

# 2025 Transfer Opportunity Analysis – Setter Edition

A comprehensive analysis of setter depth, opportunity, culture & travel logistics



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## Overall Fit Score Ranking

Rank	School	Tier	RPI	Fit Score	VB Opp	Geo Score
1	Utah	A	39	2.90	3.0	2.5
2	UConn	A	74	2.80	3.0	2.0
3	Loyola Chicago	A-	114	2.78	3.0	2.5
4	FGCU	B+	69	2.72	3.0	3.0
5	Iowa State	A	26	2.68	2.7	2.0
6	Florida State	A	62	2.66	2.5	2.3
7	Northern Arizona	B+	N/A	2.66	3.0	2.7
8	UIC	B+	103	2.62	3.0	2.5
9	Denver	A-	136	2.62	2.5	2.7
10	UNC Charlotte	B+	N/A	2.50	2.7	2.5
11	Georgia Southern	B	126	2.46	3.0	2.3
12	Georgia State	B+	128	2.46	2.5	2.7
13	NC State	A	N/A	2.44	2.0	2.2
14	UMBC	A-	N/A	2.44	2.3	2.2
15	Boise State	B+	76	2.42	2.5	2.5
16	VCU	B+	N/A	2.42	2.5	2.5
17	Kansas State	B+	34	2.40	2.7	2.0
18	South Alabama	B	102	2.34	2.7	2.3
19	Northern Colorado	B	101	2.30	2.5	2.5
20	Toledo	B	96	2.28	2.7	2.0
21	Drake	B+	63	2.24	2.3	2.0
22	Valparaiso	B+	139	2.16	2.1	2.0
23	Morehead State	B	91	2.12	2.3	2.0

## Travel Distance & Difficulty Matrix (From Indianapolis, IN)

School	Drive (mi)	Drive (hrs)	Flight (mi)	Flight (hrs)	Travel Difficulty
Valparaiso	145	2.4	126	0.28	20
UIC	190	3.2	165	0.37	27
Loyola Chicago	199	3.3	173	0.38	28
Morehead State	210	3.5	182	0.41	30
Toledo	215	3.6	187	0.42	30
Drake	474	7.9	413	0.92	68
Iowa State	484	8.1	421	0.94	69
Georgia State	491	8.2	427	0.95	70
UNC Charlotte	492	8.2	428	0.95	70
NC State	566	9.4	492	1.09	81
VCU	568	9.5	494	1.10	81
UMBC	580	9.7	505	1.12	83
Kansas State	640	10.7	557	1.24	91
Georgia Southern	647	10.8	563	1.25	92
South Alabama	733	12.2	637	1.42	100
Florida State	751	12.5	653	1.45	100
UConn	851	14.2	740	1.64	100
FGCU	1096	18.3	953	2.12	100
Northern Colorado	1126	18.8	979	2.18	100
Denver	1147	19.1	997	2.22	100
Utah	1554	25.9	1351	3.00	100
Northern Arizona	1642	27.4	1428	3.17	100
Boise State	1799	30.0	1564	3.48	100

# Iowa State University



**Location:** Ames, Iowa

**Conference:** Big 12 Conference

**Academic Tier:** A

**Offense Type:** 5-1

**RPI Rank:** 26

**Record:** 22-7

**Fit Score:** 2.68 / 3.0

## Niche Snapshot:

Overall: A- Academics: A- Value: B+

### Travel from Indianapolis:

Approx. driving distance: 484.0 miles (~8.1 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 420.9 miles (~0.94 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 69 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Large Big 12 public with strong engineering, agriculture, and a classic campus-town atmosphere.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Professors are supportive and there are many ways to get involved on campus."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Intro classes can feel huge and it's harder to get one-on-one help."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Large Big 12 program with strong academics and classic college-town environment.

# Kansas State University



**Location:** Manhattan, Kansas

**Conference:** Big 12 Conference

**Academic Tier:** B+

**Offense Type:** 5-1

**RPI Rank:** 34

**Record:** 17-9

**Fit Score:** 2.4 / 3.0

## Niche Snapshot:

Overall: B+ Academics: B+ Value: A-

### Travel from Indianapolis:

Approx. driving distance: 640.4 miles (~10.7 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 556.9 miles (~1.24 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 91 / 100

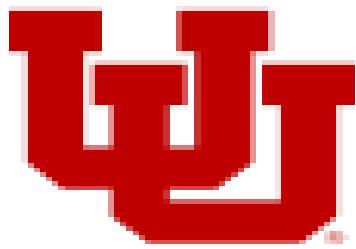
**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Traditional land-grant university with tight-knit community and strong agriculture and engineering.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Campus feels like a family and game days are a memorable experience."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Manhattan is small, so entertainment options are limited off campus."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Land-grant public with strong Ag/Engineering and traditional campus feel.

# University of Utah



**Location:** Salt Lake City, Utah

**Conference:** Big 12 Conference

**Academic Tier:** A

**Offense Type:** 6-2

**RPI Rank:** 39

**Record:** 15-14

**Fit Score:** 2.9 / 3.0

## Niche Snapshot:

Overall: A- Academics: A Value: B+

### Travel from Indianapolis:

Approx. driving distance: 1553.7 miles (~25.9 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 1351.0 miles (~3.0 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 100 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Flagship research institution with excellent STEM and easy access to mountains and outdoor recreation.

**Student Review (Positive):** "I love that skiing and hiking are so close to campus."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Commuter culture can make it harder to form a tight social circle."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Flagship research school with strong STEM and huge outdoors lifestyle upside.

# Florida State University



**Location:** Tallahassee, Florida  
**Conference:** Atlantic Coast Conference  
**Academic Tier:** A  
**Offense Type:** 6-2  
**RPI Rank:** 62  
**Record:** 16-13  
**Fit Score:** 2.66 / 3.0

**Niche Snapshot:**

Overall: A- Academics: A- Value: B+

**Travel from Indianapolis:**

Approx. driving distance: 750.6 miles (~12.5 hrs)  
Great-circle flight distance: 652.7 miles (~1.45 hrs in-air)  
Travel Difficulty Score: 100 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Large ACC school known for strong academics, big-time athletics, and classic campus life.

**Student Review (Positive):** "School spirit is huge and there's always something happening."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Advising and admin processes can feel slow and confusing."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Major athletics brand with strong academics and big-campus culture.

## Drake University



**Location:** Des Moines, Iowa

**Conference:** Missouri Valley Conference

**Academic Tier:** B+

**Offense Type:** 5-1

**RPI Rank:** 63

**Record:** 18-12

**Fit Score:** 2.24 / 3.0

**Niche Snapshot:**

Overall: A- Academics: A- Value: B+

**Travel from Indianapolis:**

Approx. driving distance: 474.5 miles (~7.9 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 412.6 miles (~0.92 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 68 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Mid-sized private university with respected business, law, and journalism programs.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Small classes mean professors actually know you and check in often."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Campus can be quiet on weekends if you stay in the dorms."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Private mid-sized with strong business/law pathways and smaller, supportive environment.

# Florida Gulf Coast University



**Location:** Fort Myers, Florida

**Conference:** Atlantic Sun Conference

**Academic Tier:** B+

**Offense Type:** 6-2

**RPI Rank:** 69

**Record:** 19-9

**Fit Score:** 2.72 / 3.0

## Niche Snapshot:

Overall: B+ Academics: B Value: B+

### Travel from Indianapolis:

Approx. driving distance: 1096.1 miles (~18.3 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 953.1 miles (~2.12 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 100 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Modern campus in southwest Florida with warm weather and a growing academic profile.

**Student Review (Positive):** "The lakefront campus feels like a resort and I love the boardwalks."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Some majors still feel like they're building depth in course options."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Modern campus, warm climate, strong VB culture and good setter opportunity.

## University of Connecticut (UConn)



**Location:** Storrs, Connecticut

**Conference:** Big East Conference

**Academic Tier:** A

**Offense Type:** 5-1

**RPI Rank:** 74

**Record:** 19-9

**Fit Score:** 2.8 / 3.0

**Niche Snapshot:**

Overall: A- Academics: A- Value: B+

**Travel from Indianapolis:**

Approx. driving distance: 851.0 miles (~14.2 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 740.0 miles (~1.64 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 100 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Flagship New England public university with strong research and huge basketball culture.

**Student Review (Positive):** "UConn pride is real and there are excellent research opportunities."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Storrs is rural, so you really need a car to get off campus."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Flagship public with big school spirit and strong academic breadth.

# Boise State University



**Location:** Boise, Idaho

**Conference:** Mountain West Conference

**Academic Tier:** B+

**Offense Type:** 6-2

**RPI Rank:** 76

**Record:** 20-11

**Fit Score:** 2.42 / 3.0

**Niche Snapshot:**

Overall: B+ Academics: B Value: A-

**Travel from Indianapolis:**

Approx. driving distance: 1798.7 miles (~30.0 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 1564.1 miles (~3.48 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 100 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Urban campus in a growing city with solid academics and strong school spirit.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Boise is friendly and there's plenty to do downtown and outdoors."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Advising quality really varies depending on your department."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Urban campus in a growing metro; strong setter need and good quality of life.

# Morehead State University



**Location:** Morehead, Kentucky

**Conference:** Ohio Valley Conference

**Academic Tier:** B

**Offense Type:** 5-1

**RPI Rank:** 91

**Record:** 23-9

**Fit Score:** 2.12 / 3.0

**Niche Snapshot:**

Overall: B Academics: B- Value: B+

**Travel from Indianapolis:**

Approx. driving distance: 209.9 miles (~3.5 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 182.5 miles (~0.41 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 30 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Smaller regional public with close-knit community and strong education programs.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Professors are approachable and classmates become like family."

**Student Review (Critical):** "The town is tiny and you need a car for more variety."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Smaller regional public; very high chance of early playing time.

## University of Toledo



**Location:** Toledo, Ohio

**Conference:** Mid-American Conference

**Academic Tier:** B

**Offense Type:** 5-1

**RPI Rank:** 96

**Record:** 23-10

**Fit Score:** 2.28 / 3.0

**Niche Snapshot:**

Overall: B Academics: B Value: B+

**Travel from Indianapolis:**

Approx. driving distance: 215.0 miles (~3.6 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 187.0 miles (~0.42 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 30 / 100

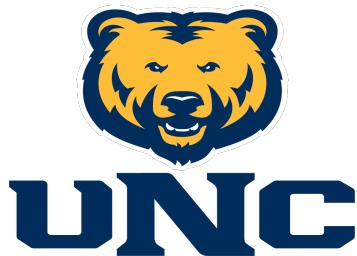
**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Mid-sized public university with solid engineering, pharmacy, and health sciences.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Co-op opportunities in engineering have been a huge advantage."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Some facilities and buildings feel older and in need of upgrades."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Mid-sized public with solid athletics and realistic setter opportunity.

## **University of Northern Colorado**



**Location:** Greeley, Colorado

**Conference:** Big Sky Conference

**Academic Tier:** B

**Offense Type:** 6-2

**RPI Rank:** 101

**Record:** 17-15

**Fit Score:** 2.3 / 3.0

**Niche Snapshot:**

Overall: B Academics: B- Value: B+

**Travel from Indianapolis:**

Approx. driving distance: 1126.3 miles (~18.8 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 979.4 miles (~2.18 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 100 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Teaching-focused public university with strengths in education and performing arts.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Class sizes are manageable and professors know who you are."

**Student Review (Critical):** "The industrial parts of Greeley and the smell can be off-putting."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Access to Colorado Front Range with good VB opportunity.

# University of South Alabama



**Location:** Mobile, Alabama

**Conference:** Sun Belt Conference

**Academic Tier:** B

**Offense Type:** 5-1

**RPI Rank:** 102

**Record:** 15-14

**Fit Score:** 2.34 / 3.0

## Niche Snapshot:

Overall: B Academics: B- Value: B+

### Travel from Indianapolis:

Approx. driving distance: 732.7 miles (~12.2 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 637.1 miles (~1.42 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 100 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Regional public with growing health sciences and warm Gulf Coast climate.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Campus is pretty and professors are usually accessible."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Campus life can feel quiet if you don't join organizations."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Warm climate, manageable campus size, good chance at real court time.

## University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)



**Location:** Chicago, Illinois  
**Conference:** Missouri Valley Conference  
**Academic Tier:** B+  
**Offense Type:** 6-2  
**RPI Rank:** 103  
**Record:** 17-10  
**Fit Score:** 2.62 / 3.0

**Niche Snapshot:**  
Overall: B+ Academics: A- Value: B+

### Travel from Indianapolis:

Approx. driving distance: 189.6 miles (~3.2 hrs)  
Great-circle flight distance: 164.9 miles (~0.37 hrs in-air)  
Travel Difficulty Score: 27 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Large urban research university with excellent health sciences and strong diversity.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Being right in Chicago means endless internships and cultural experiences."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Campus is spread out and navigating the city takes adjustment."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Urban research school, high diversity, strong for city internships.

# Loyola University Chicago



**Location:** Chicago, Illinois

**Conference:** Atlantic 10 Conference

**Academic Tier:** A-

**Offense Type:** 6-2

**RPI Rank:** 114

**Record:** 17-15

**Fit Score:** 2.78 / 3.0

## Niche Snapshot:

Overall: A- Academics: A- Value: B

### Travel from Indianapolis:

Approx. driving distance: 198.7 miles (~3.3 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 172.8 miles (~0.38 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 28 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Jesuit private university with strong health, business, and environmental programs.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Lake Shore campus views are amazing and professors are very supportive."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Tuition is high and financial aid doesn't always stretch far enough."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Jesuit private with strong health/business and beautiful lakeshore campus.

# North Carolina State University (NC State)



**Location:** Raleigh, North Carolina

**Conference:** ACC

**Academic Tier:** A

**Offense Type:** 5-1

**RPI Rank:** N/A

**Record:** N/A

**Fit Score:** 2.44 / 3.0

## Niche Snapshot:

Overall: A- Academics: A Value: A-

### Travel from Indianapolis:

Approx. driving distance: 565.9 miles (~9.4 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 492.1 miles (~1.09 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 81 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** STEM-heavy research university in the heart of the Research Triangle.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Engineering and CS connections with local companies are fantastic."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Parking and housing are stressful because the area is growing fast."

**Program & Fit Notes:** STEM-heavy in the Research Triangle; very strong academically.

## **University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Charlotte)**



**Location:** Charlotte, North Carolina

**Conference:** AAC

**Academic Tier:** B+

**Offense Type:** 5-1

**RPI Rank:** N/A

**Record:** N/A

**Fit Score:** 2.5 / 3.0

**Niche Snapshot:**

Overall: B+ Academics: B+ Value: B+

**Travel from Indianapolis:**

Approx. driving distance: 492.2 miles (~8.2 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 428.0 miles (~0.95 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 70 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Growing urban research university tied closely to Charlotte's banking industry.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Modern campus and light rail make it easy to access the city."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Rapid growth means some services and communication feel stretched."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Growing public in major banking city; rising athletics profile.

## Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)



**Location:** Richmond, Virginia

**Conference:** A10

**Academic Tier:** B+

**Offense Type:** 5-1

**RPI Rank:** N/A

**Record:** N/A

**Fit Score:** 2.42 / 3.0

### Niche Snapshot:

Overall: B+ Academics: B+ Value: B

#### Travel from Indianapolis:

Approx. driving distance: 567.9 miles (~9.5 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 493.9 miles (~1.1 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 81 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Urban campus known for arts, design, and health sciences in downtown Richmond.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Creative community is inspiring and the arts scene is strong."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Campus is spread through the city, so it lacks a closed-campus feel."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Urban campus with national strength in arts/design and strong VB tradition.

# Georgia Southern University



**Location:** Statesboro, Georgia

**Conference:** Sun Belt Conference

**Academic Tier:** B

**Offense Type:** 5-1

**RPI Rank:** 126

**Record:** 19-9

**Fit Score:** 2.46 / 3.0

**Niche Snapshot:**

Overall: B Academics: B- Value: B+

**Travel from Indianapolis:**

Approx. driving distance: 647.3 miles (~10.8 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 562.9 miles (~1.25 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 92 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Traditional southern college-town university with strong school spirit.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Game days and campus events make it easy to feel included."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Statesboro is small and can feel isolated if you like big cities."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Classic college-town feel with high opportunity for playing time.

## Northern Arizona University (NAU)



**Location:** Flagstaff, Arizona

**Conference:** Big Sky

**Academic Tier:** B+

**Offense Type:** 5-1

**RPI Rank:** N/A

**Record:** N/A

**Fit Score:** 2.66 / 3.0

**Niche Snapshot:**

Overall: B+ Academics: B+ Value: B+

**Travel from Indianapolis:**

Approx. driving distance: 1642.1 miles (~27.4 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 1428.0 miles (~3.17 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 100 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Mountain-town campus with strong education and environmental programs.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Flagstaff's outdoors scene is incredible and campus feels welcoming."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Housing and cost of living in Flagstaff are higher than expected."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Mountain-town, lifestyle school with major setter need.

# Georgia State University



**Location:** Atlanta, Georgia

**Conference:** Sun Belt Conference

**Academic Tier:** B+

**Offense Type:** 6-2

**RPI Rank:** 128

**Record:** 18-10

**Fit Score:** 2.46 / 3.0

**Niche Snapshot:**

Overall: B+ Academics: B+ Value: B+

**Travel from Indianapolis:**

Approx. driving distance: 491.0 miles (~8.2 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 427.0 miles (~0.95 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 70 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Large urban university embedded in downtown Atlanta with strong business programs.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Internship access in Atlanta is unmatched and campus is in the city center."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Very urban feel, so it lacks the classic closed-campus vibe."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Large urban campus in downtown Atlanta; great internships and city life.

# University of Denver



**Location:** Denver, Colorado

**Conference:** The Summit League

**Academic Tier:** A-

**Offense Type:** 6-2

**RPI Rank:** 136

**Record:** 17-11

**Fit Score:** 2.62 / 3.0

## Niche Snapshot:

Overall: A- Academics: A- Value: B

### Travel from Indianapolis:

Approx. driving distance: 1147.0 miles (~19.1 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 997.4 miles (~2.22 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 100 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Selective private university with strong business, international studies, and law.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Small classes, accessible professors, and Denver is a great city."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Tuition and nearby housing are both very expensive."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Selective private with strong business and international focus; high-level setter role.

# Valparaiso University



**Location:** Valparaiso, Indiana

**Conference:** Missouri Valley Conference

**Academic Tier:** B+

**Offense Type:** 6-2

**RPI Rank:** 139

**Record:** 21-9

**Fit Score:** 2.16 / 3.0

## Niche Snapshot:

Overall: B+ Academics: B+ Value: B

### Travel from Indianapolis:

Approx. driving distance: 144.9 miles (~2.4 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 126.0 miles (~0.28 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 20 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** Private university with strong nursing and engineering programs and a faith-related heritage.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Professors genuinely care and the community is close-knit."

**Student Review (Critical):** "The town is quiet and social life can feel limited."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Supportive private with strong engineering/nursing; good VB opportunity.

## University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)



**Location:** Baltimore, Maryland

**Conference:** America East

**Academic Tier:** A-

**Offense Type:** 5-1

**RPI Rank:** N/A

**Record:** N/A

**Fit Score:** 2.44 / 3.0

### Niche Snapshot:

Overall: A- Academics: A Value: B+

#### Travel from Indianapolis:

Approx. driving distance: 580.3 miles (~9.7 hrs)

Great-circle flight distance: 504.6 miles (~1.12 hrs in-air)

Travel Difficulty Score: 83 / 100

**Campus & Academic Vibe:** STEM-focused public research university outside Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

**Student Review (Positive):** "Academics are rigorous and research opportunities start early."

**Student Review (Critical):** "Campus can feel more commuter-oriented and less like a traditional college town."

**Program & Fit Notes:** Research-oriented STEM-focused public; strong academic environment.