

SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST:

Fredonia was recently ranked 10th among Public Colleges and Universities in the North by US World News Today.

Fredonia has over 140 completely student run clubs and organizations on campus.

SUNY Fredonia is just two miles from Lake Erie and is located in the "grape belt" of New York. Making it one of the most scenic places to be in the fall!

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# Transition Fredonia

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## Welcome to Campus

Featuring Jasmine Ranjitsingh, Center for Multicultural Affairs



The Center for Multicultural Affairs is a fantastic resource for Fredonia students. Besides offering a peaceful place to study and grab a snack in-between classes, the CMA office organizes several of the multicultural groups on campus. The Black Student Union, Native American Student Union, Women's Student Union, Jewish Student Union, Pride Alliance and Latinos Unidos all hold offices within CMA. These groups organize hundreds of events every year that expose Fredonia students to a number of diverse experiences. The Jewish Student Union brought a Holocaust survivor to campus to speak



*Jasmine*  
Ranjitsingh

with students about that experience last year. The

Women's Student Union organizes several events during the year to educate students on important topics relating to women's history and issues facing women today. Latinos Unidos has been known to celebrate many of the traditional Hispanic holidays with food and music for students to enjoy. A fashion show, guest speakers and music artists are constantly being planned by

the Black Student Union. These are just a few of the many different things going on in the CMA office. Students who are interested in joining a group or starting something new are encouraged to talk to the CMA office located in Thompson Hall. To sign up for one of the many multicultural groups available to students, head to activities night. This event is held at the beginning of each semester to expose students to all of the clubs and organizations available on campus. More information can also be found online at :

[www.sunyfredoniacma.com/](http://www.sunyfredoniacma.com/)

## Tau Sigma

Featuring Katie Goldbach, President of Tau Sigma

Another busy year has begun for members of SUNY Fredonia's transfer honor society, Tau Sigma. Katie Goldbach, this year's president is a transfer student from St. John Fisher College. When exploring her transfer options, Katie visited friends at Fredonia. She explains that after one walk around campus, she knew she wanted to come to Fredonia. "When I got in the car to go home, my mom looked at me and said "you want to transfer to Fredonia, don't you?" it was written all over my face that Fredonia was the place for me."

Tau Sigma participates in a variety of campus events every year including the Out of the Darkness Walk and Fall Sweep. The honor society also lends a helping hand during Fredonia's Annual "Pink the Rink" event. Last year, they raffled off a Buffalo Sabers Hockey Stick signed by Goalie Ryan Miller. Tau Sigma's volunteer efforts didn't stop there as they came in as the leading fundraising team for the annual Relay for Life held this past spring. "Tau Sigma is a wonderful opportunity to meet other transfer students on the campus,"

says Katie "No one wants to feel like a freshman when they transfer to a new school, Tau Sigma events help students make that transition." Students are invited to join Tau Sigma after their first semester GPA is calculated.



**Katie Goldbach**  
Year: Junior  
Major: English  
Hometown: Hamburg, NY  
Transfer From: St. John Fisher College  
Campus Groups: Ambassador, Undergraduate Alumni Council, Fencing Club, Sigma Tau Delta



**Elisa Haberl**

Major: Public Relations

Minor: Business

Administration

Hometown: West Seneca

Transfer from: Binghamton

University

Campus groups/activities: Tau

Sigma, Public Relations

Student Society of

America, Applied

Communications Association

# Interning as a Transfer Student

Featuring Elisa Haberl, Intern with Radio Station 97 Rock

Elisa Haberl is a senior Public Relations major with a minor in Business Administration. This past summer, Elisa found a wonderful internship opportunity through Fredonia's Career Development Internship and Job search engine, Quest. While browsing through the possible hands-on learning experiences available to a PR major, Elisa discovered just what she was looking for -- an internship in the promotions department at 97 Rock- WGRF, a very popular rock radio station in Buffalo. She went through the Career Development process and was soon on her way as a summer intern.

In the promotions department, Elisa worked with the station's website, learning in detail how to utilize their software. She helped to coordinate several special events including Buffalo Bills pre-parties, where her role included working with corporate sponsors and Airport Plaza Jewelers. One of the most memorable experiences of this internship was actually being put on the air with Larry Norton, the legendary morning DJ at 97 Rock. "Having

Larry Norton compliment my work on the air was something I'll always remember," she says. "For someone in that position to take the time to let me know I was doing a great job was a big deal." Elisa was also able to participate in the creation of voice-overs, video taping, and event management. Her internship was valuable not only because it gave her experiences she couldn't get in the classroom, but because she was offered a position with the radio station after the internship was officially completed. Elisa is graduating in May and she plans to make a career out of public relations and promotions. Her advice to students pursuing an internship: "Never be afraid to ask questions and try not to get caught up in being a perfectionist - you have to learn on the go!"

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# Kevin Mitchell: Transfer Athlete

## *Small Forward/Shooting Guard for FSU Men's Basketball*

Kevin Mitchell is a junior sports management major at Fredonia. After transferring from SUNY Adirondack, Kevin excelled both on and off the field as a small forward and shooting guard for SUNY Fredonia's Men's Basketball team. "When I was being recruited by different colleges, I chose Fredonia because of the friendly feel of the campus," he says. "Everybody carries the feeling of being on a team and working together."

Kevin explains that being a student athlete is a lot of work, but at the end of the day, school comes first. Students on the basketball team are required to hold ten library hours a week, six on their own and four with a teacher or tutor. This mandatory study time is what sets SUNY Fredonia athletes apart. Kevin's advice to new student athletes was "Remember to always be on time and focus on your schoolwork because that is your top priority before you even step onto the court."

Kevin's favorite thing about campus is all of the different athletic facilities available to student athletes. Although the majority of FSU Men's Basketball games are in the Steele Hall Field house, there are lots of other gyms and athletic centers to practice and prep for games. For more information about FSU athletics or to contact a coach, visit: <http://www.fredoniabluedevils.com>



**Kevin Mitchell**

### *Interning as a Transfer Student, continued from page 2*

The Career Development Office at SUNY Fredonia is a wonderful resource for transfer students interested in completing an internship. Internships are available in literally every field imaginable, some that are paid or credit bearing, on campus or off. Whatever your goal is, they can assist you in that process.

"No matter what your career goals are, the importance of obtaining internship experience cannot be overstated. Internships provide hands-on experience that can confirm (or reject) tentative career choices." Says Director of Career Development and Internship Coordinator Tracy Collingwood. "New graduates who took part in an internship experience are more likely to have received a job offer and higher salary than their peers who decided to forgo the experience. Students who graduate without internship experience are at a competitive disadvantage, as the national percentage of students completing internships, and often completing multiple internships, continues to climb."

Tracy encourages transfer students to begin thinking about their career goals early, but not to be discouraged about coming to the campus a little later than most. "Transfer students need to start the process of finding an internship early and should schedule an appointment at the CDO for assistance. Since most students intern during their junior or senior year, you haven't lost any time." For more information on internships, visit the CDO internship webpage at: <http://www.fredonia.edu/cdo/x-main.asp>.

# Location, location, location:

## Where's the prime real-estate for transfer students to Fredonia

After transferring to Fredonia from Monroe Community College in Rochester, Dennis McCarthy was ready to take on all that campus had to offer. However, as a transfer student he knew that his experience would be quite different from that of an incoming freshmen. One of the main things that Dennis needed to think about was where he would live. After looking at many off campus housing options in the Fredonia community, he decided to stay with on campus options and try living in the residence halls. Dennis was placed in Hemmingway Hall, a suite style residence hall for first year students. He admitted that he was nervous at first, but ended up loving that he was so close to campus, able to meet people who lived in his hall and participate in on campus events. "If it wasn't for living in Hemmingway my first semester, I don't think I would have been nearly as comfortable making the friends that I have now" he said.

After spending a semester in Hemmingway, Dennis entered the lottery for a room in University Commons, the newest dormitory on campus. He and another friend from Hemmingway live there now and love University Commons environment. "You can literally walk to Cranston, Starbucks and even the Bookstore without putting on a coat or changing out of your slippers." Dennis also loves that University Commons allows him to have a slightly more private living environment by only sharing a bathroom with three other people and having quite places to study. "I would recommend all transfers try living on campus," he shares. "It is the best way to meet other people, get a real sense of the campus and get involved."



**Dennis McCarthy**  
**Year: Senior**  
**Major: Communications**  
**Minor: Leadership Studies**  
**Hometown: Rochester, NY**  
**Transfer From:**  
**Monroe Community College**

Colin Fleming is transfer student from Finger Lakes Community College and he too, was wondering what living accommodations were available to incoming transfer students. Colin decided early on that living on campus would be a great way to get settled and meet new people. Like Dennis, Colin was placed in Hemmingway Hall a residence hall for first year students. "Living in Hemmingway was great because I met students who were going through the same things I was as a transfer student." he said.

Colin wanted to try living off campus after his first year. He now lives in the Brigham Road Apartments in Fredonia, just a few minutes walk from campus. "I like living off campus because I feel like it's more independent living," he says. "It can be more stressful worrying about bills and groceries but I still feel like I am saving a little money in the end."

Fredonia does have a two year housing policy but many transfer students find that they surpass the credits needed to move off campus. It is nice to know that both options are available to you as you arrive on campus. For more information about housing options on campus, visit the residence life page at: [www.fredonia.edu/reslife](http://www.fredonia.edu/reslife). Interested in living off campus? Fredonia has an off campus living guide available to current students to search local housing options and connect with people looking for roommates.



**Colin Fleming**  
**Year: Senior**  
**Major: Music Business**  
**Hometown: Brockport, NY**  
**Transfer From:**  
**Finger Lakes Community College**



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