



# Why are you here?

Write a response to the following questions on an imaginary stickynote:

1. What attracts you to being in the honors program?
2. What are qualities of an honors student?
3. Other than UCLA TAP, what do you hope to gain in the program?



# The Community College Honors Experience

## Foothill College Honors Institute

# Who We Are: The Coordinators



Tracee  
Cunningham



Sam  
Connell

# Program Goals

- Advancing equity in education for all
- Provide our students with:
  - An enriched academic, cultural and social experience
  - Tools to succeed in college and your career
  - Preparation for course expectations at a transfer institution including critical thinking, analytical writing and research skills
  - A community of scholars
  - A space to meet others who are inquisitive, motivated and talented

# Honors Institute Programs

- Honors Transfer Program
- Honors Scholar Program
- Honors Research Symposiums

# Humanities Mellon Scholars

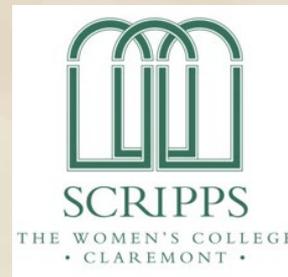
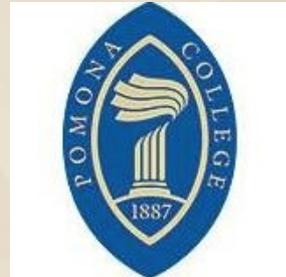
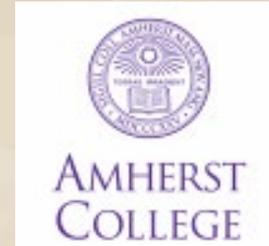


- Dedicated faculty mentor
- You will take the five courses that lead to the **Certificate of Achievement in Humanities**
- **The five cohort courses in chronological order are:**
  - HUMN 1: Cultures, Civilizations and Ideas: The Ancient World
  - HUMN 3: World Myths in Literature, Arts and Film
  - HUMN 7: Global Religions Contemporary Practices & Perspectives
  - HUMN 5: Cultures, Civilizations and Ideas: The Modern World
  - HUMN 4: Trauma and the Arts
- Guaranteed admission to the University of San Francisco (USF)
- <https://foothill.edu/mellonscholars> for more info and to apply

# Honors Transfer Program

- Transfer partnerships with colleges and universities across California and the United States
- Enhanced transfer consideration
- Special Scholarships

# Honors Transfer Council of California HTCC Honors Transfer Partnerships



# UCLA TAP

## *Transfer Alliance Program*

- PRIORITY admission consideration to UCLA College of Letters and Science
- Opportunity to select an Alternative Major



# UC Irvine Honors to Honors Program



Priority admission to most majors at UC Irvine!

- To become eligible:
  - Complete the Honors Scholar Program
  - Attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7
  - Complete Transfer Requirements
  - Apply to UCI in the Fall during the filing period

# Honors Scholar Designation

## "Honors Scholar"

Complete 23  
Honors  
Units

Maintain  
Honors GPA  
of 3.25+

Service  
Leadership

Quarterly  
Counselor  
Check-in



# Honors Scholar Program Completion

- Must complete a minimum 23 units of Foothill College honors courses
- Courses come from at least two different departments
- Earn a C or better in all honors courses
- Maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA in honors courses

# Honors Scholar Program Completion

- Service Leadership
  - Participating in activities that benefits other and the community (could be volunteer or paid work)
  - Connect in-class learning with work which has positively influenced others
  - Developing leadership skills to make a difference
  - Write a narrative essay which describes your activities

## Show

Since its inception in 2007, the Foothill College Physics Show has grown from an initial 200 attendees to 20,000 annually.



The Physics Show gives back to the community. Each year proceeds from ticket sales are used to bus over 4000 students from Title 1 (free lunch) schools from East Palo Alto, Redwood City, and San Jose. The students get a Physics Show, a t-shirt, lunch and a Foothill campus tour, all at no cost to their school.

Best of all, they learn that science and physics (and college) can not only be interesting, but fun!



# Honors Scholar Program Completion

## Quarterly Counselor Checkin



Anabel Arreola  
Trigonis



Tracee Cunningham



Cathy Denver



Fatima Jinnah



Debra Lew



Lety Serna

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# What will honors courses be like?

- Stimulating Discussions
- Use of reading, writing and critical analysis skills
- Active in-class participation
- Surrounded by motivated peers





# How are honors courses different?

- Not like high school
  - Regular courses “made harder”
  - More work
  - Weighted GPA
- Enriched experience
  - Provocative and innovative materials
  - Guest experts in the classroom
  - Seminar discussion
  - Emphasis on individual research than standardized exams
  - Enjoy a sense of community

# Honors Research Symposiums

- UCI Community College Honors Research Conference
- Stanford/UC Berkeley Honors Research Symposium
- Foothill Research and Service Leadership Symposium

# Program Benefits

- Community of Scholars
- Enhanced learning experience
- Preparation for university rigor
- Exposure to cultural events
- Honors Research Symposium
- Honors Workshops
- Excellent Scholarship Opportunities
- Strengthened application profile and CV
- Added Transfer Opportunities



# Meet Alekos and Lia



# Hey, I'm Alekos!

- Graduated high school from Sacred Heart Prep in June 2021
- Began attending Foothill full-time in September 2021
- Completed all TAP requirements (23 honors units + service learning) by end of my first year (spring 2022)
- Majoring in Anthropology (though hope to double major in music performance/production after transferring)
- Serve as VP of Anthropology/Osteology Club, Co-President of Honors Club, and English tutor
- Main “work” / side-hustles are dog walking, house-sitting and pet-sitting, server in restaurant during summers. Previously worked retail for two years

Feel free to text or email me (650) 670-7500, [kapuralekos@gmail.com](mailto:kapuralekos@gmail.com) with any/ all questions!



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# Hey, I'm Lia!

- Transferred from Nueva High School to College Now for junior year
- Graduated high school in August 2021
- Began attending Foothill full-time in September 2021
- Majoring in Economics + Business Administration
- Will complete TAP requirements (23 honors units + service learning) by end of Winter 2022
- VP of Business Entrepreneurship Club, Co-President of Honors Club, and Writing tutor
- Work 20 hrs/week as manager at local gym

Please feel free to email me at [liamontse@gmail.com](mailto:liamontse@gmail.com) with any/all questions!



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# Building Community

- A new space is almost ready at the Honors Institute in 1900.
- Service leadership projects in the community
- Club field trips

# Stay in touch! Contacts

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If you have any additional questions or comments, please contact us or visit [foothill.edu/honors](http://foothill.edu/honors)

## Tracee's Honors Counseling Hours

Mon 10:30 -12:30 / Thurs 10 -11 (in person)

Tues 1:30-3:30/ Wed 10-1 (virtual)

