

June 5, 2020

It's no exaggeration to say that our country is at a pivotal point in its history. We have an opportunity to honestly and openly address racism and take concerted action to fulfill our promises to our students. We must look at our own campus and work to make immediate changes. Please engage in conversations with your students, colleagues and the wider campus community to discuss how we can make a difference now.

Black Lives Matter at Foothill College: A Letter from President Nguyen

Note: This message was sent to all students on Sunday, May 31.

Dear Foothill Students,

I pray you are staying healthy and making progress with your classes.

Foothill College stands in solidarity with efforts that bring to light racism in our country. Our college stands against racism and the oppressive systems that maintain it. Foothill has committed to doing its own part in dismantling racism as expressed in our working definition of equity.

"Believing a well-educated population is essential to sustaining a democratic and just society, we commit to the work of equity, which is to dismantle oppressive systems (structural, cultural, and individual) and create a college community where success is not predictable by race."

We are living in unprecedented times, and it can be very difficult to stay focused on school and work. This pandemic, along with the economic fallout, has turned our world upside down, and now the civil unrest is turning our country inside out. Racism has a long, painful history in the United States.

What is happening right now affects each of us and our families differently - often times based on our own race and our lived racial experiences.

It is our humanity that requires us to come together. Our efforts with physical distancing due to the

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pandemic is an act of love: a collective act of people coming together (remotely) to help each other not contract the disease and for our healthcare system not to be overwhelmed.

The peaceful protests throughout the country in response to the murders of George Floyd and other Black men and women is another act of love and community. Professor Cornel West, who spoke at Foothill College in January, reminds us that "justice is what love looks like in public."

Please reach out to each other and talk about how race and privilege play a role in your life. You are college students, and you are engaging in an extraordinary exercise of education that is meant to liberate your mind and improve your life.

Besides reflecting on one's own role, be proactive in fighting against racism in all its forms. It is one thing to not be a racist; it is another to be anti-racist.

The Associated Students of Foothill College are hosting a student town hall on Tuesday at noon via Zoom. Join me, faculty, staff, and student leaders as we discuss social justice and student concerns related to online learning. You can also join student clubs that promote social justice causes.

Foothill is here to support you. Recent events coupled with the pandemic may be confusing and intense. Psychological Services & Personal Counseling welcome you to benefit from confidential appointments to talk online or by phone for support with a licensed mental health counselor. To make an appointment or attend a drop-in, call 650.949.7910 or go to our website.

Our college has a philosophy of "Service Leadership" where we encourage you to harness your leadership voice and leadership skills through the service of others. Now is the time for you as a college student to lead if we are to have a real chance at making progress in race relations in our country.

Even though we are physically distanced, it does not mean that we cannot come together to stand up for social justice.

Be safe. Be kind. Be courageous. Lead.

Affectionately,

Thuy T. Nguyen
President

What's Happening This Week?

Monday, June 8

- [Zumba for Mental Wellness](#)

Tuesday, June 9

- [LGBTQ+ Month Lecture: Proud Gay Parent Scotty Plannette](#)
- [Humanities Mellon Scholars Info Session](#)

Wednesday, June 10

- [LGBTQ+ Lecture: Jack Aponte](#)
- [Art+Wellness With Jenny](#)
- [Day of Remembrance & LGBTQ+ Student Panel](#)
- [UC Berkeley Transfer Panel](#)

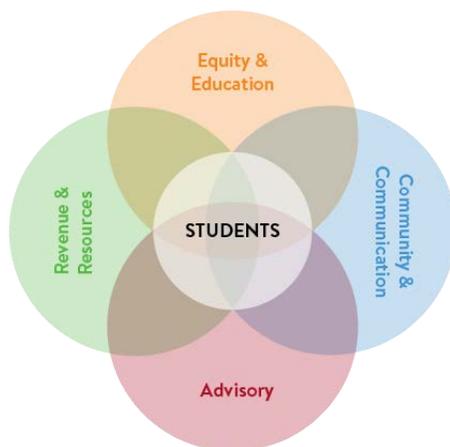
Thursday, June 11

- [Dragtastic Dining with Nikki Nik](#)
- [Play Reading: 5 Women Wearing the Same Dress](#)

Friday, June 12

- [Mural Making for Mental Wellness](#)
- [Play Reading: Incorruptible](#)

Get Involved in Shared Governance



Are you thinking about getting involved in shared governance in 2020-21?

Please join the [Community and Communication Council](#) for a governance meet and greet on **Monday, June 22, from 4-5 p.m.**

You'll have an opportunity to talk with colleagues who have served, and are serving, on the four governance councils and learn more about the scope of the work. Our campus thrives when all voices are involved in shared governance...add yours in 2020/21.

California Community Colleges Covid-19 Employee Impact Survey

Please take a few minutes to fill out this [anonymous survey](#) administered on behalf of the colleges by the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges (The RP Group). The survey asks questions about your experiences with working remotely and other effects that Covid-19 has had on you and your work experience. Responses are voluntary and anonymous.

Antiracist Grading Workshop on June 12

How might our grading practices be antiracist? How do we make our grading practices in writing-intensive classrooms more equitable and inclusive for diverse groups of students?

The interactive workshop, *Using Labor-Based Contracts as Antiracist Grading Practice in the Equitable and Inclusive Classroom*, will offer a theoretical and pedagogical background for using labor-based grading contracts in a wide variety of classrooms. **Join on Friday, June 12, from**

1:30-3:30 p.m. [Register here.](#)



We're celebrating LGBTQ Heritage Month with speakers and others events. Check out the [Heritage Month site](#) for details.

Ron Herman Selected as Stanford Fellow

Stanford | Global Studies
(EPIC) Fellows Program 2020-21



**Picturing Islam:
A Maximum Depth of Field Approach**

Professor Ron Herman
Foothill College

Photography instructor **Ron Herman** has been selected as a fellow for the Stanford Education Partnership for Internationalizing Curriculum (EPIC) Fellows Program for the 2020-21 academic year. EPIC brings together community college faculty and academic staff to work collaboratively

with colleagues at Stanford on projects aimed at internationalizing course curricula and producing innovative curricular materials for use in community college classrooms. The fellowship culminates with a symposium at Stanford University. Congratulations, Ron!

Virtual Commencement Ceremony on June 26 at 6 p.m.



IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Friday, June 12: Deadline for students to register for graduation

Monday, June 15: Deadline for students to order regalia

Math instructor **Patrick Morriss** has been selected as the faculty speaker! Additional details are on the [graduation page](#).

Humanities Mellon Scholars Info Sessions

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Help spread the word about the [Humanities Mellon Scholars program](#). Students can earn a Certificate of Achievement in Humanities, complete university transfer requirements and take courses that fulfill the degree requirements of their major. Mellon scholars get a designated faculty advisor, paid internships and guaranteed admission to the University of San Francisco (USF), with up to \$20,000 in scholarships.

The deadline for students to apply is Saturday, June 13. For more info, join an info session on Tuesday, June 9.



The TechCore Summer Institute, hosted by the Science Learning Institute (SLI), is a free three-week online program open to graduating high school seniors and equivalency earners exploring the field of computer science for the first time. TechCore runs August 10-28. [Deadline to register is Monday, July 6.](#)

Free Study Hall Facilities in Mountain View on Saturdays

Please let students know they can get free wifi access, charging stations, and food at Menlo Church in Mountain View (774 Cuesta Dr., Mountain View, CA. 94940) from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. every Saturday through June 20.

Students can [sign up here and register for a desk](#). Study spaces are outside and socially distanced. Every student will receive food to take home.

Student Emergency Relief Fund

Students who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic can apply for emergency relief support from the college. Please encourage students to fill out this short [application](#). All requests will be reviewed and we will contact students as soon as possible.



The Virtual Play Reading Festival has begun! [Make a reservation](#) and see a free reading before June 12. Donations accepted.

Song of the Week

Music is a universal tool to express our outrage, our humanity, and our hope for the future. This song pretty much says it all...Released in January 1971 and, sadly, still as pertinent today as it was when it was first recorded.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-kA3UtBj4M>

The *Foothill College Parliament* faculty & staff newsletter is published weekly. Have something you would like to share with the Foothill College community? Email Vanessa Smith.



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