



Achieving the
Promise
Academy (ATPA)
Preparation for
Fall College &
University
Transfer Fair

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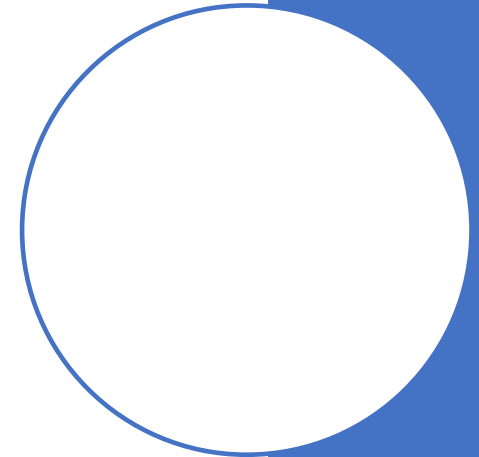
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PRESENTERS



What is Achieving the Promise Academy (ATPA)?

<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/atpa>



Coaching program for all MC students



Established in 2016



Promotes student success



Assist students in identifying resources



Provide student support

Agenda

- Introductions
- Purpose of Transfer Fairs
- How to Create a Meaningful Transfer Experience
- Transfer Fair Questions & Review
- Next Steps





INTRODUCTIONS



[Achieving the Promise Academy \(ATPA\)](#)



Transfer Fairs' Purpose

- Did you know – each year approximately 3500 students transfer from MC to 4-year schools
- Opportunity to meet representatives from various colleges and universities - all in one place
- Learn more about the colleges you are considering

How to Create a Meaningful Transfer Fair Experience

1

Identify which institutions you want to connect with ahead of time

2

Dress casual, but look your best – you want to impress

3

Be sure to meet the transfer representative (rep) and ask for their contact information

4

Prepare thoughtful questions that will help you with your selection process

5

Take notes as you talk to various college representatives

6

Tell the reps about your interests and goals, this will help you to learn more about the college

7

Review your notes after the fair to determine which colleges stood out and you would like to learn more about

What to Avoid
at the Transfer
Fair?

Do NOT ask the
representative to evaluate
your chances for being
accepted at their institution!



After the Transfer Fair?

- Don't forget to follow up!
 - Send an email to the representative(s) to thank them for their time within 24 hours after the fair
 - Feel free to ask more questions by email or refer to something discussed at the fair for more detail
 - Cultivate the connection

What's Your Dream School?



HOWARD
UNIVERSITY



Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



TU
TOWSON
UNIVERSITY.



HARVARD
UNIVERSITY



UMBC

THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO



NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

TRANSFER FAIR QUESTIONS

Instructions: Please take time to review the questions below and place a check mark beside which questions you think are important to ask the transfer representative.

ADMISSIONS

- What are your admissions requirements?
- What do I need to do if I am an international student?
- What are the applications deadlines for fall and spring?
- Are application deadlines different for international students/
- Is there an open house I can attend? if not, how can I arrange a campus tour and visit?
- What courses and credits do I need to complete at MC to transfer?
- How competitive is admission to your institution?
- Is there a way to have my credits evaluated?
- What grades or GPA are required?
- If I repeat a course, will you count only the grade of the repeat course?

PROGRAMS/MAJOR _____

- Do you have programs in which I'm interested? If not, what similar majors do you offer?
- What are the requirements to get into that program?
- How competitive is admission to this major?
- Do you offer honor programs?
- Are there internships or cooperative education experiences for my program?
- Do you offer online courses? If so, can I complete my entire degree online?
- Are there any fast-track programs for my major?
- Who should I contact in program department for more information? What is their email/phone?

FINANCIAL AID & COSTS

- How much is the full cost to attend your institution (e.g., tuition, room and board, lab fees, technology fees, books, health insurance, etc.)
- What type of fees will I have to pay?
- What is the financial process at your school? What are the deadlines for fall & spring?
- Is there a payment plan option for tuition?
- Do I need to complete the FAFSA form? How do I send it to your institution?
- What financial aid resources are available to international students?
- What financial aid resources are available to Dreamers and undocumented students?
- Are there financial aid resources available for learning material (e.g., laptops, book, supplies, etc.)?

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Are there any scholarships available for transfer students? What are the deadlines?
- Will I automatically be considered for scholarships, or do I need to apply?
- Are scholarships available for Dreamers and undocumented students?

INTERNSHIPS/EMPLOYMENT

- Do you have internship programs?
- Job placement or career services centers?
- Do you have study abroad programs?

CAMPUS SIZE & LOCATIONS

- Where is your main campus located? Is it rural or urban?
- Do you have satellite locations?
- What is the size of the student population?
- What is the average class size?

TRANSPORTATION

- What type of public transportation is accessible to and from campus?
- On average how long does it take to walk between buildings on campus?
- Is there ample parking close to the campus? If not, is a shuttle service provided?
- What is the parking fee?

HOUSING

- What on campus housing is available for transfer students?
- Is there off campus housing for students?

STUDENT LIFE & ACTIVITIES

- What is the campus social life like? Is it easy to get involved?
- Is there a variety of diverse student groups on campus?
- Are there majority and minority Greek organizations on campus?
- What kind of recreational activities are available on campus?
- Are there support services for Dreamers and undocumented students?

NEXT STEPS...

ATPA students should meet with their coach to discuss the information received

If needed, seek help from an academic advisor, mentor, or parent on how to process the information received

Don't forget to follow up with representative of the colleges you prefer

TRANSFER RESOURCES

- MC Pre-Transfer Academy (2023)

<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/transfer/pre-transfer-academy.html>

- Maryland Transfer Advantage Program (MTAP)

<https://www.admissions.umd.edu/apply/admission-requirements/transfer-applicant-requirements/maryland-transfer-advantage-program>

UMD Pre-Transfer Reps for MC Students

<https://sites.google.com/umd.edu/mc2umd/home>

- Academic Advisor (MC)
- College Rep (4-year institution)
- ATPA Coach





QUESTIONS?



BUT WAIT
THERE'S ONE
MORE THING...

PROMOTE THE TRANSFER FAIR AMONG YOUR FRIENDS

- Email **3-5 MC students** in your network and CC: Vincent.Briley@montgomerycollege.edu
- Tell them what you learned about the ATPA Transfer Fair Preparation workshop and wanted to share it with them
- Share your favorite transfer fair question with them
- Invite them to attend the Transfer Fair September 30 – October 2.
- Don't forget to email Coach Vincent to receive a gift!



Enjoy the MC Transfer Fair

Monday 30 SEP ▪ 10 am –1 pm Rockville

Tuesday 1 OCT ▪ 10 am –1 pm Takoma
Park/Silver Spring

Wednesday 2 OCT ▪ 10 am – 1 pm Germantown

Please stop by the ATPA table to say hello!