

Spring Is Here

Greetings Foothill,

Hope you enjoyed spring break. Ready for Monday?!

It seems like every break when students are not around, we get visitors (or some may believe, the original habitants).





Please thank the incredible work of our campus "gardener" **Richard "Rick" Martinez** who plays oldies while tending to our college landscape.



Some of you may have read <u>news articles</u>this past week about a bill that would require overnight parking for homeless students, with pictures of student**Matthew Bodo** who went to testify in Sacramento about his experience with homelessness at Foothill.

Last academic year, **Matthew** along with other ASFC student leaders (**Danya and Eoin**) and I met with the Mountain View City Manager to seek guidance on the various students' ideas on how to support all Foothill students and their housing needs in general (for examples, home sharing and ADUs - auxiliary dwelling units).

Some may argue that it is not a community college's role to address housing, yet the staggering percentage of students who are homeless at Foothill as noted in my previous communiqué and its possible effect on student success compel us to at least explore how we can partner with community organizations to serve students. Some also believe the astronomical cost of housing in the area (and consequently, the long commute) is a primary reason for decrease enrollment (which is also down this Spring Quarter).

Friday, June 14th (9 am – 2 pm) at Foothill, students will hold a Summit on Student Homelessness. The goal is to explore a range of solutions and determine which ones are most feasible financially and logistically and whereby interventions would actually lead to student success. The summit may touch on housing in general, but its main focus is on student homelessness. Chief-of-Staff **Simon Pennington** and I are assisting the students in organizing the summit. Please let us know if you are interested, or know potential partners whom you think we should invite. We will also agendize the topic for discussion at a Revenue & Resource Committee meeting this quarter.

Student activism at Foothill is definitely increasing, with a record 80 active student clubs this year. Although we don't know if it is feasible to offer overnight parking for homeless students at Foothill, it is still nevertheless admirable what our students are doing to raise awareness statewide and engage in solutions.

It was also doing statewide work in Sacramento where I met **Rich Hansen**several years ago. **Rich** served on the state's Consultation Council when I made revisions to the EEO Funding Allocation Model. **Rich** stood out as an equity-minded leader, and was supportive of faculty-diversity efforts from the beginning. Come have lunch and say hi to **Rich** who will be our "celebrity" host at this month's Thursday Thoughts. (Chancellor **Judy Miner** will be our "celebrity" host next month!)



Michael Chang, Veronica Casas, Bret Watson, April Henderson, and Carolyn Holcroft shared their experiences with Beyond Diversity trainings (local and national) last month: the color line, one's racial consciousness percentage, the four protocols, the compass, and many other tools used to think and talk about race. "Celebrity" hostess **Rosemary Arca**guided the discussion with three questions:

- · What?
- · So what?
- Now what?

Our June finale Thursday Thoughts will focus on that question "Now What," especially as it relates to Equity Plan 2.0. Stay tuned.





It is hard to believe that we are in our last quarter. Check out our Summer Camp. Science Learning Institute Director**Lori Silverman** has an amazing lineup for your little ones.

And if you can't wait for summer, join me and my family on April 27th!

10th Anniversary - Let's Play Math at Foothill College Saturday, April 27th, 2019

Celebrate the beauty of math while having fun playing with our interactive math tools.

There will be new tools this year.

Registration is closed to the public, as we already have over 2,000 registered. Nevertheless, email founder Prof. **Young Hee Park Lee** if you have any questions.

The mighty CTE team with AVP **Teresa Ong** and Coordinator **Mike Mohebbi**have been putting on impressive events for students, including the "Job Search 101" series during Winter Quarter. Check out the Internship Fair in spring. As **Mike**noted: "Working with outstanding faculty, counselors, students, and staff, we make these events valuable additions to students' experience and connection with Foothill. Behind the scenes, our fearless AVP of Workforce, Teresa Ong, is supporting all our CTE programs by developing regional and local partnerships with industry, community colleges, and high schools, expanding and keeping up-to-date the career pathways offered by the college. Workforce also provides faculty and staff professional development opportunities to stay current in their fields."

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I won't be able to welcome students on Monday due to a statewide CEO retreat, but look forward to meeting students on Thursday with President's Office Hour (boba style).

Have a fun, rewarding Spring Quarter!

Of Service,

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