



2022 National CCAA Transfer Scholarship Recipients

The National CCAA Transfer Scholarship is awarded to college students attending a two-year college or university who will have completed 30 or more credit hours by the end of the spring semester and will be attending one of the National CCAA member institutions as a transfer student. For Fall 2022, the National CCAA awarded 4 one-time \$1,000 awards.

We asked each scholarship winner a few questions to learn more about them. Here are their responses to those questions:



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Name: Kristen Hosmer

School: Le Moyne College

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Name: Ashley Gottlieb

School: University of St. Thomas (TX)

Hometown: Houston, TX

Major: Finance

A 2022 National CCAA Transfer Scholarship recipient, Ashley will attend University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. She shared that many factors went into her decision to enroll.

"I chose UST because I knew the faith community there will help me delve deeper into my faith while studying for my degree at the same time. The business program at UST is good so I knew I'd be getting the best of both worlds."

Ashley previously attended Lone Star College-CyFair and at University of St. Thomas, she will pursue a Finance major. She shared her plans for after graduation, "I want to be a personal financial planner, and eventually own my own personal finance firm."

We asked Ashley:

What aspect of your college/university are you most excited about?

Being part of one of the sisterhood faith groups at UST, and being able to live on campus with them!

What one tip about the transfer process would you share with future transfer students?

Make sure to submit all paperwork needed for financial aid as soon as possible, talk with your future university's financial aid office of possible transfer scholarships and grants offered!

What advice would you share with soon-to-be two-year college students as they begin their first year in the fall?

Get involved with as many clubs your two-year university offers! Its how you start to build connections and enhance your resume, which will help you stand out when you apply to transfer.

What is one fun fact about you?

I have 4 chickens, 3 dogs and 1 cat in my house!



Name: Candace Barbera
School: University of Detroit Mercy
Hometown: Warren, MI
Major: Health Services Administration

A 2022 National CCAA Transfer Scholarship recipient, Candace will attend University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit, Michigan. She shared that many factors went into her decision to enroll, including the fact that her mother went there and the fact that they had an accelerated bachelor's to master's program in her desired area of study.

Candace previously attended Macomb Community College and at University of Detroit Mercy, she will pursue a Health Services Administration major. She shared her plans for after graduation, "eventually I would love to open a mental health facility. There is such a stigma surrounding mental health, and I would like to be a part in breaking that stigma."

We asked Candace:

What aspect of your college/university are you most excited about?

Meeting new people and getting involved in activities around campus

What one tip about the transfer process would you share with future transfer students?

Make sure to schedule classes that will transfer. At bare minimum, follow the transfer agreement.

What advice would you share with soon-to-be two-year college students as they begin their first year in the fall?

Relax and take your time. Don't stress yourself over not getting As, but learn as you go.

What is one fun fact about you?

I can play the flute.



Name: Jillian Abbe

School: Saint Martin's University

Hometown: Shelton, WA

Major: Literary Studies & Secondary Education

A 2022 National CCAA Transfer Scholarship recipient, Jillian will attend Saint Martin's University in Lacey, Washington. She shared that many factors went into her decision to enroll.

"Saint Martin's University ended up being the perfect fit for me! SMU has an incredible education program, generous financial aid programs, and it is close enough to home that I get to commute to my classes. Every person I met when during visits to Saint Martin's genuinely cared about me and was excited to meet me; it just feels like home!"

Jillian previously attended Whitworth University and South Puget Sound Community College and at Saint Martin's she will major in Literary Studies and Secondary Education in order to achieve her future plans of becoming a high school English teacher.

We asked Jillian:

What aspect of your college/university are you most excited about?

I'm excited to have a second chance at a great college experience! I will get to meet so many new people and have the opportunity to join clubs related to my majors, so I'm excited for the chance to build community around my future career!

What one tip about the transfer process would you share with future transfer students?

Don't be afraid to reach out to your transfer counselor! The transfer process can be much more complex than first-year college applications, so be sure to ask any and all questions you have, check in often on forms and transcripts, and build a good relationship with your transfer admissions counselor.

We know the start of your college career has been different than what you imagined it would be; what is one positive thing that came out of the experience?

The biggest positive result of my college experience so far is that I had the chance to decide what I truly was passionate about studying before committing to a four-year university to finish my degree!

What is one fun fact about you?

I'm a barista at Starbucks.