

Plenty of options for transfer students

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Time is running out. How do I decide where I will go to college? How do I choose my major? What steps must I take in order to set me on the "right" path for my future?

College Counselor Stephanie Ramos answered these questions and more on Tuesday, April 7, at a college transfer seminar.

Ramos' first suggested step was for students to find their own path. She proposed reflecting upon yourself and paying attention to what you enjoy doing. Taking assessments to help see what careers fit with your personality can also help. Another thing she suggested was to ask family and friends about their jobs because their career might interest you.

The second suggested step was to explore the possibilities.

Take a Personal Development, or PD, class to explore what options you have that mesh well with your personality. Taking a PD class can help you figure out what you need in order to be satisfied with your

career choice.

Another way students can plan for their future career is to take some introduction classes to see if a given program interests them. Informational interviews are another way to learn about the different programs. Students can speak with college instructors, professionals and university representatives or departments.

Ohlone offers support for your future by hosting Transfer Day, career panels and seminars. Ohlone also has a TAG, or Transfer Admission Guarantee, agreement with some colleges in California. For more information about the TAG program and what colleges Ohlone shares these agreements with, check the Ohlone website.

Step Three of Ramos's plan was to get as much information on different schools, majors, and departments that you are interested in as possible. The point to remember is that not every school offers your major. Assist.org is a great site that Ramos thinks is helpful to students. It shows different UCs and CSUs in California by

location. Once you have clicked on a CSU or UC of your choice, a list of majors at the school will appear. If you are still unsure about where to start, begin by picking a location or department. "[A] major reflects your passion," said

Ramos. Remember to work closely with your counselor for help.

Making a decision and staying on track is Ramos's final step. She said, "ultimately you must make a decision." Meet with your counselor to develop a Student Education Plan,

this will ensure you are on the right path for your desired major. Students must keep in mind that these plans are being continually adjusted to fit life's most unpleasant pauses or sometimes beneficial fast-forwards.

Upcoming Brown Bag to discuss carbon footprints

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The 5th Brown Bag Science Seminar of the semester, entitled "How Big Is Your Carbon Footprint," will be presented by Dr. Laura T Iraci this Friday from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 3201.

The idea for Iraci to present was conceived by History Professor Steve Hanna. Hanna and Iraci both sing in the Schola Canroum and frequently discuss her work at NASA. Because the Science Department Brown Bag Seminar program had originally only budgeted for four seminars, the department was unable to compensate Iraci for her appearance. However, Iraci believes that students would so greatly benefit from her knowledge and insight that she agreed to donate her time and present at the seminar.

Iraci is a NASA research scientist in the Earth Science Division at Moffett Field. Her current work at NASA includes studying Mars

cloud formation and the formation of the polar stratospheric clouds which lead to ozone depletion

According to Yvette Niccolls, who described Iraci as a "dynamic and passionate speaker." Iraci will focus on helping students understand how their consumption habits create a carbon footprint. Once students understand how their consumption choices determine their carbon footprint, they are more likely to take action to reduce the size of their carbon footprint.

The Speech and Communication Studies Department's planned Brown Bag seminar by Ohlone Instructor Kristine Carroll has been rescheduled to next Friday, April 24 in Room 3101. According to Brenda Ahnholz, the topic for the seminar is "Perceived Effects of Prescription Drugs" which focuses on the subconscious choices and decisions we make as a result of drug company advertising campaigns. This presentation is part of Carroll's master thesis at Cal State East Bay.

Rocking iPhone

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to me - since I paid full price for it - and then I could try to unlock it and jailbreak it for fun.

What would I lose? Money. What would I gain? Experience and hopefully, a simplified life with a new iPhone.

And let me tell you, IT WAS WORTH IT! For one, it took me 20 seconds to sync my contacts to the iPhone, since I already had every contact that I could possibly need saved in my address book on my MacBook. Plus, everyone can get ahold of me now, since I carry

it with me like I carried my iPod Touch.

I am never without connection, and that makes all of my family and friends happy. Now I know - the iPhone isn't just a phone - it's something more. It's a mini-computer that makes calls. Oh, the bliss. Constant internet connection, GPS, electronic book reader, music, etc...

It broke my heart to drop VZW as my wireless service provider, but I hope that in 2011 - when my contract with AT&T is up - things will have changed for the service and the phone.

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Karlos De La Torre checks out the offerings at the Live 105 tent in the Palm Bosque Wednesday.

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