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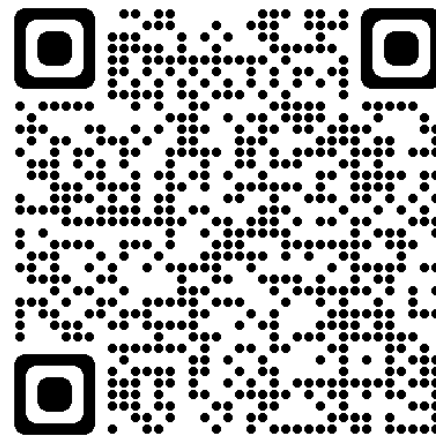
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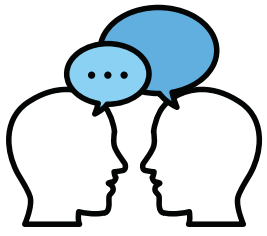
NOVEMBER VIRTUAL VISIT SCHEDULE

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NOVEMBER VIRTUAL VISITS FROM:

SUNY, Rider University, Monmouth University, TCNJ, Montclair State University, Aspen University, University of the Sciences, NJCU, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Stockton University, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Kean University, Rutgers University, University of Phoenix, Georgian Court University, Berkeley College, Saint Elizabeth University, William Paterson University, Drew University, Penn State University, Thomas Edison State University, & Manhattan College!



TALK TRANSFER with...

Rose Adu!

I had the chance to catch up with **Rose Adu**, recent Brookdale graduate to find out more about her experience transferring. Below is our interview!

Q: What was your major at Brookdale?

I was really interested in law, first I was a Criminal Justice major but when I began to dig more deep into programs, the Paralegal Studies program was more into what I wanted to do. A success coach helped me to transfer into paralegal studies.

Q: What activities were you involved in at Brookdale?

While being an EOF student, I helped to run the office, worked part time with the summer bridge program. I served as Vice President of EOFSA, and Vice President of Student Life Board, and then President of Student Life Board, and a general member of Black Student Union. It helped to create friends and connections with peers, and to talk to students about situations on campus to portray information to the President of Brookdale to make change.

Q: Where did you decide to transfer to?

When in high school, I had wanted to start at Rutgers but didn't have the funds. While attending Brookdale, I researched going to Rutgers University and Seton Hall University and was admitted to both. Rutgers Lincroft was the best option, easy to transition and take classes at both campuses.

Q: How was the application process?

The Rutgers application was straightforward but a little confusing to pick majors and schools and campuses. SHU's application was a little more personal and asked about religious preferences, it was also a little more straightforward.

Q: How did you decide where you wanted to transfer? What factors went into that decision?

Factors were cost and major transfer. I would have had to start over at Seton Hall because they didn't have anything that transferred into paralegal. They didn't have my major, and Rutgers took most of my major. I also decided to minor in Sociology. My degree transferred more seamlessly to Rutgers Lincroft.

Q: What is your major at Rutgers Lincroft?

I am a labor studies and employment relations student and I'm also minoring in Sociology.





Q: What are some of the questions you had while you were going through the transfer process?

I had questions about getting around campus, especially virtual campus tours. So definitely do virtual tours but also go to campus the day before. Getting text books at the bookstore is very different from here. I'm taking a mixture of online courses and at the New Brunswick campus. It's not like here at Brookdale where you can take classes on different campuses. If you want go to the Newark campus, you have to apply to Newark campus in order to take classes there.



Q: What do you wish you knew while you were applying?

I wish I knew more about the types of schools and majors that Rutgers has. If I wanted to change my major it wouldn't matter, but if I change my major to something else I have to leave that school. They have a lot of counselors, like my EOF counselor I used to call her for everything! Also, I paid the application fee without knowing there was a waiver for the application fee from EOF, so I had to go and get that back. EOF students should check on application fee waivers with their counselors.



Q: What are some tips that you want to share with other transfer students?

Do your research at the beginning of the year when you know you want to transfer and make sure it's the right school. And definitely you have to be able to multitask, your good grades are important too but they want to see you are involved in your school and community.

Even if you're working and in different clubs they want to see you are able to work under pressure. So definitely challenge yourself to the bigger picture! Also, look for scholarships and look at the Brookdale Foundation page for scholarships for graduates.

Q: What advice do you feel will help other transfer students?

As a senior in high school, start thinking about college application questions, like the college essay. But don't worry about the essay itself, just write out what you did and how you got there from day one and how you have progressed throughout college now that you are about to transfer and graduate.

Then you already have an essay that you can change and adapt, and now you aren't one of those students saying "I don't know what to write"! You can always go to the Brookdale writing center to get help with your essay. Try to get an appointment with a coach/admissions counselors at schools so you know what you are getting into when walking in. Look at tuition costs, use tuition calculators.

