

# November Transfer Success Story

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**Transfer School.**  
UC Santa Barbara

**Transfer Major.**  
Geology

**What term/year did you transfer?**  
Fall 2017

**Why did you choose Cerritos College to transfer?**

Cerritos was one of the closest colleges to me and I had to work while going to school. It was convenient.

**What kinds of activities and/or programs did you participate in at Cerritos College?**

Scholars Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa, Geology Club, STEM Open House

**What activities and/or programs did you participate in at the university?**

Senior Honors Thesis

**Words of wisdom for future transfer students.**

Academically, grades are not as important as you may think, just do your best and take classes to learn - that will pay off more. Personally, your story matters and you have to believe in yourself above everything else. Professionally, your work ethic is noticed and networking is super important. Financially, if you're pursuing a career in STEM, there is usually funding - I will walk out of school with no debt. There are so many resources, take advantage of them.

**Tell us about your career or future goals.**

I am currently pursuing a PhD in Structural Geology at UCLA. I plan on becoming a professor in the future.



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