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*Educational Session*

### **Coping with Covid-19: Being Transfer Agents During a Pandemic**

Matriculation Trends and Issues, Partnerships and Collaboration

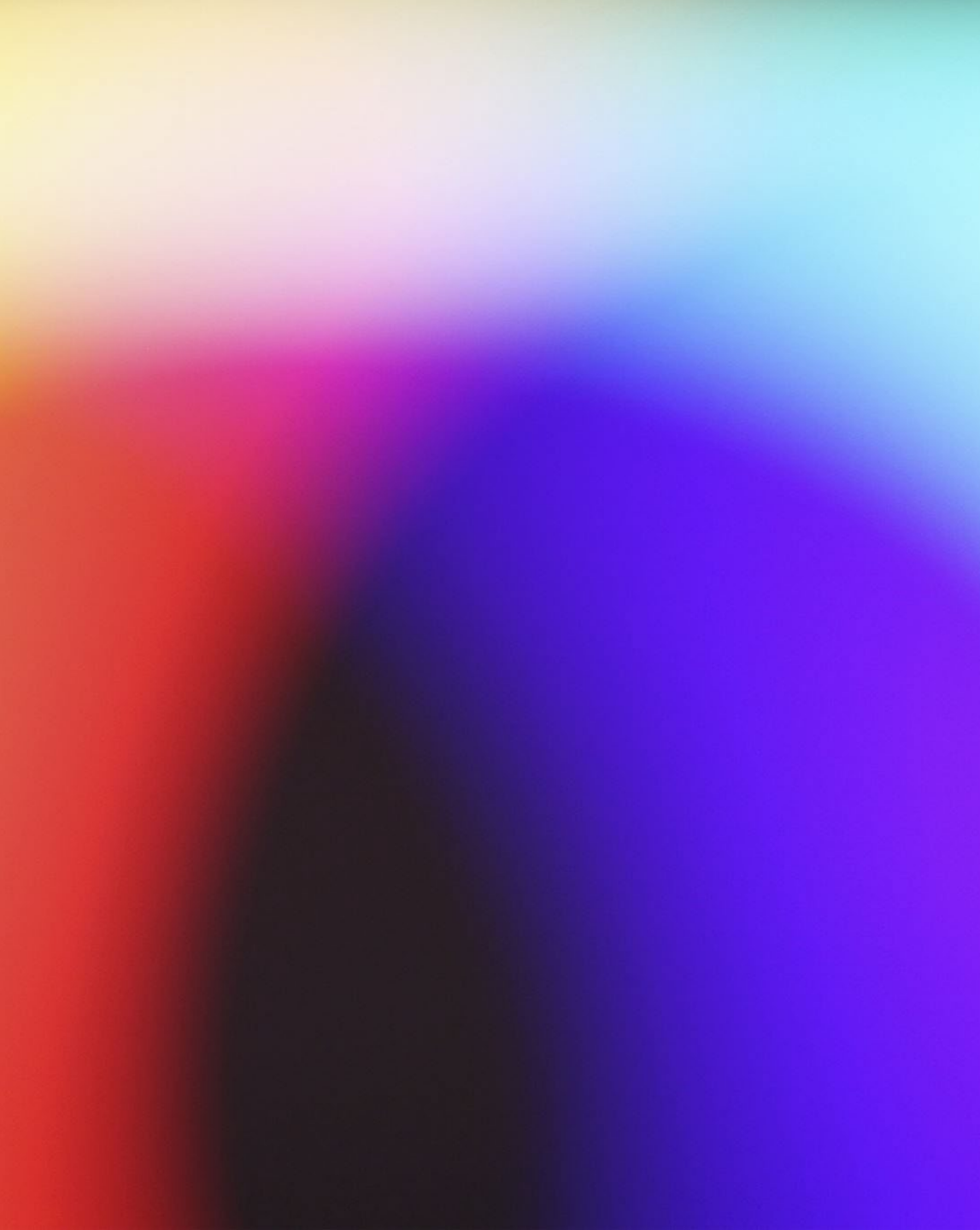
With the 2020 global pandemic causing chaos in all forms, students have been impacted in a plethora of ways. From waiving official transcripts to online learning to a wide range of virtual event and other recruitment offerings, come hear how these institutions have adapted to accommodate transfer students impacted by Covid-19, and share how your own institution has adapted or plans to adapt.

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# Coping with COVID: Being Transfer Agents During a Pandemic

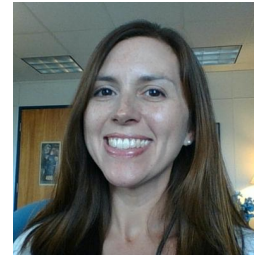
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# Typical Transfer Happenings



Fairs



Campus tours



Transcripts/  
Application reviews



Open houses



1-on-1 appointments



Community College  
connections



Worldwide Pandemic: Now What?

# Penn State

Waiving Official Transcripts

# Penn State: Waiving Official Transcripts

## Usual Procedure

- Official transcripts are required from all institutions where a student attempted coursework
- Needed at the time of application

## New Procedure

- Waive official transcript, if student can provide unofficial, after vetting the institution/situation
- Updated SIS to account for unofficial grades
- Updated offer letter to explain unofficial grades
- Official transcript needed by first day of class

# Penn State: Waiving Official Transcripts

## Successes

- Provided more flexibility to students
- More transfer friendly
- False positives, through research of four counseling staff

## Challenges

- Heavy lift on the front-end
- Not available to continuing students
- False positives, through research of four counseling staff



# University of Iowa

Virtual Appointments



Types of options for students



How they have worked



What we have already changed

University of  
Iowa:  
Virtual  
Appointments



# University of Iowa: Virtual Appointments

Plans moving forward



# University of Michigan

Transfer Spotlights and Yield Events

# University of Michigan: Transfer Events



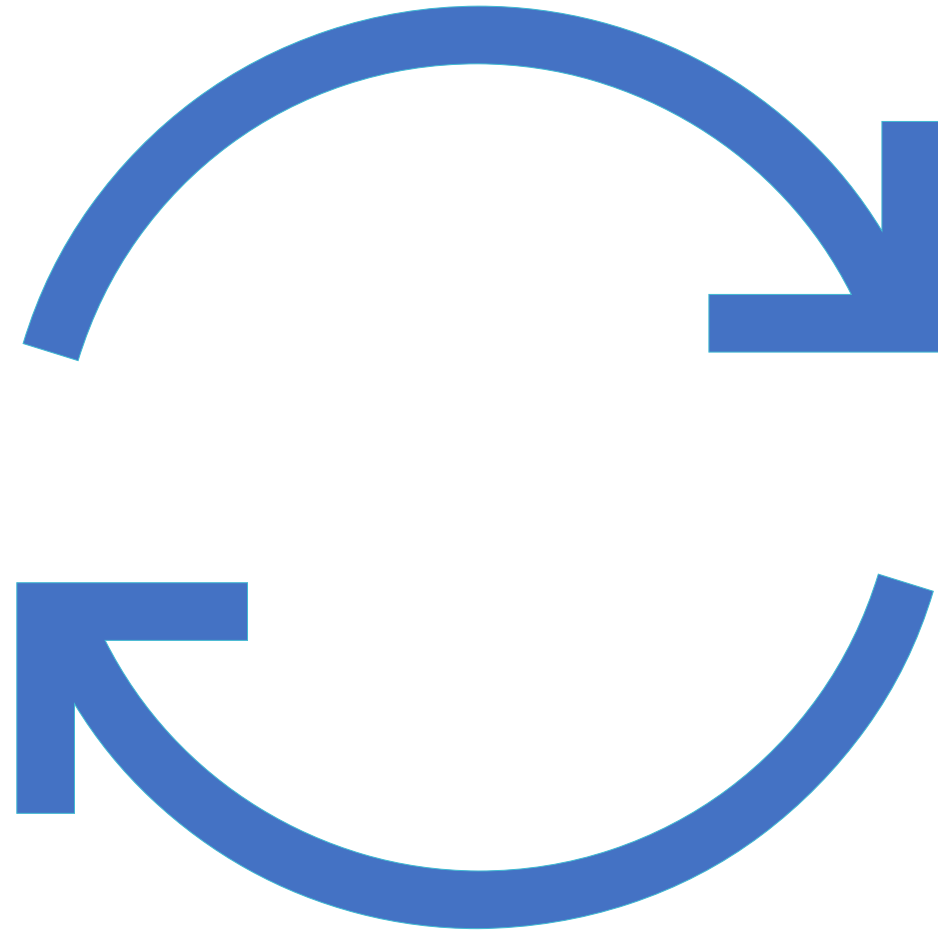
Transfer Spotlights  
(Transfer Tuesdays)



Yield Events

# University of Michigan: Transfer Events

Successes and Challenges





# University of Wisconsin

Transfer Advisor Conference

# University of Wisconsin: Transfer Advisor Conference

## On-Campus Event

- Geared toward WI, MN & IL 2-year college advisors, 2-3 fly-ins
- Day-long event with sessions from all Schools/Colleges and other transfer resources

## Virtual Event

- Expanded to include 2-year college advisors from around the country
- Offered over two days





- What we learned
  - Format was appreciated, no overlap of sessions
  - Able to invite more counselors
  - Attendance was consistent across the two days
  - Technology is great...except when it's not
  - No Union Terrace visit

## University of Wisconsin: Transfer Advisor Conference

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