Dear Reader,

We know it's not Monday.
But Monday was a holiday for Prof. Rosenberg, so please consider this an opportunity to read a rare Tuesday FYI.

Student Research Conferences: Get Ready!

We're busy growing:

- writing new curriculum
- processing new applications
- negotiating new transfer partnerships

You need to be busy growing, too -- into a scholar. It's time to start getting familiar with one of the most important ways scholars communicate with each other: the "academic conference."

You may not be ready to present at a conference yet -- you will be, before you are graduated -- but it's a good idea to get familiar with the environment. Conferences are not made up only of presenters. To function, conferences need moderators and staff. To be worthwhile, conferences need interested audiences.

If you have work you want to present, tell your "mentor." Contact the faculty member for whom you did the work. That person -- as well as we in the Honors Program Office, of course -- will help!

EITHER WAY: Get ready! Learn about conferences! http://www.saddleback.edu/honors/student-research because the first conference, the IVC/SC Student Research Symposium, will be at Irvine Valley College November 7th. Here are some pictures from last year:
AMHERST COLLEGE
IS OUR NEWEST
HONORS TRANSFER PARTNER!

Amherst College, one of the most highly respected liberal arts colleges in the nation, has joined the Honors Transfer Council of California family of partner institutions.

This year, US News & World Report ranked Amherst the #2 liberal arts college in the nation. The Forbes list puts liberal arts colleges and research universities on the same list. In that much larger group, Amherst is #9 (between Brown and MIT).

Amherst is also wealthy enough to be affordable for even the lowest-income students. Its endowment of over $2 billion means none of its 1,800 students will lack assistance if needed. Almost all community college transfer students received financial aid in 2015, and the average scholarship grant to transfer students in 2015 was over $57,000.

Amherst is one of only six institutions in the country that

- do not consider an applicant's financial need in the admissions decision;
- meet the full demonstrated financial need of all admitted students, whether domestic or international; and
- do not require student loans in the financial aid package, so that students can be graduated debt-free.
For veterans participating in the Yellow Ribbon program, tuition is 100% free.

Established in 1821, Amherst College alumni have won Nobel Prizes, MacArthur Fellowships, Pulitzer Prizes, and others. Alumni include senators, governors, ambassadors, business leaders, astronauts, authors, scientists, a U.S. President, a Supreme Court Justice, and dozens of founders or presidents of other colleges. “Amherst's people” is quite a list. Here's one that's 573 names long. (Yes, lots of males. Amherst wasn't coed until 1975.)

Amherst is a member of the Five College Consortium in western Massachusetts. Other members are Hampshire College, Smith College, Mount Holyoke College, and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Students and faculty in these institutions share resources and can enroll in courses at any of them.

More information about Amherst College on
As an honors transfer partner, Amherst College has
(i) stated that it recognizes completion of an Honors Transfer
Council of California honors program as evidence of academic
rigor, and
(ii) promised to work with HTCC honors program students toward
assisting transfer and articulation.
However, it's important to remember that Amherst is extremely
competitive. Even though Amherst has an exceptionally strong
commitment to transfer among its peer institutions, its transfer
acceptance rate is around 8%. (Its freshman acceptance rate is
closer to 14%.) If you are interested in Amherst, start working
immediately with your Honors Counselor in the Transfer Center
and also notify Prof. Rosenberg.