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Educational Session

**Degree Pathway Partnership: Addressing Transfer Barriers through Collaboration and Advising**

Partnerships and Collaboration, Transition Programs and Services

As the transfer student population grows, transfer programs are increasingly important in establishing a smooth transfer process on college campuses. This session will focus on a degree pathway partnership program between a Research Intensive Public 4-year University and seven Community Colleges. The program was designed to address several common transfer barriers and includes transfer specialist advisors who support students through the transition while serving as transfer advocates on the 4-year campus.

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Degree Pathway Partnership: Addressing Transfer Barriers through Collaboration and Advising
Meet the team!

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Hawai‘i CC

Lauren Prepose-Forsen
Honolulu CC
Kaua‘i CC
Windward CC

Amy McKee
Leeward CC

Kēhau Newhouse
UH Maui College
What transfer barriers do you commonly encounter?
Transfer Barriers

- Credit loss
- No Parking!
- Transfer Shock

Sense of Belonging

Unclear Policies

Cost

Conflicting responsibilities
Transfer Barriers

UHCC Specific

- Geography
- Traffic
- Different campus cultures
- Higher cost of living
- Working part-time or full-time
Kaʻieʻie Degree Pathway Program

- Partnership between UHM and Kapiʻolani CC (est. 2008)
- Significantly revised as part of WASC evaluation 2012
- Transfer Specialist position created
- Expansion 2014 - 2018
Ka‘ie‘ie Degree Pathway Program and Benefits

● Dual admission, dual enrollment
● Students join program at least one year before transfer
● More efficient transfer process
● Provides proactive academic planning and advising
● No application fee
● Early and regularly updated transfer credit evaluation
● Can take a course at UH Mānoa
● Priority registration upon transfer
Q: What 2-3 things did you like best about the Kaʻieʻieʻie program?

“I liked how it took the stress out of transferring, and that I was notified of the certain classes I could take or should take in order to reach my goal. In general, the transition was really smooth, I was able to meet with advisors at UH seamlessly because they knew that I was in the program and also all the notes that were taken down by my Kaʻieʻieʻie advisor on STAR.”
So, what are students saying about the Kaʻieʻieʻie Program?

Q: What 2-3 things did you like best about the Kaʻieʻieʻie program?

“The most effective element of Kaʻieʻieʻie was the seamless transfer process from a 2 year institution to a 4 year one. Having Kaʻieʻieʻie staff travel to the community college to meet with applicants was also highly beneficial, as face-to-face meetings were an effective jump start for beginning the process.”
Q: What 2-3 things did you like best about the Kaʻieʻieʻie program?

“I am very pleased with the way the advisors work together to benefit the student. I am also very pleased with the advisors that I currently have because they make themselves available for any questions/concerns.”
Ka‘ie‘ie Program Data

Next Semester Retention Rate

Worked with IRAO to review Ka‘ie‘ie Transfers as compared to other groups of transfer students at UH Manoa.
Ka‘ie‘ie Program Data

Next Year Retention Rate

Transfer Grp
- Other UHCC Transfer
- Other Non-UHCC Tra..
- Non-UHCC 2-Year Tra..
- KAIEIE Transfer

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Partnerships

“These transfer partnerships exhibited a strong commitment to transfer students; forged clear transfer pathways to best prepare students for success at the 4-year college; and provided tailored transfer student advising and support from students’ entry at a community college to bachelor’s completion.”

(Fink & Jenkins, 2017)
Partnership Activities

Virtual parties

Hosted by Leeward Community College & Mānoa Transfer Coordination Center, open to all UHCC students

TRANSFER TUESDAY
UH MĀNOA TRANSFER WEBINAR SERIES
www.leeward.hawaii.edu/cw

Interested in transferring to a 4-year UH campus?
FEB 10

UH Transfer Day
Effective Strategies in Implementation and Partnerships

- Look for colleagues with the same goals
- Seek out ways to provide clarity and support
- Welcome colleagues to campus to build rapport
- Volunteer to support activities in alignment with transfer goals
What challenges do you expect in your setting?
Our Challenges

- Funding and Resources
- Capacity to meet demand
- Political history
- Requires commitment from both campuses to be successful
- Bureaucratic procedures/policies
Please share one takeaway from this session.
References


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