Conference Reflection Journal

Attending the Puente Transfer Motivational Conference was a very enlightening experience for me and helped me better understand how to make the most of my college journey. After attending my Session II and III workshops, I learned much more about majoring in business administration and resources available that can help me succeed.

A fun experience I had at the conference was interacting with other students during our lunch break. I met and ate lunch with two girls, Lisette and Amanda, and had a riveting conversation with them. We initially exchanged pleasantries and discussed the sessions we would be attending, but it quickly branched out into our hobbies and personal lives. We spoke about everything, from majors to tv shows to music to what type of animal would make the scariest pet. We chatted about anything and everything, and when we parted ways, I realized how naturally I spoke with them. I am always nervous about interacting with new people, but when I stopped being so self-conscious and overthinking what I say, I had a genuine conversation with others.

The conference helped show me how accessible universities are for transfer students and the types of support available for me. Our lessons in transfer requirements for UCs and CSUs were very valuable, but I still had a hard time envisioning myself completing them and moving to higher education. Interacting with recruitment representatives and hearing the stories of those who transferred helped me see the transfer process as an attainable goal, rather than just another set of lessons to memorize in school. I could see the determination and hard-work involved in the transfer process as well as the support provided, not just financially, but also in a supportive community filled with people who want to achieve the same goal.

After attending the business major session, I better understand the possibilities and the many concentrations that majoring in business administration will allow me to pursue. The
session was presented by representatives from University of the Pacific, specifically the director of student recruitment, Christopher Lozano. In his presentation, he outlined the ten concentration offered at the Eberhardt School of Business; the most intriguing to me were Accounting, Arts & Entertainment, and Management Information Systems. This in-depth exposure to the concentrations of business administration has swayed me to keep it as an option for my major, and while I would still like to explore, I can confidently say that business admin. is a strong contender thanks to this conference. That being said, I am interested in pursuing a degree in business administration at UC Irvine and University of the Pacific since they are the two schools I learned the most about during the conference, though I am open and still willing to explore other universities.

I conversed intensely with the recruitment representative from UC Irvine, Tiana. During her presentation, she was very enthusiastic and actively engaged in in-depth discussion with us. She was very animated and I could clearly tell that she was passionate about convincing us of the merits of UC Irvine. I had a fascinating conversation with her about the types of internships and independent study project opportunities offered at UC Irvine. For example, Tiana majored in psychology, so an internship she participated in involved analyzing the psyche of successful business people and their pursuit of self-fulfillment. Her genuine enthusiasm during our conversation and while we exchanged information put my nerves about transferring at ease. She gave me her email so we could continue to discuss details about UC Irvine, and I will be sure to keep in touch.

The Puente Transfer Motivational Conference helped motivate me and put aspects of my education, personal life, and time management into perspective.