

THE ADVISOR

A QUARTERLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER CHANGES & UPDATES

Instead of receiving a monthly ADVISOR Newsletter, you will now receive one each quarter. As you can see, we have also changed the look and feel of the newsletter from an email text format to a rich-text .pdf format. Your friends and colleagues can still sign up for the ADVISOR using the QR CODE below. Thanks again for your support of Alabama Transfers and all of our transfer students.

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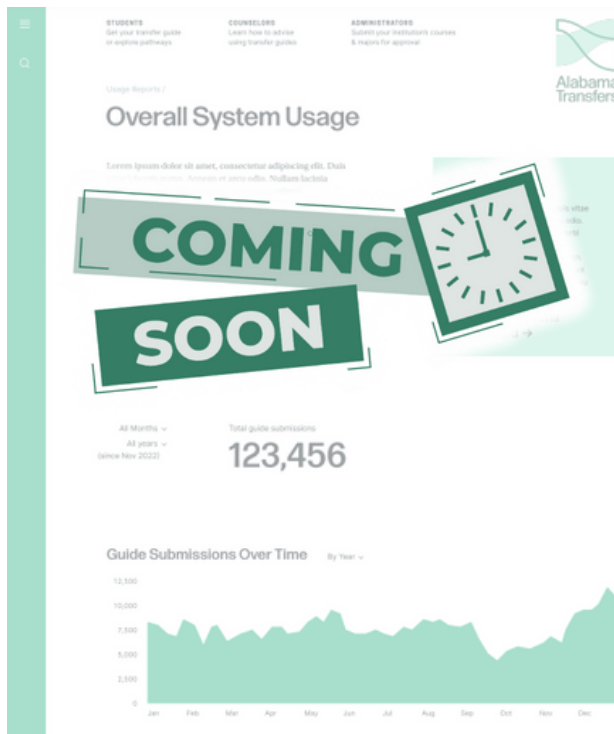


SAVE-THE-DATE

Make sure you clear your calendar and make plans to attend the 6th Annual ACHIEVE Conference in Mobile, Alabama. The dates of the conference are set - March 27 & March 28. The two-day conference will be hosted on the campus of the University of South Alabama. Bishop State Community College and Coastal Alabama Community College are serving as co-hosts and will host a reception in downtown Mobile on the first night of the conference.

We are working to finalize all keynote speakers and the registration webpage will be up soon. Once it is available we will link to it from the following website. More ACHIEVE CONFERENCE news to come. For more information, visit: <https://alabamatransfers.com/achieve-conference>.

MORE INFO ABOUT THE ACHIEVE CONFERENCE ON PAGE 6



SYSTEM USAGE WEBPAGE COMING SOON!

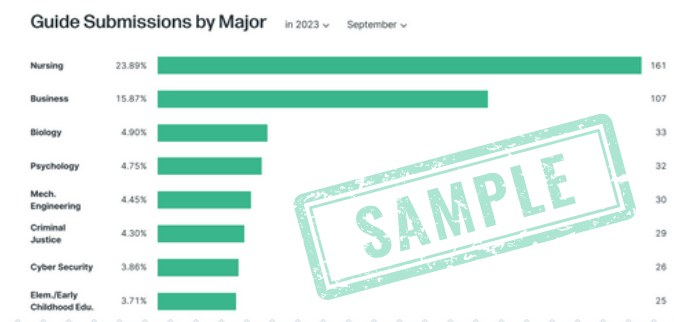


Our web team at Alabama Transfers has been working on a brand new SYSTEM USAGE webpage that will provide monthly/annual usage in different categories. Advisors, administrators, and staff will be able to get an in-depth snapshot view of the following:

- Overall System Usage
- System Usage by Major
- System Usage by Target University
- System Usage by Source Community College



We hope to make this page available sometime before 2024.



WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT WILL COST TO ATTEND COLLEGE IN ALABAMA?

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA), each postsecondary institution that participates in Title IV federal student aid programs must post a net price calculator on its website that uses institutional data to provide estimated net price information to current and prospective students and their families based on a student's individual circumstances. The net price calculator is required for all Title IV institutions that enroll full-time, first-time degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students. Questions about institutional tuition, fees, and net prices should be directed to the individual institutions.

We provide links to each institution's net price calculators on the Alabama Transfers website under PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS. Click on INSTITUTION link, then click on NET PRICE CALCULATOR link.

<https://alabamatransfers.com/participating-institutions>





WEB ARTICLE SPOTLIGHT

HOW TO AVOID THESE 5 COMMON TRANSFER STUDENT MISTAKES

By Ashley Hueber - Assistant Director of Transfer Admission, Aurora University

[Link to article](#)



Below we provide only a summary and excerpts from the original article.

The transfer process presents unique challenges and potential pitfalls. Here are some of the top mistakes transfer students tend to make and the best ways to avoid them.

Mistake #1: Not visiting campus

Transfer students often choose not to visit schools because they feel it's unnecessary. You've already done this once, so no need to do it again, right? Wrong! Now that you're looking to transfer to a four-year institution, it's time to visit and see what else is out there. The best way to determine if a college is the right fit for you is to visit its campus. And if you have never made an official visit to a college, now is definitely the time! *(More information provided in original article - scan QR code above.)*

Mistake #2: Applying too late

Many students wait to send in their transfer applications, perhaps because they haven't felt urgency from their two-year school. However, when you are looking to transfer, the ideal timeline would be to contact the schools you are interested in transferring to about one year to a year and a half in advance. That may sound like overkill, but the extra time will give you a cushion to work through any logistical problems you may encounter before you transfer. *(More information provided in original article - scan QR code above.)*

Mistake #3: Going it alone

It's easy to distance yourself from your admission and/or transfer counselor and not ask questions, but you'd be doing yourself a great disservice! The admission counselor is your advocate at any college you hope to transfer into. It's great to have conversations with the advisors at your current institution too, but make sure you are reaching out to the admission departments at the schools you would like to transfer to as well. *(More information provided in original article - scan QR code above.)*

Mistake #4: Not filing the FAFSA

If you're currently attending a community college, you may be able to afford it by paying out of pocket. Perhaps you have not needed to file for financial aid, or you filed but did not receive anything while at your current school. This is typically not the case when transferring to a four-year institution. Apply as soon as possible once the FAFSA opens up on October 1 (prior to the year you plan to transfer and enroll). Some states offer their own grants with their own deadlines too, so don't miss out by not filing your FAFSA early! *(More information provided in original article - scan QR code above.)*

Mistake #5: Putting off figuring out living arrangements

Have you considered living in the dorms or getting an apartment close to campus? If this is something you're interested in, you need to make the decision sooner rather than later. Most residence hall contracts and deposits are due by May 1, but keep in mind that dorm space might be at a premium, so the sooner you decide the better. The same goes for apartments; many returning students sign their leases early in the year and perhaps up to a year in advance. Where you live will also be a factor in your financial aid award letter. *(More information provided in original article - scan QR code above.)*



HAS YOUR COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPDATED THEIR WEBSITE TO REFLECT THE RECENT CHANGE FROM “STARS” TO “ALABAMA TRANSFERS?”

In November of 2022, we launched the new Alabama Transfers website which replaced the old STARS website. One thing that is helpful to transfer students across the state is having the ability to find out more about Alabama Transfers and to see how obtaining an official transfer guide can help them save time, money, and credits should they choose to transfer to any of our public four-year universities in Alabama. Recently, we went through each of the participating community college websites to determine if they had updated their sites to reflect the change from STARS to Alabama Transfers. Here is what we found:

- ✓ BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- ✓ BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- ✓ CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- 🔍 CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- ✓ CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- ✓ COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Thank you!

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[ALABAMATRANSFERS.COM/RESOURCES/PRESS-KIT](https://alabamatransfers.com/resources/press-kit)



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- Do you host prospective students on your campus (visits/tours)? ☒ ☐
- Do your faculty/staff discuss Alabama Transfers in orientation classes? ☒ ☐
- Do your advisors/counselors talk to students about transferring in-state? ☒ ☐



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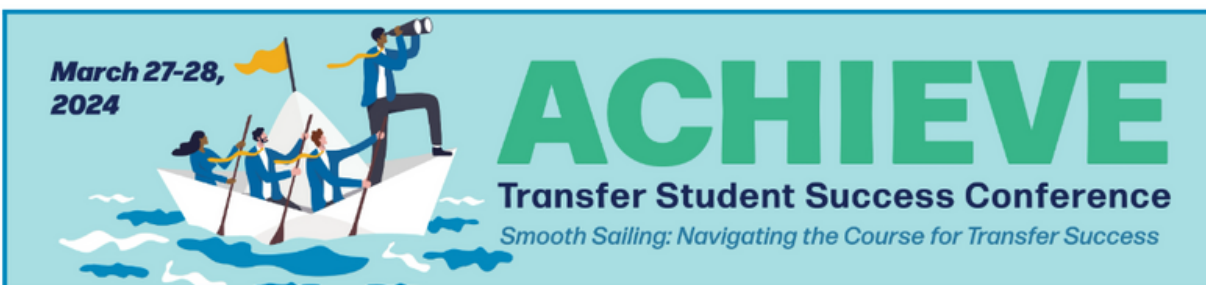
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



DR. MORDECAI BROWNEE

Dr. Mordecai Brownlee is an inclusive educator who proudly served as the sixth president of the Community College of Aurora. Within the first two years of his presidency, President Brownlee has already brought about significant change and improved the student success agenda at the Community College of Aurora. These successes include CCA embarking upon its first capital project in 24 years, record-breaking capital and scholarship fundraising, record student enrollment and improved student completions by more than 40%. Dr. Mordacai publishes frequently, including serving as a columnist for EdSurge. He also teaches for Lamar University and the University of Charleston. Dr. Mordacai has been featured on several local, state, and national platforms including the American Association of Community Colleges, Community College Journal, NASPA Leadership Exchange, EdUp Experience, and EdTech Magazine. In 2023, Dr. Mordacai was named 40 Under 40 by the prestigious Denver Business Journal and the Community Leader of the Year by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. In 2022, he was featured by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education Magazine* as a “New School” leader representing the next generation of college presidents. Learn more about Dr. Mordacai at itsdrmordacai.com.

Keynote Address Title/Abstract:

Destination Destiny: Creating the Pathway to Realized Student Dreams

Inspired by this year's nautical theme, Dr. Mordecai Brownlee in this plenary session will enlighten attendees to the rough waters the lie ahead for higher education and society. However, through a unified vision and mission to transform the lives of students, the State of Alabama will create new academic opportunities and strengthen career pathways that steer students towards the realization of their dreams.

For more information about the 2024 ACHIEVE CONFERENCE, visit alabamatransfers.com/achieve-conference

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REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SOON!

TECHNOLOGY SPOTLIGHT



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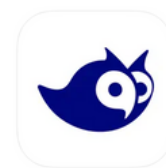
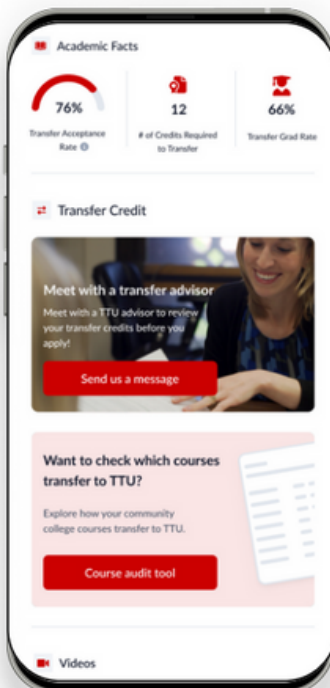
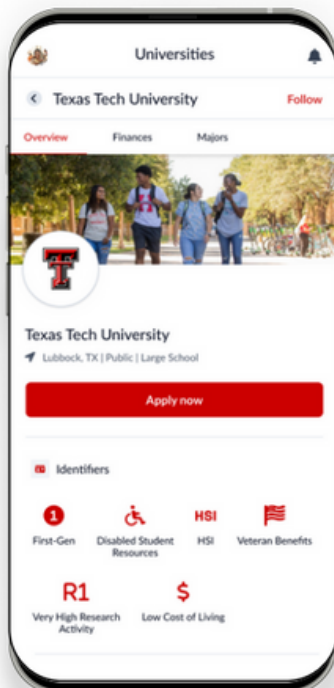
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