

THE TRANSFER TIMES

Brookdale Community College Transfer Resources Newsletter



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Meet recent Brookdale Alum Annalesa DiLaurenzio! Read about her transfer experience to Montclair State University and tips for students who want to transfer!

STATEWIDE TRANSFER FAIR INFORMATION

Register with the links on page 4.

For more information: <u>www.brookdalecc.edu/transfer</u> <u>-resources/</u>

Email: transfer@brookdalecc.edu

FEBRUARY TRANSFER VISIT SCHEDULE SCAN HERE FOR OUR FULL LIST AND TO

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February Virtual and IN PERSON visits from:

John Patrick University, Berkeley College, Dominican College, Rowan University, Fairleigh Dickinson University. Thomas Edison State University, NJCU, Seton Hall University, University of Phoenix, SUNY Empire State College, Rider University, Manhattan College, Rutgers Newark, Penn State University, and MANY MORE!



I had the chance to catch up with **Annalesa DiLaurenzio**, recent 2020 Brookdale graduate to find out more about her experience transferring to Montclair State University.

Q: Tell me about your time at Brookdale.

While at Brookdale I was an Elementary, Middle, and High School Education Major. I would then use this major to go on and become a Health and Physical Education major at Montclair State University. I was also on the Softball team! This was by far the highlight of my Brookdale experience. Being a Jersey Blue and coached by Bo Scannapieco and Jimmy Gleason was an amazing experience. More importantly, I made friendships that will last a lifetime with my teammates. This was the most fun and caring team I have been a part of. I still keep in touch and get together with a lot of my Jersey Blue teammates. I had the opportunity to be a part of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee as well. This is a leadership and volunteer program where a representative from each team gets together once a month to discuss the athletics and Brookdale community as a



whole. Overall, I am extremely grateful for Brookdale. This school forever changed my life in the most positive way. **Go Jersey Blues!**

Q: Where did you decide to transfer to?

I transferred to Montclair State University in Montclair, NJ. I am a Health and Physical Education Major on the Teacher Certification track. I am also on the Softball team at MSU as well as a member of the Panzer Student Association (PSA). The PSA is a club for all Health and Physical Education majors. They provide networking opportunities, professional development workshops, and volunteer opportunities in the surrounding schools.

Q: Did you research any other transfer schools?

I knew from the start of my transfer process I wanted to attend MSU. They have a very wellknown Health and Physical Education and Athletics Department that I hoped to be a part of.

Q: How did you decide what you wanted to major in?

My mom has been a teacher for over twenty years. When I was younger, I would help her grade papers and prepare for her future lessons and immediately loved it. Then when I was older, I began volunteering in her classroom and with the Unified Partners Club at my high school and knew this was the career for me. Teaching students how to lead a healthy lifestyle, be good people, and so much more is what I want to do for the rest of my life.

Q: What are your Career Goals?

I want to be either an elementary or middle school Health and Physical Education teacher. I want to coach Volleyball and Softball as well. But in the near future I would like to be an Athletic Director. If I ever had the opportunity to work for Brookdale Athletics that would be a dream! I would love to come back and work for Brookdale.

Q: How was your transfer process?

My transfer process was very smooth. Through the agreement Brookdale has with other state schools, Montclair was required to take all 60 of my credits. This made the process seamless. Obtaining your final transcripts with Brookdale is very simple. During my first semester at Montclair I was registered for an Educational Psychology class. On the first day of class while reading the syllabus I realized it was the same course I already had taken at Brookdale. Suzanne Rauso, my academic advisor, was so supportive in helping me obtain the syllabus for the course and getting it approved with Montclair. Having caring and dedicated staff made a significant difference in the transfer process.



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

Use all the Brookdale resources you can! Form relationships with your Academic Advisors and Professors because you will need them throughout the transfer process. In order to get accepted into my Teacher Education Program at Montclair, I needed a recommendation letter from a

professor outside of the Montclair Education Department, and because I formed such a significant relationship with my Brookdale professors, they were able to write me a letter!

Q: Any other comments about Brookdale or the transfer process?

I just want to add that Brookdale is such a special place. My freshman year of college, I went to another university and transferred to Brookdale my sophomore year. The community, professors, and students at Brookdale are truly special. Everyone is so caring and willing to help you academically and socially. No other school is like that. You actually feel like a person at Brookdale. I really am grateful to be a

Jersey Blue. I wish the community college stigma was not amplified so much at my high school and that I didn't listen! Everyone needs to know how remarkable Brookdale is.

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

I used Parchment to obtain my official transcript. The system is very easy to use. Other than that, it was Montclair's Application System. *Reach out if you'd like to be featured in our next newslett*



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Reach out if you'd like to be featured in our next newsletter, or know of someone who would! Email **transfer@brookdalecc.edu**

Planning to transfer...



The Virtual Fair is a great opportunity for NJ community college students to explore many quality transfer options!

> Click on dates below TO REGISTER.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY JANUARY 27 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Participating Colleges and Universities:

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Bloomfield College, Caldwell Univeristy, Centenary University, Drew University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Felician University, Georgian Court University, Kean, Monmouth University, Montclair State University, New Jersey City University, NJIT, Ramapo College of NJ, Rider University, Rowan University, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, Rutgers University-Newark, Saint Elizabeth University, Saint Peter's University, Seton Hall University, Stevens Institute of Technology, Stockton University, The College of New Jersey, Thomas Edison State University, William Paterson University

Enrollment Limited • Registration Required Questions? Email NJVirtualTransferFairs@gmail.com

> Click a date below to register! <u>Thursday, January 27th 4pm - 5:30pm</u> <u>Wednesday, February 16th 2pm - 3:30pm</u> <u>Thursday, March 22nd 11am - 12:30pm</u>

