

# Transfer Student Newsletter

## JANUARY



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**Dear Transfer Students,**

Warm greetings to all of you, both new and returning! For those of you who have called UMass home for at least one semester, we're excited to welcome you back. For those of you who are new to our community, we look forward to getting to know you.

Across the UMass community, you'll find faculty, staff, and peer leaders dedicated to your success. Success means making the most of your UMass experience, and making daily decisions to move you toward your priorities and goals. If it's your first time receiving this newsletter, know that we send it monthly to equip you with tools to help you out on your UMass journey. If you have any questions along the way (about anything), please [send us a note](#).

Sincerely,  
Carolyn and Laura

**Carolyn Bassett**

*Associate Provost for Student Success*

**Laura Bourque**

*New Student Transitions Coordinator*

## Tools for Your Success

### Student Success on Instagram

For daily news, tips, strategies, tools, and ways to connect, give us a follow!

### Transfer Success Seminar

Set yourself up for a smooth transition to UMass by taking this seminar designed for transfer students. [This is what your peers have to say](#) about their experience in the course.

### Success Toolkit Series

Join us this semester to strengthen your academic skills. Toolkit Series topics include:

- Tips for Virtual Learning
- Time Management and Prioritization
- Active Learning
- Preparing for Finals

**Check out the webpage and sign up for a workshop today!**

### Trajectory: A Student Success Podcast

We're about to launch our second semester of podcast episodes, capturing the voices of UMass students as they share what they've learned about success. Join us for new bi-weekly episodes – and [let us know](#) if you're interested in being interviewed!

### Prep for Academic Success

On pages 7-16 of this year's [Student Success Planner](#), you'll find tons of helpful information to prepare you for your academic life this spring, including:

- Academic calendar dates
- How to prepare for an academic advising meeting
- How to connect and communicate well with faculty
- Academic integrity and regulations

**Read through these pages to make sure you're ready to start the semester.**

### IMPORTANT DATES

February 1: First day of classes

February 12: Last day to add/drop a class with no record

February 15: President's Day (classes will be held)

February 24: Wellbeing Wednesday Observed (no classes)

## How to: Connect with Smart About Money (SAM)



It's a new year, and Smart About Money (SAM) peer financial coaches are ready to help you get control of your personal finances!

- Check out the [SAM website and blog](#) for helpful student finance-related resources.
- Follow SAM on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and Instagram at [@umasssam](#) for tips and updates
- Schedule a [1:1 meeting](#) with a SAM coach for finance-related questions and learn more about topics like credit, banking, student loans, financial aid, budgeting, and basic investing.
- Know who is on your financial team at UMass – and use their resources!
  - [Smart About Money \(SAM\)](#) is here to help you with all things financial education and literacy, offering 1:1 coaching sessions, group presentations, and tips via our website and social media.
  - [Dean of Students Office](#) offers short-term loans, microgrants, application assistance for SNAP benefits, a student care supply closet, and more. This is your go-to resource if you or your family experiences an emergency.
  - [Student Legal Services \(SLSO\)](#): Have legal questions or need legal assistance? Need someone to review your lease before renting? SLSO is a free resource for UMass students and can be reached at [siso@umass.edu](mailto:siso@umass.edu).
  - [Financial Aid Services](#) is ready to help you with questions and personalized advising regarding your financial aid and student loans.
  - [The Office of the Bursar](#): Need help understanding your UMass bill? The Office of the Bursar can answer questions related to how and when to pay your bills.

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