LAVC's Transfer Alliance Program
(TAP/Honors)
December 2023 Newsletter

To: TAP Students and Faculty

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Dear TAP Students and Community,

We have not heard from a large number of students whom we know want to be **TAP Certified to UCLA** for Fall 2024. In addition, if you applied to UC Irvine or any of our HTCC partner campuses, **IT IS CRITICAL YOU COMPLETE** the HTCC Intent to Transfer in Fall 2024 form **by JANUARY 5, 2024** to be TAP Certified, or nominated to UCI's H2H (Honors to Honors), or so we can inform an HTCC partner campus you have applied as a Los Angeles Valley College TAP/Honors student. If you have questions about how to complete a specific question, please refer to our November Newsletter, Section IV, which detailed it.

For those of you just completing transfer applications for Fall 2024, we applaud your effort and persistence for getting them done successfully, while still staying current in the very challenging course loads you each carry. For those campus supports who gave feedback on PIQs, helped with academic grade inputting, or just answered questions about the process, *Thank You*! Congratulations on accomplishing a significant milestone in the transfer process!

Most of the CSU campuses also closed their transfer application on November 30, with the exception of **CSUN**, who's application closes on **January 31, 2024.** However, many CSU campuses and majors still accept applicants after the priority period. Thus, please check the filing status on Cal State Apply, and then contact the admissions office directly at your intended campuses to verify if the program/major you want to apply is still accepting transfer applications.

As finals are upon us, we most certainly wish you all a strong finish. Stay rested. Stay healthy. Stay safe. But, most importantly, stay sane! Please see the tutoring services available from LAVC's Academic Resource Center, including 1:1 virtual tutoring with Penji as you prepare for this final lap.

Finally, as this will be the last TAP Newsletter of 2023, we wish you all a relaxing Winter Break and a Prosperous 2024!

Dr. Hu and Mr. Petrini

I. FALL 2024 TRANSFERS – UCLA TAP CERTIFICATION

If you are not familiar, please review the October 2023 TAP Newsletter, Section IV, which explains the difference between students being TAP Certified vs. TAP Completion. Simply put, *only students applying to UCLA need to be TAP Certified.* If you finish LAVC's TAP/Honors successfully but **did not apply to UCLA for Fall 2024**, you will still be considered a TAP Completer, with such notation posted at the end of your LACCD academic transcript. However, these students do not need to be "TAP Certified" for Berkeley, Santa Barbara, UCSD, SDSU, Stanford or Yale, for example.

TAP Certification Process

In order to be TAP Certified to UCLA for Fall 2024 admission, students must complete their required 15 Honors units, including **LIB SCI 101**, **with at least 9 units completed by the end of Fall 2023**. Students must also participate in TAP for at least a full calendar year (Fall/Spring or Spring/Fall).
To initiate the certification process, completion of these steps is required:
1. **Complete the HTCC Intent to Transfer in Fall 2024** (if you have made any changes to your campus selections, please re-submit the form with your updated information).
2. **UCLA TAP Applicant Agreement 2023-2024** will only be sent to those TAP students whom have applied to UCLA. "No applicant can be certified without submitting this form."
3. LAVC TAP/Honors then confirms back to UCLA by late February 2024 that you have completed/will complete TAP, and should be considered "TAP Certified."

II. UC APPLICATION: AFTER YOU APPLY

Once your UC Application has been submitted, there are critical deadlines and actions all applicants must follow to ensure their application is forwarded successfully. See **After you apply** on UC website for full details, but please understand these key reminders.
- **Transfer Academic Update (TAU)** - After applying, all transfer students are required to update their grades and course records. The online UC Transfer Application will open on or around **December 15, 2023** allowing students to report final Fall 2023 grades, and list all courses planned or in progress for Winter and Spring 2024.
- Even if you do not have any in-progress or planned courses and your record of course grades was complete in your original application, **you must log into your application and complete the Transfer Academic Update**. Priority deadline is **January 31, 2024**.
- **Campus portals** - By January, each campus you applied to will email you to create a username and password for access to the campus' applicant portal. This is the site where the admission decision will be posted along with other important information. You should check each campus portal frequently.
- Comprehensive review factors for transfer applicants - how applications are reviewed
- Dates & Deadlines to be aware of
- Admissions decisions
- Financial aid at UC

III. FALL 2024 TRANSFERS – UC APPLICATION VERIFICATION

As in previous years, UC selects a random sampling of applicants who are required to verify information in their application from either their academic history, honors and awards, extracurricular activities, volunteer work and community service, special program participation, employment or

information contained in the PIQs. The selection and notification take place in mid-December, and applicants are notified by postal mail, email and text message that they have been selected for verification. If selected, applicants are asked to provide original documentation to verify one item. Appropriate documentation could include official transcripts, a letter from a teacher, counselor or coach on letterhead or a copy of a certificate or award. The deadline to respond to the notification is **January 31, 2024**. Failure to respond to the request by the deadline will result in cancellation of the application.

IV. IGETC AREA 6, LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH

For those who still need to submit high school transcripts to LAVC's Admissions and Records in order to satisfy the UC foreign language requirement (IGETC Area 6, Language Other Than English) for Full UC IGETC Certification, please check to see if it can be ordered through Parchment.   Please have it sent directly to LAVC Admissions and Records, and not to Mr. Petrini or his email. If your high school or program is not listed on Parchment, contact your high school or front office to see if they are able to send it electronically to LAVC's Admissions & Records. If not, please obtain your official transcript in a sealed envelope and bring it directly to Admissions and Records. **Even if you submitted a copy to Mr. Petrini for the purposes of joining LAVC's TAP program, our Graduation Office is unable to use that copy for IGETC Certification and verification.** More than anything else, this is the one thing that former students have to contact Mr. Petrini about *after they've already transferred*, as the Admissions Office at their transfer university has flagged their account as incomplete or missing this item. Don't let this happen to you!

V. SPRING 2024 Honors Courses

Honors sections for Spring 2024 are open for enrollment! The following courses are not available for contract next semester. Please enroll early to ensure a seat in Honors sections.

Class Number	Class Title	Days/Times	Instructor	IGETC Area
24297	Afro Am 004	Asynchronous	A. Simpkins	4
24047	Anthro 101	Asynchronous	R. Frank	5B
24274	English 102	Asynchronous	A. Jeffries	1B
24045	Music 101	Asynchronous	C. Maddren	3A
24508	Philos 001	T/Th, 11:20am-12:45pm	N. Placencia	3B

VI. JACK KENT COOKE UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

The 2024 Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship application opened October 5 and will close on January 11, 2024. Eligible students are those transferring to begin studies in Fall 2024, and those not already enrolled in a four-year institution. The maximum amount of the Cooke Foundation's scholarship is $55,000 per year for up to three years.

The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship application is submitted using the Common App for Transfer. Email scholarships@jkcf.org with questions or visit the Jack Cooke Kent scholarship website for further details. We have had several LAVC TAP students receive this scholarship in the past, so please apply!