Advising and Coaching Volunteer Bridge Students

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Life of a Volunteer Bridge Student...

- Students can live in Clement Hall or commute from off campus
- Students have peer mentors who help them adjust socially and academically
- Students attend classes at Pellissippi State Community College (PSCC)
- Receive Academic Coaching from Transition Advisors in FYS
- Students can participate in Clubs and Organizations at UTK and PSCC
  - NCAA Sports and Social Fraternities & Sororities Prohibited
This year:

190 students

31% out of state - 19 states represented

Average ACT Math 19.6

147 live on campus

Over the last three years:

60% transfer to UT

14% stay at PSCC
Programs and Seminars

- Vols Help Vols
- Career Counseling
- Diversity Educators
- College Success Classes
- Community Building - at both institutions
PSCC to UT Timeline

January-May
- Accept UT Bridge Offer
- Change FAFSA
- Apply to PSCC
- Apply for housing
- Send HS transcripts to PSCC

June-August
- Advising: Skype or in-person
- Collaborative Orientation with UT
- Summer classes

Fall Semester
- Classes at PSCC
- Life at UT
- Transfer Application to UT due

Spring Semester
- Continue at PSCC
- 2.5 GPA Provisional Admit
- Register for fall semester
Students who earned at least 2.5 in their fall semester

- Advising seminar in February
- Advised in their UT major colleges in the spring
- Students in Transition are seen in our office
- Students register after all UT students
- Advising Holds Cleared
- Admissions Hold
- Bridge students DO NOT attend UT orientation
Students who did not earn a 2.5 in the fall

- Advised by their Transition Coach
- Holds cleared and Students register as soon as we can get their transcripts processed - Late May
- Late summer holdouts - Can be as late as August
- Timing is tight
- No orientation
Advising Collaboration with PSCC

- PSCC advising at/before orientation
- Coaches collaborating with advisors at PSCC during the year
- Students of Concern meetings
- Academic Alert at PSCC
- Financial Aid at PSCC
How you can help

● Give me a call 865-974-3525
● Understand student’s journey
● Mattering and Belonging
● Transfer “shock”
● Come to the Advising Seminar
Madison’s Story...
Questions??

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