

Transfer Alliance Program (TAP/Honors) Newsletter

February 2019

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

I. TAP TRANSFERS for FALL 2019 – LAST CHANCE for TAP CERTIFICATION *

TAP students who have completed transfer applications for Fall 2019 ***must be TAP certified*** by the TAP counselor in an **appointment** during February (if not already completed). This is your last chance (if not previously certified). Please call (818) 947-2474 or Dr. Gold directly (818) 947-2630 or the Counseling Dept. (818) 947-2474 to schedule a half-hour TAP appointment.

****TAP Certification is the key to your priority consideration for admission and/or consideration for alternate majors at our Transfer Alliance partner colleges/universities.***

For TAP students who are not transferring to UCLA or other TAP partner campuses, support letters for their transfer applications will be sent directly to the campus(es) to which they are applying.

II. APPLICATIONS to PRIVATE/INDEPENDENT COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

Many private/independent colleges and universities are still open for Fall 2019 and accept the **Common Application**. Go to commonapp.org for a listing of participating colleges/universities. Deadlines vary, but most are February-April 2019 for Fall 2019 transfer.

III. HONORS COURSE SECTIONS –STILL OPEN FOR SPRING 2019

Course	Class Number	Days	Time	Professor
Afro Am 5	16055	TuTh	9:40 am-11:05 am	Christian Green
Bio 7	18566	TuTh	1:00 pm-2:25pm	Gary Kovnat
Comm 105	25916	TuTh	9:40 am-11:05 am	Joshua Miller
Env. Sci. 001	25918	MoWe	1:00 pm-2:25pm	Meredith Leonard
Math 259	20387	MoTuWeTh	8:00 am-9:25 am	Andy Pogosyan
Math 260	20414	MoTuWeTh	11:20 am-12:30 pm	Yelena Aladadyan
Soc 001	25919	MoWe	11:20 am-12:45pm	Laura Scott
Soc 003	18477	Th	6:50 pm-10:00 pm	Staff
Spanish 003	27864	MoWe	9:40 am-10:00 am	Rafael Arias
Spanish 004	27865	Mo/Internet	7:00pm- 9:30pm/2Hr 30Min	Librada Hernandez
Stat 101	22709	TuTh/Internet	1:00pm- 2:25pm/TBA	Wilson Chu

IV. FEBRUARY IS FINANCIAL AID MONTH FOR 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

All students who want financial aid for the next academic year 2019-2020 should file their **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** by the priority deadline of March 4th this year. Go to FAFSA.ED.GOV today!

V. LAVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

[Interested in Applying for Scholarships? LAVC Foundation to Offer Scholarship Applications.](#)

The LAVC Foundation offers many scholarships for a variety of students based on their goals/field of study/personal characteristics. Special TAP/Honors scholarships are available to transferring TAP students for Fall 2018. Applications are now open! Interested students should **visit the Foundation Office in ACA 2201** to find out which applications he/she qualifies for. The submission deadline for most scholarships is mid-March, Go to http://www.lavcfoundation.org/scholarship_list.php for a complete list of available scholarships.

VI. TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP SEASON IS HERE – BE PREPARED!

Many scholarship opportunities are available in spring for students transferring Fall 2019. 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. See attached Steps to Asking for a Letter of Recommendation for a guide in how to get started. 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. To search for scholarships go to the LAVC Foundation Office, see your Dept. Chair, go to the library, check online www.fastweb.com or www.finaid.org or go to UCLA Scholarship Resource Center online (see below).

Click on this link for a listing of LA Valley College Scholarships available through the LAVC Foundation.

http://www.lavcfoundation.org/scholarship_list.php (to be updated soon for 2019)

VII. UCLA Scholarship Resource Center Available for Scholarship Research

<http://scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu/>

UCLA SRC is available to all students to assist them in their research of privately funded scholarship resources. The website has a link to the top free scholarship databases all students can access. More in-depth services are only available once students have been accepted to UCLA. Deadlines for Fall 2019 scholarships are due now through April 2019 depending on the funding source.

Other scholarship search resources online:

www.scholarshipexperts.com

www.schoolsoup.com

VIII. ACCESS LMU VISIT DAY Friday, March 1, 2019 9:30a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Check-in begins at 9 a.m. at the Hill (Malone Building, 4th floor)

Spend the day on LMU's beautiful campus at ACCESS LMU Visit Day!

This is a great opportunity for prospective transfer students to get a feel for campus life at Loyola Marymount University.

The day consists of Admission and Financial Aid Presentations, as well as a glimpse into student life from a panel of current LMU transfer students. Of course, we'll also provide lunch and take you on an extensive tour of our top-rated campus. Do not miss this opportunity!

RSVP @ <https://engage.lmu.edu/register/AccessDay>

IX. BLACK COLLEGE EXPO – FEB. 2nd, 2019 – L.A. CONVENTION CENTER

Great opportunity to find out more information, apply for admission, scholarships, etc. See the attached flyer for more information or call (877) 427-4100 www.thecollegeexpo.org

X. TAP MENTORING OPPORTUNITY

On occasion, local high school students request to observe our TAP/Honors students in action. If you are currently enrolled in an Honors class and would be willing to have someone shadow you for part of a day, please contact Dr. Hu (huy@lavc.edu).

XI. New TAP/HONORS OFFICE Located in NEW ACA BUILDING Rm 1414

Come see us in the Honors Program suite of offices located in the new Administration & Career Advancement Building in the center of campus. We are joined by the Phi Theta Kappa honors program and we will each hold office hours in the new office throughout the week.

Dr. Gold - Mon 10:30-12:30 & Weds 1:30-3:30.

Dr. Hu – Tuesdays, 11:00a-1:00p (additional hours TBA)

At other times, we can still be found in our usual department offices.

XII. SAVE THE DATE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 – HBCU’S VISIT LAVC

Historically Black Colleges and Universities will be on campus Wednesday March 6th at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for a college fair, admissions workshop to answer any questions you may have. See flyer below for more information.

SEE NEXT PAGES FOR

FEBRUARY 2019 CAREER/TRANSFER CENTER CALENDAR

BLACK COLLEGE EXPO

HBCU’S VISIT LAVC

and

STEPS IN ASKING FOR A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION



CAREER/TRANSFER CENTER

Hours: M-TH: 9AM-7PM
FRI: 9AM-2PM

Location: Student Services Annex Phone: (818) 947-2646 **February 2019**

Welcome Back Monarchs!

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<p>4</p> <p>Build Poder 10:00am-2:00pm</p> <p>CSUN</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 9:00am-3:00pm; 5:00pm-7:00pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>CSUN Peer Mentor 9:00am-1:00pm</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 1:00pm-4:00pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Who's Next Workshop 12:00pm-1:30pm</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 2:30pm-5:00pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 10:00am-4:00pm</p> <p>CSUN Representative 11:30am-4:30pm</p> <p>Undecided Major Workshop 12:00pm-1:30pm</p>	<p>Reminder!!! Last Day to Drop a class Without a "W" or Add a class is February 18th</p>
<p>11</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 5:00pm-7:00pm</p> <p>Undecided Major Workshop 5:30pm-7:00pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>CSUN Peer Mentor 9:00am-1:00pm</p> <p>CSUN Build Poder 10:00am-2:00pm</p> <p>Build Poder Application Workshop 11:00am-12:30pm</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 1:00pm-4:00pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 2:30pm-5:00pm</p> <p>Undecided Major Workshop 3:30pm-5:00pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ace the Interview 5:30pm-7:00pm</p> <p>UCLA Representative 9:00am-3:00pm</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 11:00am-1:30pm</p>	
<p>18</p> <p>President's Day</p> <p>Holiday Campus Closed</p>	<p>19</p> <p>CSUN Peer Mentor 9:00am-1:00pm</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 1:00pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Resume Workshop 5:30pm-7:00pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Who's Next Workshop 12:00pm-1:30pm</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 2:30pm-5:00pm</p> <p>Job Shadow Orientation 3:30pm-5:00pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 10:00am-4:00pm</p> <p>Undecided Major Workshop 12:00pm-1:30pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Complete your FAFSA Application by March 2nd</p>
<p>25</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 9:00am-3:00pm</p> <p>Undecided Major Workshop 12:00pm-1:30pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>CSUN Peer Mentor 9:00am-1:00pm</p> <p>CSUN Build Poder 10:00am-2:30pm</p> <p>Build Poder Application Workshop 1:00pm-2:30pm</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 1:00pm-4:00pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 2:30pm-5:00pm</p> <p>Job Shadow Orientation 5:30pm-7:00pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>CCCPC-UCLA Representative 10:00am-4:00pm</p> <p>Who's Next Workshop 12:00pm-1:30pm</p> <p>CSUN Representative 11:30am-8:30pm</p> <p>Job Shadow Orientation 2:30pm-4:00pm</p>	<p>If you applied to transfer remember to check your UC/CSU portals for upcoming deadlines or events.</p>

Career/Transfer Events Sponsored by:



Please call or stop by the Career/Transfer Center to make an appointment with a representative and/or to reserve your spot for a workshop. If you need accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Career/Transfer Center at 818-947-2646 at least 5 business days in advance.

All events will be held at Career/Transfer Center unless otherwise indicated.



California Community Colleges
Transfer Guarantee to

Historically Black Colleges & Universities



The California Community College HBCU Transfer Guarantee is proud to present the **Mini LACCD Caravan College Fair!** At Los Angeles Valley College Wednesday, March 6th 2019

Students, Faculty and Staff will learn about instant admissions and the Transfer Admissions Guarantee Program (TAG)

EVENT SCHEDULE:

HBCU Transfer Admissions Workshop
10:00am – 11:00am & 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Career Transfer Center: Student Services Annex Bldg.

HBCU College Fair

10:00am – 1:00pm at Monarch Arcade

Schools in Attendance include:

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| Benedict College | Central State University |
| Clifflin University | Fisk University |
| Florida Memorial University | Huston-Tillotson University |
| Mississippi Valley State University | Philander Smith College |
| Shaw University | Talladega College |
| Tuskegee University | Wiley College |
| Xavier University of Louisiana | |



To reserve your space sign up at the Career/Transfer Center located in Student Services Annex. For further information call (818) 947-2646





THE #1 WAY TO GET ACCEPTED
INTO COLLEGE

Black College Expo™ LA

BLACK COLLEGE EXPO IS COMING BACK TO LOS ANGELES

- ★ Acceptances on the spot*
 - ★ Application fees waived*
 - ★ Scholarships on-the-spot
 - ★ Meet one-on-one with over 50 colleges
 - ★ Career/job center for adults 18+
 - ★ Entertainment/celebrity guests
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*Must bring SAT/ACT scores and Transcripts

FEBRUARY 02, 2019

LA CONVENTION CENTER

Steps in Asking for a Letter of Recommendation

1. Approach potential recommenders first as advisors
 - a. Get to know them & let them get to know you (during office hours)
 - b. Discuss your larger interests and goals
 - c. Ask for advice about projects, courses, graduate school etc...
2. Request a recommendation letter from a professor who knows you well
 - a. Someone who will be able to discuss in detail what distinguishes you
 - b. Someone who knows you well enough to write a *strong* letter of recommendation
3. Ask (preferably in person) well in advance of the deadline
 - a. Two to four weeks may be adequate
 - b. It is helpful to consult with the recommender to see how much time is needed
4. Schedule an appointment with recommender
 - a. Discuss college and/or scholarship selection criteria
 - b. Discuss the official description of the criteria that the recommender's letter should address
 - c. Discuss **Recommendation Letter Packet** : Recommendation Letter Request Form, Student Background Information Form, Personal Statement, Transcript
 - d. Discuss extenuating circumstances, family or other responsibilities
 - e. Suggest what you would like the recommender to emphasize
 - f. Point out Recommendation letter **Deadline**
5. Write "Thank You" note to recommender

Prepare Recommendation Letter Packet – For Professor

- Recommendation Letter Request Form
- Student Background Information Form
- College Application/Scholarship Application/Description
- Instructions for recommender & Deadline
- Personal Statement
- Transcript (unofficial is okay)

Student Background Information Form

Student Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

EDUCATION

High School/GED: _____ Date: _____
College: _____ GPA: _____ Units completed: _____
College: _____ GPA: _____ Units completed: _____
College: _____ GPA: _____ Units completed: _____
Academic honors or awards: _____

Participation in Special Programs: _____

WORK EXPERIENCE

Employer: _____
Job Title: _____
Date started and ended: _____
Hours per week: _____
Responsibilities: _____

Noteworthy Distinction: _____

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Job Title: _____
Date started and ended: _____
Hours per week: _____
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Noteworthy Distinction: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sports: _____

Date started and ended: _____ Hours per week: _____

Describe your participation: _____

Achievements you are proud of: _____

Clubs: _____

Date started and ended: _____ Hours per week: _____

Describe your participation: _____

Achievements you are proud of: _____

Hobbies or Talents: _____

Date started and ended: _____ Hours per week: _____

Describe your participation: _____

Achievements you are proud of: _____

Hobbies or Talents: _____

Date started and ended: _____ Hours per week: _____

Describe your participation: _____

Achievements you are proud of: _____

Leadership Positions: _____

Date started and ended: _____ Hours per week: _____

Describe your participation: _____

Achievements you are proud of: _____

Leadership Positions: _____

Date started and ended: _____ Hours per week: _____

Describe your participation: _____

Achievements you are proud of: _____

Community and/or Volunteer experience _____

Date started and ended: _____ Hours per week: _____

Describe your participation: _____

Achievements you are proud of: _____

Community and/or Volunteer experience _____

Date started and ended: _____ Hours per week: _____

Describe your participation: _____

Achievements you are proud of: _____

HELPFUL INFORMATION

1. Why have you selected the instructor or counselor to write you a letter of recommendation? _____

2. Provide at least one anecdote about a positive encounter you have had with your instructor or counselor, either inside or outside the classroom _____

3. Why do you want to attend this particular school or why are you applying to this scholarship? _____

4. What do you plan to major or study in college and what career field interests you? _____

5. Have you had any difficulties you have had to overcome? How has it affected your life? _____

6. What do you think you are good at doing? Describe why _____

7. What three adjectives would you use to describe you? Explain why these three fit you _____

8. How do you meet the criteria of the School that you are applying to or the Scholarship that you are applying for? _____

