENT PEER MENTOR PROGRAM



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Hometown: Puyallup, WA

Major: Physics

Personal Interests: Pretty much anything where I can do things with people: board games, dancing, outdoor anything, racquetball, etc.

Campus Involvement: Undergraduate researcher in the Chien Research Lab, member of Campus Ventures, and every-so-often attendee at the Swing Dance Club.

How I can help as your peer mentor (and former transfer student): I have transferred schools a handful of times and am familiar with the process now. I can advise from the perspective of mistakes that I have made, and what I found worked well.

What was I nervous about? I was most nervous about not knowing the difficulty, and size of the classes at the University. The first few weeks of the semester I was on pins and needles hoping I was not way in over my head. In terms of difficulty, I found that hard work at the two-year colleges transferred well to hard work here. In terms of class size, I found the large classes I had to take still have been good! I had a 70 person class last semester and the professor worked to know many of us by name.

What was I excited about? I was ecstatic about my living situation here! I have some great roommates, and we have a climbing wall in our garage. The University has a much bigger community than NWC, and there is something here for everyone.

Advice for an incoming transfer student: Be confident to ask questions, go into professors' office hours, and talk to people (students, professors, or people in the community)! The people made the college experience at NWC, and they do the same here. Everyone wants to see students succeed!

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What is it like being a transfer student at UW? At first it was daunting. The Physics department is pretty small and it was scary to not know many of the students. However, everyone is friendly, and I got to know many of the students quickly through our classes together. The campus community as a whole is rather cheerful and open, though here there is no way to know everyone!