Transfer Success Stories:

Leo LeMay



Where did you transfer after Jefferson?

"I transitioned into SUNY Potsdam's bachelor's program... and I continued my education at the University of Maryland Global Campus, and earned my MBA."

What degree did you pursuing?

"I earned an Associate degree in Business Administration from Jefferson, a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from SUNY Potsdam, ... and later completed my Master of Business Administration at UMGC."

Why did you choose to attend JCC?

"JCC allowed me to stay close to home while pursuing my education. The joint program with SUNY Potsdam made it possible to earn both my associate and bachelor's degrees without relocating, which made college much more affordable."

How did Jefferson prepare you for your transfer and your continued success?

"Jefferson challenged me to develop the study habits, time management skills, and discipline that I had never really needed before."

What advice would you give current Jefferson students who are planning to transfer?

"Your educational journey doesn't have to look like everyone else's. There are many ways to earn a degree while balancing work, finances, and personal responsibilities. Believe in yourself, stay curious, and don't let the fear of the unknown keep you from taking the next step."

What has been your proudest accomplishment since transferring?

"Becoming the first person in my family to earn a master's degree. Education was something my dad always valued, and he encouraged me to be a lifelong learner."

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Transfer Success Stories:

Matthew Sullivan



Where did you transfer after Jefferson?

"I transferred to SUNY Oswego after completing my degree at Jefferson."

What degree are you pursuing?

"I pursued an associates in Human Services with a Concentration in Psychology prior to pursuing a bachelor's in psychology at Oswego and going on for a Masters in School Counseling."

Why did you choose to attend JCC?

"I chose to attend JCC because I enjoyed working at the YMCA during high school and wanted to be able to work while I attended college and I had no idea what I wanted to do at the time so I wanted to be able to save money while I made my future plans."

What was the transfer process like? How did you overcome challenges?

"The transfer from Jefferson to Oswego was seamless and I felt very prepared for the coursework at Oswego."

What advice would you give current Jefferson students who are planning to transfer?

"There is no need to rush decisions on your future, give yourself the time to find a field/major/occupation that is meaningful to you. If you do something that is meaningful to you and challenges you, you will find success."

What has been your proudest accomplishment since transferring?

"Having the opportunity to work in the community I grew up in and trying to have a positive impact on students."

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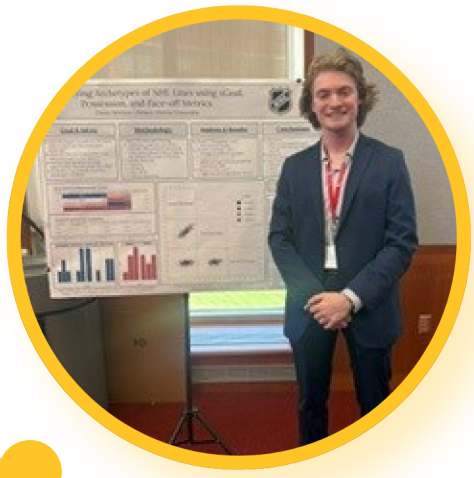
Transfer Success Stories:

Owen Newton



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"I transferred to Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh PA."

What degree are you pursuing?

"I am currently pursuing my bachelor's in Statistics and Data Science and my master's in data science."

Why did you choose to attend JCC?

"It was close to home and gave me the opportunity to jump start my academic career while taking affordable classes. The unique opportunity to start a hockey club was also a large factor in my decision. "

Who at Jefferson made a difference for you?

"I would love to shout out four in particular: Dr. Draper, Coach Ledoux, President Dupee, and Mr. Wiley"

What was the transfer process like? How did you overcome challenges?

"The transfer process was super easy for me because I worked with my advisor Dr. Draper and RMU's admissions team to ensure my credits would transfer."

What are your future career or educational goals?

"The dream is to work in Hockey Operations in the Data Science/ Statistics field for a professional hockey team and eventually return home to hopefully join the awesome staff at the Northern New York Community Foundation."

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Transfer Success Stories:

Chelle De Jesus Reyes



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Where did you transfer after Jefferson?

"I recieved my B.A. at SUNY Oswego, and my M.A. at SUNY Buffalo State!"

What degree did you pursue?

"My Bachelor and Master of Arts are in History! I'd like to pursue an Ed.D. (Doctor of Education) in Curriculum & Instruction or Instructional Design/Learning Technologies."

Why did you choose to attend JCC?

"It was a cheap and local option. We PCS'd to Ft. Drum during my junior year of high school and my dad chose to retire in my senior year. I am a first-generation college student, so we were learning about the system as I was going through it!."

How did Jefferson prepare you for your transfer and your continued success?

"The faculty and staff were amazing, and the transition from high school to college was smooth and prepared me for moving on to a 4-year institution. The quality of courses, assignments, and instructors definitely rivalled (and even excelled) the faculty of 4-year universities."

What was the transfer process like? Did you encounter any challenges, and how did you overcome them?

"I was extremely stubborn and refused to take more than 12 credits a semester, so I ended up taking 5 semesters instead of 4 at JCC. My GPA remained over a 3.0 but it could have been much better. I repeated this mistake in Oswego and graduated with a 2.7 GPA, which earned me a rejection to the SUNY Oswego Master's program for not meeting the GPA threshold."

What advice would you give to current Jefferson students who are planning to transfer?

"Get started early! Connect with a transfer counselor at your chosen college to get information. Also, come visit the Commons when recruiters are on campus! We regularly get transfer recruiters from 4-year schools (and some employers) who are always willing to share information on their institutions!"

Transfer Success Stories:

Michael Georgescu



Where did you transfer after Jefferson?

"I transferred to SUNY Binghamton University and later to Yale University and now at Emory University pursuing my PhD."

What degree are you pursuing?

"At Binghamton, I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. At Yale I earned my Master's in Public Health, and I'm working toward my PhD in Epidemiology at Emory University."

Why did you choose to attend JCC?

"I chose Jefferson because of the genuine care that came through in its student support, academic support, and transfer planning."

Were there any faculty, staff, advisors, or experiences at Jefferson that made a difference for you?

"Jole LaLone's statistics courses first sparked my interest in advanced quantitative work, and he was kind enough to welcome me into the Center for Community Studies...Cynthia Lonsbary and Lynn Sprott nurtured my love of psychology... and they cheered me on as I created the Psychology and Human Services Club. I carry their encouragement with me still."

What was the transfer process like? Did you encounter any challenges, and how did you overcome them?

"I was worried about how my credits would carry over and that I'd feel behind. The advisors and faculty at Jefferson helped me plan early which gave me peace of mind. Binghamton University accepted all of my Jefferson credits, and Yale University also recognized Jefferson coursework as sufficient perquisites for their masters program."

What advice would you give Jefferson students looking to transfer?

"Reach out to your professors, lean on the wonderful people in student support services, and never be afraid to ask for help. They genuinely want to walk alongside you, both academically and personally."

Yale

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Transfer Success Stories:

Nathan Snyder



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Where did you transfer after Jefferson?

Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY

What degree are you pursuing?

Major: Chemical Engineering
Minor: Project Management

Why did you choose to attend JCC?

"JCC was close to home (about 30 minutes), which allowed me to commute and work part time while continuing my education. It was cheaper than most colleges and affordable for me."

Were there any faculty, staff, advisors, or experiences at Jefferson that made a difference for you?

"The financial aid office helped me get the information I needed and if they did not have it, they directed me to someone who did. I made friends with the workers at the cafeteria and I had many professors and instructors that cared about us students succeeding."

What advice would you give to current Jefferson students who are planning to transfer?

"Decide what you are interested in and look for more than just financial aid and transfer credits. Look for extracurriculars (that allow you to go to conferences or travel), research, career fairs, professors, multiple degree programs you are interested in."

What are your future career or educational goals?

"Graduate with a job in the field of nuclear energy or do a 4+1 master's program for chemical engineering. These goals although not even a year away can still change."

Transfer Success Stories:

Sarah Wilder



Where did you transfer after Jefferson?

SUNY Potsdam

What degree did you pursue?

"I completed my Bachelors in Business Administration and through their seamless transfer into their graduate program I completed my Masters of Science in Management."

Why did you choose to attend JCC?

"I chose Jefferson to stay close to home, save money, and expand my professional networking within the JCC Community and local workforce."

Were there any faculty, staff, advisors, or experiences at Jefferson that made a difference for you?

"The Business Department at JCC made my transfer to Potsdam seamless because they truly prepared me for bachelor's level work, they helped me expand my opportunities and networking through the JCC Business Club and the staff (Mrs. Irene Wilder, Dr. Dawn Robinson, Professor Cherie Ditch, Professor Larry Covell) helped build me into the professional that I am today."

What advice would you give Jefferson students looking to transfer?

"If JCC offers classes that will transfer to a Bachelor's degree, take as many as you can before you transfer. It will save you time and money in the long-term."

What has been your proudest accomplishment since transferring?

"My proudest accomplishment was completing my Erasmus Mobility + Scholarship with SUNY Potsdam's Partner University in Porto Portugal Universidade Portucalense. During my time there, I completed a research project on the impacts of Climate Change on Wine Tourism in the Douro River Region which was printed into a textbook in 2025 alongside research with professors and now mentors Dr. Greg Gardner and Dr. Dawn Robinson."

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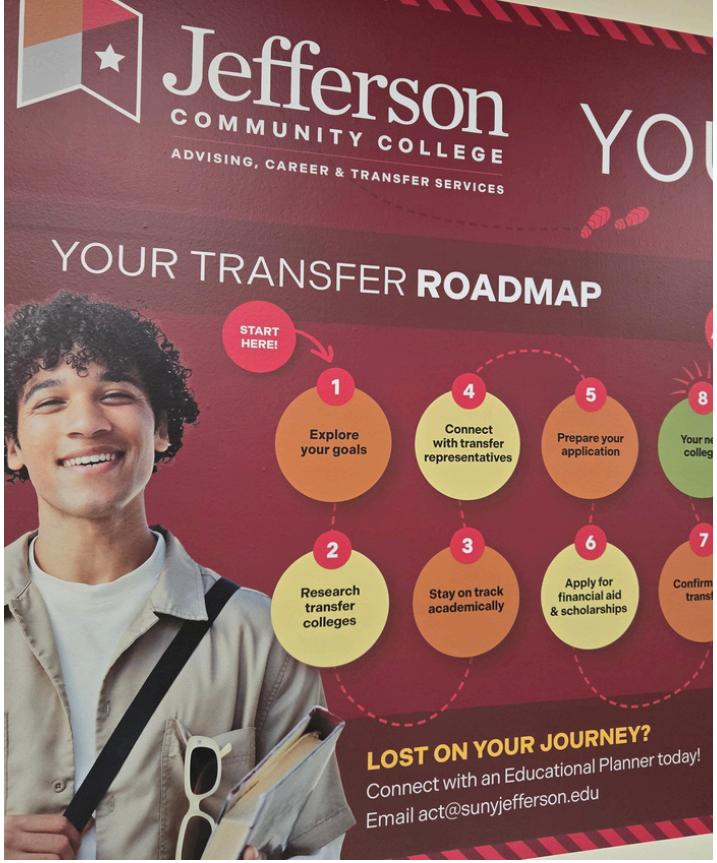
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