Dear Transfer Students,

As you continue through this semester, we hope you are able to make time for reflection. Finding time to reflect during a busy period can be a challenge, but doing so is an incredibly helpful exercise in assessing where you’re at right now, what goals you want to set for the coming months, and just how far you’ve come.

In addition to some new resources, we’ve included a bunch of questions below that we hope you’ll take a few minutes to think about. Want to make it more meaningful? Schedule a chat hour with a friend to reflect on them together. Best of luck!

Sincerely,
Carolyn and Laura

Carolyn Bassett
Associate Provost for Student Success
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New Student Transitions Coordinator

Student Success

Top Story: A Student Success Podcast
Interested in hearing more about what other students on campus are saying? We have a podcast for that! Want to be interviewed and share your story? Let us know!
https://scholarworks.umass.edu/trajectory/

First-Generation Student Resources
Are you the first in your family to go to college? We recently updated our first-gen page. Also, show your first-gen pride with a Zoom background! Click the link for more info.
https://www.umass.edu/studentsuccess/about/first-generation-students

National Transfer Student Week
National Transfer Student Week is October 19th – 23rd. Keep an eye out for details about UMass happenings. Full details will be posted here shortly:
https://www.umass.edu/studentsuccess/about/transfer-students/resources

Research
Want to learn more about research and other scholarly opportunities? Schedule a meeting with the Office of Undergraduate Research and Studies about ways to get involved.
https://www.umass.edu/researchnext/undergraduate-research

Internships
Even though internships have changed due to the pandemic, there are still opportunities to supplement your academics with other experiences. Learn more here:
https://www.umass.edu/careers/internships/process

Success Toolkit Series
Discover your strengths, learn about strategies, tools and resources, and reflect on your personal toolkit for virtual learning success
https://www.umass.edu/studentsuccess/successtoolkit

Mid-semester Reflections

Your Goals
What goals did you set for yourself in the first half of the semester? Which of them did you complete? For those that still need to be completed, what steps can you take to move forward with checking them off?

Your Wellbeing
How are you feeling inside right now? Naming emotions is an important component of self-care. What do you need from the people around you in order to feel supported?

Your UMass Transition
What are 2-3 moments from this semester that have made you proud? Who have you felt connected to on campus? (If you haven’t felt connected, get in touch with us and we’ll work with you to get there!) What information would be helpful for you to complete the fall semester? Examples: course logistics, technology, grades, etc.

EVENT REMINDER: Join us for our Navigating the Transfer Experience panel during National Transfer Student Week!

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Working with Transfer Students: I have a passion for supporting students. I have worked with transfer students at UMass for over six years. Currently I’m an instructor for the (UNIV 125T) Transfer Seminar, designed to orient students to the University’s support programs and resources to set them on a path for success. I also developed and administered UMass H2H Mentorship and Support Program for community college students transferring into the Honors-to-Honors program at UMass Amherst.

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Fun Fact: I enjoy cooking and gardening.

Greatest fear: Lizards

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