

LAVC's Transfer Alliance Program  
(TAP/Honors)  
March 2022 Newsletter

To: TAP Students and Faculty  
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Dear TAP Students and Community,

We know for those TAP students who will be transferring to their four-year institutions in Fall 2022, these next two months can be a stressful time waiting for acceptance letters from our preferred schools. Breathe in...and, good luck! At the same time, many of you are also balancing academically rigorous schedules, including Honors units to complete TAP requirements, while also working, interning, or volunteering. Some of you may look back at this point of your life and recognize that it was one of the most challenging times in your collegiate career—all during a pandemic!

We are also aware of the many things happening in the world right now which are dangerous, destructive and distracting. However, we want to affirm your future goals and plans have significance and credibility as you seek to be agents of change, hope and prosperity in your communities, your families, and your own lives.

Thus, we want to remind you of the personal and academic resources Los Angeles Valley College has to support all students, whether you are in your first year or your last at LAVC. Please visit the [Student Health Center](#) for wellness resources, the [Career/Transfer Center](#) for wide-ranging workshops, [chat with a librarian 24/7](#) for assignment support, or head to [ARC](#) for tutoring services.

If you are able, take some moments this Spring to enjoy the weather on Valley College's beautiful campus. Look for native flowers blooming or new shoots and leaves coming from branches. Maybe just sit and listen to the birds singing before tackling that next assignment.

Dr. Hu and Mr. Petrini

## I. LAVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS – APPLY NOW!

The Valley College Foundation has over 250 Scholarships with over \$160,000 available! To apply, log in to your [LACCD Student Portal](#). Click on the “Scholarship Tile”, and then click on “Login Here” next to the Student Log In. Visit the [LAVC Foundation](#) or call 818-947-2619 with questions.

## II. \$1,000 FEDERAL STIMULUS AWARDS

Every LA Valley College student enrolled for Spring 2022 who qualifies for financial aid is eligible to receive up to a [\\$1000 federal stimulus award](#). To receive the award, you must:

- Have LAVC as your home campus,
- Be enrolled at Valley College for Spring 2022, AND
- Be eligible for the FAFSA, California College Promise Grant (fee waiver), Dream Act Grant, or demonstrate economic hardship resulting from COVID-19

If you haven't applied for financial aid, complete your [Free Application for Federal Student \(FAFSA\) application](#) (LAVC code is 001228) or complete the [California College Promise Grant Application](#). If you need assistance, contact the [Welcome Center](#) or [Financial Aid Office](#).

## III. CCCP Scholars Program 2022-2023: APPLICATION NOW OPEN!

For those students planning on being at LAVC in Fall 2022 and want to transfer “to a selective Top Tier Research institution such as UCLA,” consider applying to their [Center for Community College Partnerships \(CCCP\)](#) programs for the 2022-2023 school year.

Students in the program have access to summer and year-long academic preparatory transfer programs which guide students through the community college experience, the application and admissions process, research and pre-graduate opportunities and career exploration. Critical Race Theory is used as a framework to address issues from a social justice perspective, academic excellence and educational equity.

- The deadline for [Summer Intensive Transfer Experience Plus \(SITE+\)](#) is **April 1, 2022**.
- The deadline for [Power 2 the Transfer Webinars \(P2TT-W\)](#) is **May 1, 2022**.

To hear from a peer advisor from CCCP regarding these highly impactful programs, or to hear from a panel of UCLA transfer students who have navigated this process, choose a Zoom workshop from [LAVC's Career/Transfer Center calendar](#) and sign up today! You will not want to miss the insight and advising provided.

#### IV. DO YOU IDENTIFY AS A PRE-MEDICAL STUDENT?

Check out the [FREE events in March and April](#) from PreMedCC to hear from leaders and professionals in the medical field offer advice on how they were able to launch into their careers ***starting at a community college!***

“Can you imagine going from dropping out of high school to becoming Stanford Medicine Faculty? Do you think you can start from community college and train at Harvard Medical School and then become Faculty at Stanford Medical School?”

[Hear the wonderful journey of Dr. Cesar Padilla](#), who started at Ohlone Community College and went on to become double board certified in Anesthesiology and Critical Care, as well as joining the Faculty at Stanford Medical School. You will be able to ask him questions about how to succeed.

[PreMedCC](#) was created to meet the needs of pre-health professional students at community colleges to provide mentorship to the many students who do not have access to expert advising, but want to pursue medical school.

#### V. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY – #BREAKTHEBIAS

Come support LAVC’s inaugural International Women’s Day on Tuesday, March 8 featuring a keynote address by Dr. Daisy Gonzales, Deputy Chancellor for California Community Colleges.

She’ll be joined for a panel discussion with LACCD alumni, staff, faculty and administrators as they share their experiences as women breaking the bias on gender, discrimination and stereotyping in our communities, workplaces, schools and universities. The event will take place virtually on Tuesday, March 8 from 1:00 to 2:00PM. See the [flyer](#) for details and [register for International Women’s Day here](#).