Dear TAP Students and Community,

Welcome to all our hard-working LAVC TAP/Honors students to the Spring 2024 semester. Whether you went home for Winter Break to be with family or friends, stayed in Los Angeles to tackle passion projects or work, or attended Winter intersession and just finished finals, the second half of the 2023-2024 academic year is upon us. We hope you are revitalized for it!

**TAP Certification** is happening in February for all TAP/Honors students who applied to UCLA. Thus, it is critical to review the [Applicant Letter from UCLA’s Transfer Alliance Program found on the last page of this newsletter](#) and immediately complete their [Applicant Agreement Form](#) before February 26. If you do not complete this form by then, we will be unable to TAP Certify you.

For **all TAP/Honors students completing LAVC’s TAP by the end of Spring 2024**, please contact Mr. Petrini for the LAVC TAP Completion Form to document your **minimum 15 Honors units** and email it back to Mr. Petrini. He will verify the information in order to: request LACCD transcript notation of TAP Completion; be recognized in this Spring’s Commencement Program; and, be invited to our TAP & Transfer Celebration on **May 23** to receive your TAP Graduation Cord to wear at Commencement. If you will be earning an associate degree at the conclusion of Spring 2024, please make an appointment to see Mr. Petrini, or another counselor, to complete a Graduation Petition by **Friday, March 8**, to have your name appear in the Commencement Program. If you cannot schedule a counseling appointment by this date, please complete the Graduation Petition yourself on your Student Portal and a counselor will review it for accuracy.

Finally, the semester culminates with an in-person [Commencement Ceremony](#) at 9:00AM on **Tuesday, June 4** at Monarch Stadium. Lookout for emails from ASU to RSVP if participating.

We hope the Spring semester is off to a great start for all!

Best,

Dr. Hu and Mr. Petrini
I. HONORS PROGRAM OFFICE HOURS – SPRING 2024

Spring office hours are posted on the LAVC TAP Website! We are here to help, so please stop by ACA 1414 or drop into a Zoom.

II. TRANSFER NOTES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The priority deadline to update your UC/CSU Transfer Application with Fall 2023 grades was January 31, 2024. If you missed this, immediately contact Admissions at each campus you have applied to and ask for guidance. If, however, you already met the January 31 deadline, but your Winter/Spring 2024 courses have any confirmations/modifications, you should still be able to log into your application and make additional updates until mid- to late-February before it locks. Please visit our Career/Transfer Center for support or sign up for a workshop or bus trip they are hosting.

For our continuing students considering different campuses, please see below links for campus tours and presentations that you should consider attending as a part of your campus research:

UCSB – Virtual Presentations
Spring Open House: April 13

III. USC FALL 2023 TRANSFER APPLICATION – DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2024

The deadline for USC Fall 2024 transfer applications for majors that did not require a portfolio or audition is Thursday, February 15. Please see LAVC’s CTC or USC’s Transfer Page for support.

In addition, connect with a current USC student who is part of the USC Admission Transfer Ambassador Program and can answer campus-specific questions. Prospective students can schedule a virtual appointment with a Transfer Ambassador.

IV. LAVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

All applications links will be available on the Student Information System (SIS) Portal, under the “Scholarships” tab from February 1, 2024 – March 1, 2024. Students will be notified in late April 2024 and all awards will be made at Scholarship Awards Ceremony in May 2024. Applications are grouped by department (for departments with multiple scholarships) and also in the General Application. Each application matches students with scholarships based on individual criteria. Students will often qualify for multiple scholarships. All students are encouraged to apply.

Please visit LAVC’s Foundation website to download their Scholarship List. And, when on campus, visit LAVC’s Financial Aid PC Lab (located on the 1st floor of SSC) for application support, or visit LAVC’s Financial Aid Office for all financial aid inquiries.

V. 2024-25 FAFSA/CADAA - UC PRIORITY FILING DEADLINE: MARCH 2

The redesigned 2024–25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) are now available to students. Last year, 44% of graduating high school seniors around the country didn't fill out a FAFSA form, leaving nearly $3.6 billion in free college grant aid unclaimed. Please learn why it’s important to file a FAFSA or California Dream Act Application to get help paying for college.

In order for students to get their financial aid packages shortly after an offer of admission, UC encourages students to file their FAFSA or California Dream Act Application by March 2, 2024 even though the state deadline has been extended to April 2, 2024. UC will consider California students for all eligible financial aid based on the extended deadline.
Students should list all prospective campuses on their FAFSA/CADAA application. Once the application is submitted and processed, students will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) including the Estimated Family Contribution (EFT). SAR reports will be sent to the campuses listed on the application. Then, each campus uses this information to determine the amount of aid students are eligible to receive. Many students wait for this information before making their final admission decision and submitting their SIR (Statement of Intent to Register).

LAVC will send GPA verifications if students have completed 16 or more transferable units. Students can learn more about applying for financial aid on the UC admissions website.

VI. HONORS CONTRACTS – POLICIES & SPRING 2024 DEADLINES

In addition to the All-Honors and Mixed-Sections courses offered each Fall and Spring semester, TAP students may also earn Honors credit for any LAVC course listed under Current TAP Approved Courses through an Honors Contract in order to satisfy their 15 Honors units.

TAP/Honors Contracts are not permitted for courses offered as dedicated “All-Honors” sections during that same term, and contracts should be used to bridge any gaps throughout the program, so please plan your courses carefully. In addition, contracts may only be used for courses offered at LAVC.

The deadline to submit page one with all blanks and signatures completed is Friday, March 8 for full-term classes for Spring 2024 (02/05/24–06/03/24). Contracts for 8 Week A classes (02/05/24–03/28/24) are due Friday, February 9, and contracts for 8 Week B classes (04/08/24–06/03/24) are due Friday, April 12. No exceptions will be made if the first page is not submitted by the above deadlines.

Finally, keep in mind that students are limited to a maximum of two (2) Honors Contracts towards completing their 15 Honors units. Should you have additional questions about the process—or if your instructor would like more information about Honors Contracts—please contact Dr. Hu.

VII. UCLA STOMP CONFERENCE – FRIDAY, APRIL 19

UCLA’s Student Outreach and Mentor Program (STOMP) is happening on Friday, April 19 from 9:00AM—3:00PM. STOMP is a volunteer based, transfer student organization, that will help transfer students achieve their university goals. Many of the volunteers are transfer students, so they can relate with the student experience and offer valuable insights. Please be on the lookout for RSVP and sign up with LAVC CTC.

VIII. UCLA’s CENTER FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS (CCCP)

The Center for Community College Partnerships (CCCP) at UCLA develops and strengthens academic partnerships between California community colleges and the University of California (UC). Through a multi-faceted approach with efforts at the student, faculty and administrative levels, CCCP works to increase the academic preparation and competitiveness for prospective community college transfer students, particularly those who are first-generation, low-income, and/or historically underrepresented. CCCP also helps community colleges and universities develop transfer-sending cultures and transfer-receptive cultures, respectively.

The LAVC CCCP Office is located directly next door to Mr. Petrini’s office in the General Counseling Department, or you can email Yridia Ayvar at: yayvar@college.ucla.edu. While the Summer 2024
Program applications have not yet posted, you can sign up to meet with a CCCP Peer Mentor in LAVC’s Career/Transfer Center.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR NEW AND CONTINUING STUDENTS
For those TAP students continuing with us for the 2024-2025 year, you are likely pacing yourselves to be finished by next Spring, so are also hitting your academic stride with an eye towards the transfer process. If you are feeling unsure about any of it, please schedule an appointment with Mr. Petrini, immediately.

We are here to support each of your academic goals and ensure your physical and mental wellness. Thus, please review the services available at LAVC’s Library and the tutoring offered on their second floor by the Academic Resource Center (ARC). In addition, please familiarize yourself with the services our Basic Needs and Student Health Centers provide students.

If you are a new TAP student—or new to LAVC—and have been wanting to get more involved on campus, consider taking an ASU Officer position for Spring 2024 or the 2024-25 academic year, joining or starting a campus club, becoming an ARC Tutor, or applying for a Federal Work Study position. Regardless of your interests or experience, consider making connections with like-minded students and contributions to our campus community in a safe and supportive environment this Spring!

X. ADDITIONAL UCLA RESOURCES
- UCLA List of Majors and Minors
- UCLA Virtual Transfer Admission Presentations – Spring 2024
- UCLA Transfer Student Center
- UCLA College
- UCLA Study Abroad – International Education Office
- UCLA Downloadable Resources
Dear Applicant,

Thank you for applying to UCLA! As a participant in your community college’s honors/scholars program, you need to be sure that three things happen for your application to be designated for review as part of UCLA’s Transfer Alliance Program.

- First, you must complete and submit your UC Application.
- Second, you must complete and submit the Applicant Agreement form found here. On this form, you will provide your name, your UC Application ID, which was assigned to you when you completed the admission application (it is seven digits long), the name of the community college certifying you as a TAP applicant, and your college ID number at that community college. Then you must check two boxes on the form: 1) to release application information to your honors/scholars program director/counselor, and 2) to attest that you will complete all the requirements of your honors/scholars program.
- Third, your program must certify that you have met or will meet the requirements of your honors/scholars program.

Please complete the Applicant Agreement form linked above as soon as possible after you have submitted your UC Application. You must submit the agreement before your honors/scholars program certifies that you are a TAP applicant. Ultimately, both you and representatives of your program must participate in the certification process for you to be officially certified as a TAP applicant.

Thank you again for applying to UCLA. If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact your honors/scholars program for assistance. Best wishes for much success ahead!

Sincerely,

Melissa Nessman
Director, Transfer Alliance Program
Undergraduate Education