The new Transfer Scholars Grant will support high achieving transfer students each year. These students will support transfer engagement initiatives, develop and deliver academic and social support programs for new transfer students, and partner with local community colleges. This program will have a multiplying and transformational effect:

- Attract more and academically stronger transfer students to UAlbany.
- Aid in transfer retention and graduation for Transfer Scholars.
- Develop a strong reputation for UAlbany as a destination for top transfer students.
- Transfer Scholars will support new transfer students, thereby increasing retention and degree completion for all transfer students.

New (first-semester) transfer Scholars who come to UAlbany with a minimum 3.5 GPA from their prior institution will receive a $500 book scholarship and enroll in RSSW 290 for 2-Credits. They will receive training to become university liaisons for new transfer students. Their duties will be to:

- Lead Transfer Clubs (The UAlbany Driving Force, the Transfer Student Club, and the Non-Traditional Student Club)
- Do weekly outreach to all transfer students about events/services/important dates
- Attend programs that returning Transfer Scholars implement
- Assist in Student Engagement and Transfer Services programming
- Complete training to be a Community College Ambassador (see below for description)

Returning Transfer Scholars (after their first semester) who wish to apply for the grant will need a 3.5 GPA or higher in their prior semester and need to have been recommended for re-hire by the Transfer Student Coordinator. Current transfer students (with at least 1 semester of experience here at UAlbany) can also apply for the Transfer Scholar’s Grant (even if they did not apply or receive one in their first semester.) They will receive a $2,000 scholarship for working 10 hours a week for the Transfer Coordinator. Their duties will include:

- Plan and implement academic or social support programs for transfers
- Hold office hours in the Transfer Commuter Lounge
- Mentor first-semester Transfer Scholars
- Complete training as peer advisors with extensive training on tutoring resources
- Assist the Transfer Coordinator in outreach to transfers on academic warning
- Be a Community College Ambassador which will provide campus tours to interested students from local community colleges, visit local community college campuses to meet monthly with
prospective students invite and accompany prospective students to large campus events.

The Transfer Scholars program will increase the number top-transfers attending the University at Albany. This in turn will increase the number of academic and social support programs we offer new transfer students by increasing the number and quality of students offering those programs, increase the number of transfers that attend them, increase the number of transfers coming from local community colleges and improve transfer satisfaction and transfer retention. Each year a transfer satisfaction survey will be sent to all transfer students. We will track transfer retention, graduation rates, and 1st semester GPAs for transfer students.