Aggie Welcome Program Changes, Attendance Increases to 450 Students

The program allows students to interact with staff and meet other incoming students.
- Office of Student Retention & Completion

The Office of Student Orientation and Transition Services (SOTS) moved the Aggie Welcome program to the Saturday before the fall semester started. They also made the event more casual. The result: a more than 500% attendance increase.

The Aggie Welcome program provides support and resources to incoming transfer students and students who complete Aggie Orientation online rather than coming to campus. This event allows the SOTS staff to meet with these students in person for the first time and gives the students an opportunity to network with peers who are in similar situations.

“We received a lot of feedback from these specific student groups about how they wanted a way to get involved and to meet other students who were in the same boat,” said Kylee Hopkin, SOTS orientation program coordinator.

“Thanks to this feedback, we started the Aggie Welcome program. This year, we found a good balance in providing

The event was held on the Quad, Aggie Ice Cream was served, and students could swap out shirts from their old institutions for a new USU shirt. The students were also able to meet with SOTS staff to have their questions answered and receive important resources about being a successful Aggie.

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