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Meet recent Brookdale Alum Adam Meliani! Read about his transfer experience to an international university and tips for students who want to transfer!

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I had the chance to catch up with **Adam Meliani**, recent 2021 Brookdale graduate to find out more about his experience transferring abroad!

Q: Tell me about your time at Brookdale.

I enjoyed my time at Brookdale very much, but it went way too fast. I was a part of *Phi Theta Kappa*, where I was the Vice President of Finance & Fundraising my second year at Brookdale. Being with Angela Saragusa, the chapter advisor, and my fellow chapter offers and members made my time at Brookdale extraordinary. I was also a part of *The National Society of Leadership and Success*. My leadership skills advanced dramatically from being involved, and I met many great people while being a member. Before I graduated Brookdale, I was awarded the *2021 Outstanding Student Award from the Business Department*. I had many great memories at Brookdale, but when I received the award from Dr. Stout at graduation, I will never forget that moment and the feeling of gratitude I had.

Q: Where did you decide to transfer to?



I am currently enrolled at *Rennes School of Business* located in Rennes, France. I am in the International Bachelor Program specializing in Finance & Banking. I only have to complete one year here to obtain my bachelor's degree, versus two years if I stayed in the U.S. One of the best parts of my school is that it's accredited in the U.S., so no problem worrying if jobs validate my degree.

My school is in the city of Rennes, one of, if not, the best student city to study in France. My school prides itself on obtaining majority of international students. I have met people from all over the world at this school, and I am learning way more than I could ever imagine outside the classroom. The experience I am getting at this school matches no other. Next year, I intend to enroll in the MSc in International Finance at my school, at their brand-new Paris campus where they opened it this past Fall. The program is ranked 24th in the world.

Q: Did you research any other transfer schools?

Yes! I spent many hours every week during my two years at Brookdale researching transfer schools. I thought about where I am going to transfer after Brookdale every day, seriously, everyday it was in my mind. Brookdale is the perfect place to start your college studies, but it is up to you to do the research if you want to further your studies after Brookdale.

I did not apply to many schools during my transfer application process, only NYU, Rutgers, and my current school Rennes School of Business. Many students think they must apply to at least ten schools, but if you put in the time to research different schools in the types of cities you are interested in, you will not have to apply to ten schools, trust me.



Q: How was your transfer process?

My transfer process was not that complicated to be honest. Since Brookdale has a partnership with Rennes School of Business, all my credits were transferred over. Also, sending my transcripts was very easy, as you can do that directly from the Brookdale website. If I ever had a question regarding my transfer process, I would just call Brookdale and they would be there whenever I needed them.



Q: How did you decide what to major in, and what are your career goals?

I always had an interest in Financial Markets since a young age, and I am good with numbers. I love the fast-paced work environment bankers work in, and the skills you obtain during a career, such as technical and soft skills. Also, the salary and bonus in banking is very attractive. However, I am fully aware banking demands lots of hours worked. I want to start my career at an Investment Bank, particularly in the Sales & Trading Division. I would like to work there for a couple of years, and then move on to work for a Hedge Fund. I do not want to stay in the industry my whole life though, I would like to open my own gym in the future.



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

Think abroad! I believe you should not only be thinking to transfer domestically, but abroad! Your experience studying in another country will be a once in a lifetime opportunity. Plus, it is much cheaper to transfer abroad than to study abroad through a U.S. institution. Also, start researching

where you want to transfer once you start Brookdale. Your time at Brookdale will go very fast, therefore you must be proactive in your transfer process. Do not just transfer to the school where your friends are, or where your family wants you to go. It is your decision, not theirs! This may seem a bit impolite, but you must decide your own future, not have other people decide it for you. You will be most happy this way, and you will already be taking the necessary steps to obtain your future career. Time at Brookdale goes very fast, and students need to be thinking where they are going to transfer right when they start Brookdale, in my opinion.

Q: What tools did you use during the transfer process?

I used College Board, and since I was involved in PTK at Brookdale, they offered a college transfer e-platform which was very helpful. However, most of the time I merely went directly to the schools' websites and explored them directly.

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