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Fall 2015 Starts in Two Weeks!

It's time to

- get a parking permit

- check that your schedule is what you think it is:
  - have you been bumped for non-payment?
  - has your class been cancelled for some reason?

- check your classrooms
  - have they been changed since you registered?
  - do you know where they are? Really know?

- kick any smoking or vaping habits you have, because as of Fall '15 Saddleback College is smoke/vape free.
• make sure your books are going to arrive by the time the class starts (but don’t write in them -- just in case).

• make sure you have no problem logging in to Blackboard, even if you're not taking online courses. Lots of professors use Blackboard for posting announcements or distributing copies of materials.

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**UCLA TAP SCHOLARSHIP CONGRATULATIONS**

. . . go out to Anahita Sarvi (left), who was awarded one of UCLA's TAP Scholarships. Even though only TAP transfers are eligible, the process is extremely competitive. Only 17 TAP Scholarships are awarded each year. Each is for a minimum of $5,000 per year and is renewable. This is quite an achievement.

So who else is in the picture, you ask? Two more Honors Program alumnae: Cynthia Leimbach (UC Berkeley) and Lydia Natoolo (UC Irvine).

We’d love to say the picture was taken at the 2014 Bay Honors Symposium, at which both Anahita and Lydia made presentations and after which Cynthia joined us to find us great places to go in Berkeley, but we can’t. It seems to have been taken . . . after hours . . . a lot of hours. So let’s just say it was sometime that weekend.
Freshman 101: Last Lecture
We Hope You Like Crows

. . . and if you don't, try to be away from campus before the late afternoon. At least, don't be on lower campus. You might feel as though you've been transported back to the filming of

![Poster for Alfred Hitchcock's The Birds](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/3c/The_Birds_poster.jpg/220px-The_Birds_poster.jpg)

On the other hand, if you do like them, Saddleback College is a wonderful observatory.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ctf1HFor6fE

Of course, the excellent Professor Tony Huntley of Saddleback College's excellent biology department [NEWSFLASH: Honors 3A and 3B coming Fall 2016!] couldn't resist taking advantage of the situation in order to learn a lot and teach a lot.

P.S. Some crow trivia:
(1) A group of crows is called a "murder," but no one is sure of the reason. The term can be traced back to the 1400s.
(2) They are **extremely** smart. Maybe that's why they're here.

http://earthfireinstitute.org/2015/02/the-stunning-intelligence-of-crows-and-magpies/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URZ_EciujrE

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