

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

**March 2024**

To: TAP Students and Faculty  
From: TAP Director, Dr. Yih-Mei Hu, Music Department  
TAP Counselor, Chris Petrini, Counseling Department

Dear TAP Students and Community,

We know for students transferring to their four-year institutions in Fall 2024, these next two months can be a stressful time waiting for acceptance letters. So...breathe in...and, just perform your best this final term of community college! But, make sure to also enjoy these final months of LAVC wherever you can as you will soon be transitioning along your higher education pathway. If on campus, take a moment to discover a new green space you've been meaning to.

Nearly all of our TAP students are balancing academically rigorous schedules with Honors units, while also working, being involved with campus clubs or programs, competing on Monarch Athletics teams, caring for family members, or researching careers and professional opportunities. You may look back at this point of your life and recognize it as one of the most challenging times—yet perhaps some of the most rewarding—as you make meaningful contributions to our campus and surrounding communities in whatever ways you are.

Finally, 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](#) or visit [ARC](#) for tutoring support, and find community in the [Mosaic Village](#).

Best,  
Dr. Hu and Mr. Petrini

## I. TAP CERTIFICATION & TAP COMPLETION

As of Friday, March 1, we TAP Certified those LAVC students who applied to UCLA and are hoping to take advantage of their Transfer Alliance Program benefits. If you believe you qualify but did not complete the [UCLA TAP Applicant Agreement](#), please contact Mr. Petrini, immediately. It may be too late, but please reach out to him directly for more information.

All LAVC TAP students fulfilling their 15 Honors units, whether they applied to UCLA or not, are considered program completers. As such, they will receive this notation on their LACCD/LAVC transcript: "Transfer Alliance / Honors (TAP) Completed – Spring 2024." However, you must complete the TAP Completion Form and submit it to Mr. Petrini, if you have not already done so. Please email him for the form if you have not completed this.

## II. SPRING 2024 CONTRACTS

The deadline to submit page one of the contract form with all blanks and signatures completed is Friday, March 8. The deadline for 8WeekB (late-start) courses is April 12, 2024. Late submissions will not be accepted. A [step-by-step contract guide](#) is available on the [TAP Curriculum webpage](#). Kindly review and contact Dr. Hu with any questions.

## III. CLASS OF 2024 COMMENCEMENT – JUNE 4, 2024

Any student completing associate degree requirements by the end of Spring 2024 are eligible to participate in LAVC's Graduation Ceremony held on Tuesday, June 4, at 9:00AM in Monarch Stadium. Please visit [LAVC Commencement](#) and see below in order to complete the process.

**How do I petition to graduate?** You are strongly encouraged to meet with a counselor to Petition to Graduate **no later than March 8, 2024, if you want your name to appear in the Commencement Program**. If you are unable to schedule an appointment with Mr. Petrini or another counselor on or before that date, please submit a Petition to Graduate through the [Student Portal](#) under the **Academic Records** tile. Your petition will then be reviewed by a counselor and approved if you are eligible for graduation. Please refer to your SEP that has detailed notes about the degree(s) you should be earning, as well as the [Catalog](#) or [Program Map](#), to verify your completion before self-submitting your graduation petition.

## IV. LAVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS – APPLICATION CLOSES MARCH 15

The Valley College Foundation has over 250 Scholarships with over \$160,000 available for students! **The online application is only open until Friday, March 15**. 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 to start the application process. Visit the [LAVC Foundation website](#) or contact the [foundation@lavc.edu](mailto:foundation@lavc.edu) or call (818) 947-2619 with questions.

## V. SUBMIT FAFSA FOR 2024-2025 | UC FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

The priority deadline for many California financial aid programs is **April 2, 2024**. If you haven't yet applied for financial aid, complete your [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or the [California Dream Act Application \(CADAA\)](#). LAVC's Federal School Code is **001228**. If you need further assistance, please contact LAVC's [Financial Aid Office](#).

The [UC Tuition and Financial Aid website](#) suggests students should apply for financial aid, as it's the only way to guarantee you'll be considered for every type of aid possible, regardless of income level.

More than half of UC undergraduates pay no tuition and 70 percent receive grants and scholarships, and it all starts with submitting the [FAFSA](#) or [CADAA](#).

Students and families may have questions about the cost of attendance. UC's [Tuition Stability Plan](#) helps students and families budget for a UC education by keeping systemwide tuition and fees stable and predictable and providing new resources for financial aid.

UC's [Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan](#) fully covers systemwide tuition and fees for California residents whose total family income is less than \$80,000 a year. The [Middle Class Scholarship](#) provides undergraduates—and students pursuing a teaching credential—whose total family income is less than \$217,000 per year with a scholarship to attend a UC or CSU. Award amounts can vary from student to student because each award is based on the student's resources and their cost of attendance.

Each campus provides [net price calculators](#) to help students and families estimate the amounts and types of financial aid they might receive. While the values produced in these calculators are not the actual amount students may receive, they are helpful. The 2024-25 expected [UC tuition](#) and [CSU tuition](#) links should be regularly reviewed to guide your financial conversations.

## VI. CCCP SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2024-2025: APPLICATION OPENS IN MARCH

Continuing TAP students planning on being at LAVC for 2024-25 and wanting to transfer “to a selective Top Tier Research institution such as UCLA” for Fall 2025 are strongly encouraged to visit UCLA's [Center for Community College Partnerships \(CCCP\)](#) or their [LinkTree](#) to sign up.

The Scholars Program application will open in March or April, so best to connect with LAVC's CCCP Team of advisors in the General Counseling Department next to Mr. Petrini's office, [follow them on Instagram](#) , or see their [availability for drop in/virtual mentoring](#).

Students in CCCP have access to summer and year-long academic preparatory transfer programs which guide students through the community college experience, the UC 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.

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

If so, please [check out the FREE events this Spring](#) 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!** Here is a partial listing of workshops being offered:

- Friday, March 8: Pathways to Excellence: Standing Out on Your Journey to UCI School of Medicine
- Saturday, March 9: Everything I Wish I Knew as a PreMed Student: Ultimate Guide to Thriving in YOUR Journey
- Friday, March 15: Competitive Candidacy Workshop: Unlocking the Doors to UCR School of Medicine with Admissions Dean Maurer
- Saturday, March 16: From High School Dropout to Community College and Cardiothoracic Surgery

- Saturday, March 23: Frontiers of Change: Future of Medicine with Trailblazing Leadership of AMA President
- Friday, April 5: From Aspiration to Acceptance: The UCLA DGSOM Admissions Blueprint with the Dean of Admissions
- Saturday, April 6: Bridging the Gap to Keck USC SOM: Strategies, Insights, and Overcoming Obstacles for PreMed Students by Dean of Admission
- Friday, April 12: Achieving Excellence: Decoding Admissions Success at Kaiser Permanente Tyson School of Medicine