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STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Faculty are asked to remind students to sign up for the Foothill College Emergency Notification System which sends voice, email, and text messages in the event of an

emergency. To sign up, students must access their My Portal account and follow the instructions located under *Set Up Emergency Notification*. Please note, employee information is directly pulled from the Foothill-De Anza employment database.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM ADVANCES TO ELITE 8

The Foothill College Women's Volleyball Team recently concluded its extraordinary 2014 season, winning the Coast Conference South and making it to the Elite 8. The team was undefeated in their league, going 10-0. Allison Clark, Kallan Bedard, and Cowie Kurosawa were named to the *All Conference First Team* while teammate Riana Brennan was named *Conference MVP, All Region, All State, and Second Team All American*. Gabby Firpo and Nikki Christie were named to the *All Conference Second Team*. Congratulations to all!

ONLINE EDUCATION INITIATIVE MOVING FORWARD

The Online Education Initiative (OEI) is making progress on a number of fronts. In November, 66 of 72 pilot courses had been submitted for design review. The review process will focus on making sure the courses are consistent with the course design standards adopted during the summer, and to provide faculty with the design support they may need. The OEI is also busy finalizing the selection of a 24/7 online tutoring provider and recently issued an RFP for a common course management system (CCMS). A decision is expected in February.

[For more information»](#)

WOMEN'S WATER POLO TEAM FINISHES FOURTH IN THE STATE

The Foothill College Women's Water Polo Team's spectacular season came an end in late November with a loss in the third place game at the CCCAA State Championships. The Owls came out strong and were tied with Diablo Valley College at the half, 4-4, but could not hold on for a win. Despite the loss, the season was a major success. The Lady Owls finished the season 17-8, winning their third straight Coast Conference Championship, finishing runner up at the NorCal Championships, and qualifying for their fourth trip to the CCCAA State Finals in the last six years. Go Owls!

FHDA FOUNDATION RAISES MORE THAN \$40,000 IN LARGE GIFTS

The Foothill - De Anza Foundation has been hard at work raising money on behalf of the entire district and its students. In just two months, they received more than \$40,000 in large gifts:

- \$15,000 Serreno Properties for the Friends of American Veterans Scholarship Fund
- \$5,000 Los Altos Rotary for student veterans
- \$2,500 NorCal Landscape & Nursery Show for environmental horticulture
- \$5,000 Barbara Ferguson for Foothill Music Theatre and \$5,000 for the Friends of American Veterans Scholarship Fund

- \$7,600 raised for Student Veterans textbook vouchers at the October Veterans Resource Open House
- \$2,000 for two Periodic Table Elements from American Chemical Society, Silicon Valley Chapter

Foothill College is thankful to both the Foundation and its donors for the work they do on its behalf.

VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER CELEBRATES OPENING WITH PANEL DISCUSSION AND RECEPTION

The new Veterans Resource Center celebrated its official opening with a panel discussion and reception on Thursday, October 30. The center, housed in room 5403, is located next to the Disabled Student Programs and Services Office.

The panel discussion featured seven veterans, five of whom are current students at Foothill. They discussed the challenges they face in pursuing their education and some of the social issues associated with being a returning veteran. Nearly all cited Foothill's veterans program as the reason they chose the school over others closer to home.

The reception featured remarks from student veteran Daniel Muse, who represented the more than 300 veterans who utilize the center each quarters. Attendees were encouraged to donate funds to purchase much-needed book vouchers for the students. At the conclusion of the event, more than \$7,600 was collected.

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FOOD BANK OPEN NEXT WEEK TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN NEED

The Foothill College Food Bank will be open the week of December 8 from 10 am - 1 pm, Monday - Friday to hand out holiday bags to students in need. The food is available to any currently enrolled student. There are no fees nor any other requirements. The Food Bank is located in the Student Government Office (room 2013).

FORMER FOOTHILL STUDENT FONDLY REMEMBERS HIS TIME AT THE COLLEGE

Recently, President Judy Miner received a letter from a former Foothill College student. Randall Krug attended the college in the mid 1960s when tuition was only \$2 per semester. Now a successful businessman living in Champaign, Illinois, he has only positive memories of his time at the college and a chance encounter with founding President Dr. Calvin C. Flint.

[To read the letter in its entirety, click here»](#)

FOOTHILL COLLEGE GOOD NEWS CORNER!

President Judy Miner was profiled in the recent issue of the Silicon Valley Business Journal. To read the profile in its entirety, [click here](#).

The Family Engagement Institute's **Betsy Nikolchev** and **Carmen Ponce** presented at the recent Harvard Family Research Project's (HFRP) web conference, "How Families, Schools, and Communities Are Reshaping Family Engagement to Reach All Learners." They received high marks and compliments from Harvard.

The Foothill College Fusion Staff Newsletter is published the first full week of each month. Have something you would like to share with the Foothill College community?

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