



Barstow Community College

Transfer & Career Center

MAY 2018

Commencement

5.18.18

@ 3pm

James R. Parks Gymnasium



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TRANSFER RECOGNITION CEREMONY— 05/11/2018 FROM 11AM-1PM

Transfer Recognition Ceremony

Friday May 11th 2018

11a.m.-1pm, Performing Arts Center



***Honoring the BCC 2018 Transfer Students!
Deadline to submit RSVP is May 4th.***

Transfer Honorees:

*** Receive a "Certificate of Transfer"**

To RSVP, visit the Transfer & Career Center to fill out the required form by 05.04.18.

In addition, please bring a copy of your acceptance letter.

**This is a BCC Student Event.
Transfer Honorees are allowed to bring one guest!**





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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT— Eduardo Vasquez, SPS Counselor



Please tell me a little bit about yourself.

I'm a first generation college student from San Bernardino, CA. I grew up in a multi-generational household with my Grandmother, Grandfather, Aunt, Mother, older Sister, and I. English was not commonly spoken in my household and I not learn English properly till I started school.

Why did you ultimately decide to transfer to UCR?

I enjoy challenges and I felt that many people that I knew were afraid to take risks. No one before me had gone to the university in the United States so I wanted to be a trail blazer and set a positive example to my younger relatives.

What was your favorite thing about UC Riverside?

My favorite thing about being UCR was the feeling of accomplishment and all of the exciting events that were happening. There were free movie screenings, plays, and bands that would be playing in the quad.

What was the most challenging thing you encountered when it came to transferring to a university and how did you overcome it?

The most challenging thing was being a transfer student and meeting new people. Some of the students at UCR have been there since freshman year or have known each other since high school, so making new connections was difficult. I overcame this by being involved with the various clubs on campus and meeting people from all different backgrounds.

Were you a first generation or low-income college student? If so, what was that like for you?

I was a first generation college student and in my family that presented a lot of problems. My mother had little knowledge of the college system and my stepfather was not supportive. He felt that men were only supposed to work and not go to school. I had to navigate the system by myself and have felt that I missed out on many opportunities. This is one of the main reasons I chose to be a counselor and help students with the same backgrounds as me.

Is there anything that you wish you would have known before going to UC Riverside that you didn't find out about until after the fact?

After working in the field for many years, I now know the importance of getting an IGETC Certification or a CSU GE Certification. I know I didn't have one when I transferred and I also didn't follow up with the admissions office to count my classes from RCC.

Did you go to college with the intention of getting the job you have now?

I did have an idea of using my degree in Sociology to become a Social worker but I reflected and felt that I could make the biggest impact on student's lives in the community college system. I would say that my bachelor's degree was a stepping stone and my master's degree solidified it.

What advice would you give to someone who's considering transferring to a 4-year university?

Tour the various colleges and universities and see the ones you like. Don't always go to the college closet to you. If you have the opportunity, transfer to a new place far from where you grew up and do a study abroad program. Also, most students that have lived in the dorms felt a closer connection to their universities and had more of a "college life".



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT— Kevin Frias, transferred to UC Berkeley



Please tell me a little bit about yourself?

My name is Kevin Frias and I am a Re-entry Student attending the University of California – Berkeley. I studied and worked at Barstow Community College for 2 years in order to transfer into an economics program, since I have an interest in working in financial markets in the future. I also have a strong interest in philosophy, especially in the fields of ethics and existentialism, but this is mostly for personal enrichment.

Why did you choose to transfer to UC Berkeley?

I chose to attend UC Berkeley for several reasons. UC Berkeley is known to be a very challenging place for academics and I wanted to be challenged in order to improve my skills in economics and philosophy. I also wanted a different atmosphere, since I lived in SoCal for the majority of my life. Also knowing that San Francisco is just a BART ride away and that the bay weather is fantastic, helped fuel my decision to choose UC Berkeley over UCLA. Lastly, UC Berkeley would give me the best opportunity to get the best education in the fields that I am interested in, so it ended up being an obvious choice to attend UC Berkeley over UCLA or the other UC's.

What is your favorite thing about UC Berkeley?

My favorite thing about UC Berkeley is how knowledgeable and friendly the professors and students are here. The professors here deeply understand the material that they teach and are always willing to offer advice about the course. The students here also provide very enlightening conversations and help foster a collaborative environment in order to study for midterms and finals.

Is there anything that you wish you would have known before going to UC Berkeley that you didn't find out about until after the fact?

I wish I knew that there are many hills here, haha! In all seriousness, I wish I knew the actual difficulty of the exams here, since the first midterms that I took surprised me, for they were incredibly more challenging than I originally thought. However, after the first midterms, it becomes easier to learn how to study for them and to know when one is ready to take the exams.

Do you feel that you have been challenged in your coursework at UC Berkeley?

Yes, absolutely! The coursework here at UC Berkeley is very challenging, but also fun and informative. The coursework and exams are very intuitive and concept based, so it takes significantly more work and stress to master the material here. Nevertheless, it still is very fun learning the new material here and there is a strong sense of pride when completing a course here with a great grade.

What kind of advice would you offer to a BCC student looking to transfer to (your university)?

Work hard, is my main advice to any student that wants to attend UC Berkeley. UC Berkeley is a tough school to gain admission into, so be active on campus and the community, and do very well in all your classes and not only for the grade, but to develop the study habits that will be required to do well here. This university is very demanding so you need to be diligent, have proper time management, and be motivated to learn. Develop these skills to help improve your chances to gain admission and be helpful to the community so that you can write a compelling and unique personal statement for your application. And one last thing, it's never too late to go back to college!



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UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT – UC RIVERSIDE

UC RIVERSIDE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



The University of California, Riverside is one of 10 universities within the prestigious University of California system, and the only UC located in Inland Southern California.

Widely recognized as one of the most ethnically diverse research universities in the nation, UCR currently hosts about 22,000 students, with 900 instructional faculty.

UCR currently offers more than 80 majors and 536 student organizations/clubs.

Basic Requirements For Transfer:

- You must complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit with a minimum GPA of 2.4 (California residents) or 2.8 (nonresidents).
- Admission is selective. Strive to **surpass** the minimum GPA.
- Some major programs require a minimum GPA that is higher than that of basic admission.



Take a Virtual Tour: <http://admissions.ucr.edu/visit-ucr/>





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UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES ON CAMPUS– MAY 2018



UNIVERSITY OF
LA VERNE

May 3, 2018

10am-1pm

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Click [HERE](#) for more information about University of La Verne or visit:

<https://laverne.edu/>

To schedule an appointment with a university representative please email

Transfer@barstow.edu or

call 760-252-2411 ext. 7321



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TRANSFER CENTER EVENTS CALENDAR– MAY 2018

University representatives scheduled to visit BCC may require an appointment. Please call 760-252-2411 ext.7321 or email Transfer@barstow.edu to schedule an appointment OR to reserve your space in a workshop.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3 University of La Verne 10am-1pm Transfer Center 	4
7	8	9	10	11 Transfer Recognition Ceremony 11am-1pm
14 Finals Week!	15	16 STEP Meeting @12pm Transfer Center	17	18 Graduation
21	22	23	24	25 Campus Closed
28 Campus Closed	29	30	31	