Transfer Alliance Program
(TAP/Honors)
Newsletter

March 2021
To: TAP Students and Faculty
From: TAP Director: Dr. Yih-Mei Hu, Music Department
       TAP Counselor: Dr. Michael Gold, TAP Counselor

I. March 2 Priority Filing Deadline for Financial Aid – Apply Now!
   Apply now for Financial Aid for the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year and to anticipate the March 2nd
deadline for the 2021-2022 academic year. Get in the habit of annually completing the Free Application for
Federal Student Aid.

II. LAVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS - APPLY NOW
   The LAVC Foundation awards scholarships to currently enrolled students who are continuing their academic
pursuits at Valley and/or planning to transfer. 85 scholarships are available including several specifically for TAP
students who are transferring for Fall 2021. Go to the LAVC Foundation website to learn more.

III. Honors Program Office Hours via Cranium Café – We are here to help!
    Links to our virtual offices are found along the left side of the TAP homepage.
    Dr. Yih-Mei Hu, TAP Director: Thursdays, 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment
    Dr. Michael Gold, TAP Counselor: Mondays 11:30am-12:30pm and Weds 2:30-3:30pm go to Dr. Gold’s Lobby

IV. Honors Contract Policy and Deadlines
    For enrollment purposes, TAP/Honors contracts will not be permitted for courses offered as dedicated “All-
Honors” sections during that same term. Link here for the most recent two-year plan for upcoming honors
course offerings. Dedicated sections are able to offer an Honors experience that mirrors the academic work at
four-year schools. Contracts should be used to bridge any gaps during the program, so please plan your
courses carefully. The deadline for full-term class contracts for Spring 2021 is March 12. Late start contracts
for 8WeekA classes were due February 12 and 8-WeekB classes will be accepted until April 16. No exceptions
will be made. Finally, keep in mind the contract limits: Students required to take 18 honors units for TAP are
limited to a maximum of three contracts; students required to take 15 honors units for TAP are limited to a
maximum of two contracts.

V. Verizon and Clinton Global Initiative University Social Innovation Challenge
   Clinton Global Initiative University is excited to share a new Social Innovation Challenge in partnership with
Verizon, where undergraduate and graduate student teams of 2-3 will have the opportunity to compete for
start-up funds and living stipends totaling in $350k. Student finalists will compete in a pitch competition,
participate in tailored entrepreneurial training with VentureWell this summer, and have the opportunity to
connect with topic experts including Clinton Foundation Chair, President Bill Clinton and Vice Chair, Chelsea
Clinton. Students can submit proposals addressing one of three issue areas that leverage leading-edge
technology:
   • Immersive education technology
   • Climate justice
   • Health equity in the U.S.
   For more information see the flyer below.
VI. Smith College Transfer Newsletter
To learn more about Smith College and how to transfer to Smith, check out their newsletter, Transform.

VII. UCLA Care Extenders – Healthcare Internship
The Care Extender Internship Program is specifically designed for those interested in pursuing a career in the field of health care. Due to Covid-19, the program is currently on hold so please sign up for their email list for updates.

VIII. Updating Our Records
If you are receiving this newsletter and have already transferred or are no longer an active TAP/Honors student please send an email to goldmc@lavc.edu to update us on your status. Please include the email address you would like us to remove. Let us know if you have “transferred to ____________” or “no longer participating in TAP due to ________________.” Thanks very much and best of luck in future endeavors!

March 2021 Career/Transfer Center Calendar and Upcoming Workshops/Events/Campus Representative Visits are located on their webpage
http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/index.aspx
Attention Technology Innovators:
Do you have an idea that will drive transformative change in health, education, or climate justice?

Apply to join the new Verizon and CGI U Social Innovation Challenge! Undergraduate and graduate students and CGI U alumni are invited to develop leading-edge technology-based solutions—including those leveraging the power of 5G—to address significant societal challenges related to education technology, health equity, and climate justice.

Top teams have the chance to win:

• Project seed funding and living stipend from a pool of $350K
• An exclusive spot in a startup accelerator with VentureWell for tailored, hands-on entrepreneurial training from May 2021-August 2021
• Expert mentorship and access to networking opportunities through CGI U, Verizon, and VentureWell
• Opportunity to pitch ideas in September 2021 to a panel of experts

The challenge is open to early-stage social entrepreneurs and innovators, including CGI U alumni and any student currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate coursework. We welcome all applicants, and strongly encourage students enrolled at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and community colleges to apply. No prior CGI U participation is required.

Apply for the opportunity to compete in the Verizon and CGI U 2021 Social Innovation Challenge by April 1, 2021.

For more information and to submit your idea, visit:
cgiu.org/verizonchallenge
Ebell/Flint Scholarships for Undergraduate Students

Eligibility Requirements:
* U.S. citizenship (by birth or naturalization);
* Permanent resident of L.A. County;
* Be a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited two- or four-year L.A. County college/university;
* Successful completion of a minimum of one year of college with a cumulative 3.25 GPA.
* Demonstrated unmet financial need

Scholarship Recipients Receive:
* $3,000/year for two-year community college students;
* $5,000/year for four-year college/university students;
* Automatic renewal for up to three years or graduation if eligibility requirements continue to be met;
* Freedom to decide how the money will be spent.

2020 Application Period
January 4th - April 2nd

For more information, go to:
http://ebellofla.com/scholarship/