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Abstract: The goal of this project is to learn first-hand through qualitative research, students' perceptions of the University of Illinois as a welcoming environment to community college transfer students both before and after enrolling as a student here. Do transfer students feel that they are recruited, assisted, and valued at an equal level to more traditional students by the University? What are some of the obstacles that transfer students face in their transition from a community college to the University of Illinois and how might each institution help make that process easier?