

# Transfer Alliance Program (TAP/Honors) Newsletter

**May 2021**

To: TAP Students and Faculty

From: Dr. Yih-Mei Hu, TAP Director and Dr. Michael Gold, TAP Counselor

## TAP/TRANSFER LUNCHEON

Sadly, due to the pandemic, we will again not be able to host a TAP/Transfer Luncheon this year. To celebrate our TAP/Honors students completing this Spring and transferring for Fall 2021, we are creating a tribute section of the TAP/Honors homepage to share your accomplishments. Please provide a brief bio, photo, and transfer plans to [huy@lavc.edu](mailto:huy@lavc.edu). Also, The Career/Transfer Center would like to recognize transfer achievements by providing you with a virtual Transfer Achievement Certificate. If you Please take a moment complete this [survey](#).

## TAP/HONORS COUNSELOR, DR. MICHAEL GOLD, RETIRING JUNE 2021

After 32 years at Los Angeles Valley College, and 34 years in the District, I have chosen to retire while still young and healthy enough to follow my dreams of long-awaited travel and to start a new chapter in my life's career. It has been my honor and privilege to work with the best, brightest, and hardest-working students in the Transfer Alliance/Honors Program for many years. Helping hundreds of students plan for and reach their educational goals has been my greatest professional and personal reward. I am forever gratified to know that my students have gone on to successful and fulfilling lives and careers. To all my current and former students, and the dedicated colleagues I leave behind, I wish you all the best as you continue on your educational and career paths. I will remember all the years and all of you fondly, always.

## WELCOME OUR NEW TAP/HONORS COUNSELOR, MR. CHRIS PETRINI

A member of the LAVC Counseling Faculty for almost 4 years, Chris Petrini is a former TAP student, himself. He is quite certain his participation in the program while attending Los Angeles Pierce College enhanced his ability to transfer to UCLA for a degree in political science (Class of '98). Before his career as a community college counselor, Mr. Petrini began his professional journey in education in 2002 as a teacher in LAUSD, primarily working with independent-studies high school and adult students. A native Angeleno, Mr. Petrini appreciates working with all populations, identities and cultures, and cannot wait to work with prospective and current TAP/Honors students at Valley College. When not advising students, he is hunting down the best boba shops and hiking trails in Southern California with his kids.

## VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS FOR TAP ARE ON CRANIUM CAFÉ

Dr. Gold and Dr. Hu are holding office hours on Cranium Café; the links can be found on the [TAP homepage](#).

Dr. Gold's Office Hours: Mondays 11:30a-12:30p and Wednesdays 2:30-3:30p

Dr. Hu's Office Hours: Thursdays, 1:30-3:00pm

## ALL HONORS SECTIONS - FALL 2021

The courses on the table below have been scheduled for Fall 2021. Academic Affairs is still processing the Fall schedule and section numbers will be available in mid-May. We wanted to provide the information for planning as soon as possible. All of these are full session classes except for Library Science 101. Mixed Honors/non-Honors sections will also be available at the end of May. If you have questions please email the TAP Director at [huy@lavc.edu](mailto:huy@lavc.edu).

Class	Class #	Days	Times	Instructor	Notes
AFRO AM 005H	25576	Asynchronous	Asynchronous	K. Morris	
ART 101H	25580	Asynchronous	Asynchronous	D. Hight	
ENGLISH 101H	14626	Asynchronous	Asynchronous	A. Jeffries	
Lib Sci 101H	10218	Asynchronous	Asynchronous	C. Orozco	Required for TAP
PSYCH 001H	25600	M/W	11:35a-1:00p	C. Peter	
MATH 227H	25597/25598	T – LAB (via Zoom)	11:35a-12:45p	A. Trujillo	Lecture component (4 Hours) is conducted asynchronously

## TRANSFER/SCHOLARSHIP SEASON IS HERE - BE PREPARED!

Many scholarship opportunities are available in spring for students transferring Fall 2021. Now is the time to ask professors for **letters of recommendation** to include with your transfer/scholarship applications. Letters of recommendation from professors most familiar with your academic abilities and potential for university-level work carry the most weight. As a secondary reference, an employer who knows your particular skills/talents can be a great person to ask for a letter of recommendation especially if you are working in a field related to your educational/career goals. It is helpful if your reference knows a few things about you. You may want to provide them with bullet points or a brief bio about yourself and your goals so they have an idea of what to include in their letter. Make sure to give professors/employers lots of advanced notice and all the details they need including the names of the organization/school, addresses, and particulars of each scholarship. You may even provide pre-addressed and stamped envelopes to make their task easier.

## UCLA ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR FALL 2021

This year's application pool to the UCLA College of Letters and Science proved to be competitive once again, with 2389 to all schools, 2203 to College of Letters and Science (statewide) TAP-certified applicants and an average GPA of 3.82. The TAP applicant admissions rate overall was 72% versus 20-24% for non-TAP applicants. 96% of TAP applicants were accepted into their first-choice major. The most popular major choices in sequential order are: Psychology, Political Science, Business Economics, and Sociology. Other majors that had over 1000 applicants were: Communication Studies and Biology.

Due to Covid-19, UCLA will have an active waiting list this year, but there are no guarantees. Students are waitlisted for their first-choice major. If you are waitlisted for UCLA, we recommend that you file your SIR (Student Intent to Register) with another university until you receive confirmation of acceptance. In addition, on-campus housing may not be available due to the need to reduce living density. Classes in the Fall quarter are likely to be a combination of online and in-person.

## LAVC CAREER TRANSFER CENTER GOES ONLINE!

The [Career Transfer Center](#) is available online if you need assistance transferring or university updates. With the current COVID-19 crisis, [UCs](#), [CSUs](#), and [private universities](#) have temporarily relaxed their admission standards. To learn more about these changes please click the links above.

## THANK YOU

We want to give a special thank you to Zena Relente, our TAP student worker for this past year. Zena will be transferring in Fall 2021 to one of the several Nursing Programs where she has been accepted. We want to congratulate her on his success at LAVC and wish her all the best, with much gratitude for all she has done for our Honors program!

**Click the link for May 2021 Career/Transfer Center Calendar**

**Link: <https://www.lavc.edu/transfer/index.aspx>**

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**Steps in Asking for a Letter of Recommendation**

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**Transfer Program Fliers**