

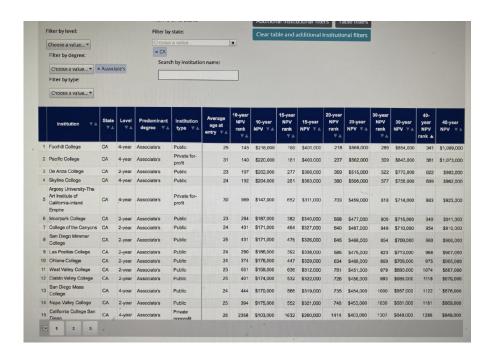
## A+ Grade in Academics, Athletics, Alumni

#### A+ in ACADEMICS

I am enjoying my various presentations at school boards, city councils, and community organizations as part of engaging the larger community in the bond/parcel conversations. I love bragging about our college on all types of metrics such graduation rates, online education, job placement, and campus safety.

Well, here's another (more recent news) metric: return on investment! The Washington Post wrote about <u>Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce</u> (CEW)'s report which ranks Foothill #1 among California colleges that primarily award Associate Degrees (public and private) in terms of return on investment. Nationwide, we're 25th out of 1043 such institutions on ROI; 6th out of 718 such public institutions.

Special thanks to AVP **Elias Regalado** for alerting me to this.



Our workforce efforts are going strong, with a recent announcement. Let students know about this opportunity.



### A+ in ATHLETICS

Our awesome Athletic Director **Mike Teijeiro** told me that our athletic teams are doing especially well this year! I know we are usually known for our academics,

but wow, our student athletes are shining in their respective sports.

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Congratulations to the Foothill Men's Soccer team. Coast Conference North Champions!!!









♣ Foothill College Football

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Chucky found his place on the field & @OwlFootball\_, you found your place in our college's 61-year history w/ this undefeated record. I am so proud of you: your teamwork, college spirit, resiliency, and fierceness!

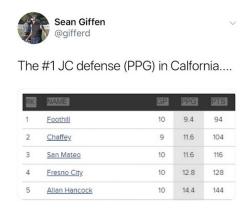
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Yes, the team managed to get me in the post-game picture. Congratulations to Coach **Kelly Edwards** and the entire coaching/staff support team for this incredible feat! In four years, the team rebuild itself to be this force to be reckoned with.

Our football defensive team is so formidable that in the last 3 games, the

opposing teams were barely able to score (or at all). Well, the rankings are in: defense is ranked No. 1 in the state!



Be on the lookout for a big congratulatory party for the football team by ASFC. (And yes, De Anza College sent me a picture of the congratulatory banner. And no, I will not post a picture of that banner here. As I told one of the football team volunteers, let's win with grace.)

Besides the ones following my live-tweets, I spotted a few Owl colleagues yesterday: Patricia Gibbs, Andre Meggerson, Mike Mohebbi, Dokesha Meacham, Tommy Liner (who recently had a kidney transplant and looked great), Liz Hunter, Adrienne Hypolite, Kevin Harral, Melissa Cervantes, Daphne Small, Hilda Fernandez, Adiel Velasquez, Simon Pennington, Mike Teijeiro, and Debbie Lee. Apologies for not mentioning two other Owl colleagues I saw at the De Anza game in my last communique: Natalia Menendez and Debbie Lee!

Foothill College is going to the BOWL! I have a pre-scheduled family vacation to Universal Studios (yes, Harry Potter fans here), but we are definitely making a stop in Fresno for the game.

## **American Championship Bowl**

Foothill College vs. Reedley College

Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> (time to be announced) At Reedley College (Fresno area)



A special day for our sophomores.



At the last home game, as tradition, we also honored the sophomores as this would be their last year to play football at Foothill.

#### A+ in ALUMNI

As I often say to students about *Service Leadership*, our goal is for students to not just get A's in their classes, but also A's in life! Don't forget to nominate those A+ alumni: <a href="https://foothill.edu/alumni/">https://foothill.edu/alumni/</a>

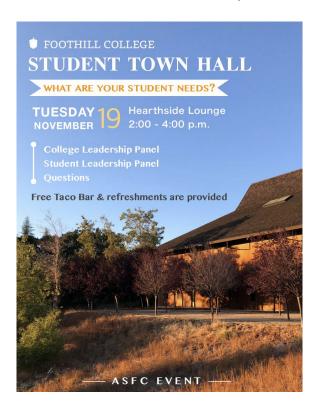


We have some of the most impressive alumni. Dr. **Martha Kanter** emailed me this weekend to alert me to an article in the Yale Daily News, along with other news. As she proudly puts it, "FH is everywhere."

Check out what **Brooke** who just started at Yale this year wrote in the <u>Yale Daily</u> <u>News</u> about her experience at Foothill College. And she's a philosophy major!

As I mentioned at Opening Day, three of the 20 community college transfers to Stanford this year are from Foothill. One of the 3 Foothill students (among 21 who transferred to Stanford last year) is **Atlanta** who credits Sociology Prof. **John Fox** for her success.

Foothill students are extraordinary, and they are already exemplifying the type of *Service Leadership* while at Foothill. Similar to the Summit on Student Homelessness, ASFC is organizing a town hall on "student needs" this Tuesday. Come hear their own expression of needs, while showing your support for their effort. I will be there to listen, as I did at the Summit.



Part of this "student needs" town hall will invariably lead to a discussion of the need for additional resources including the general obligation bond and parcel that the Board will consider on Nov. 25. If you have not had a chance to attend the R&R Council's Town Hall on the Facilities Master Plan & Parcel, you still have a chance to provide feedback before their Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Speaking of resources, our Foothill teams surely deserve an "A+" for their efforts to bring in more resources to support student needs.

- Family Engagement Institute with **Betsy Nikolchev** applied and received a state grant to provide legal services to undocumented students.
- Veterans Resources team, thanks to help from our Foundation's Development Director Leigh Howell & the Los Altos Rotary, received a \$25,000 grant from SAGA.
- Psychological Services department with Prof. Lisa Slede's leadership received a grant that most likely will be \$250,000.

And then there are the amazing colleagues who are exemplifying service to our students -- beyond the call of duty! Have you ordered the delicious homemade tamales this year from Organizacion Latino Americano (O.L.A.) to support student

scholarships? Orders are due by Friday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be available for pick up on Wednesday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the faculty lounge. To place an order, submit the order form, cash or check, to either **Sophia Abad** OTI, **Manny Diaz** A&R, or **Adaly Padro** in Financial Aid. Questions and concerns can be addressed to **Fatima Jinnah** jinnahfatima@fhda.edu or <u>abadsofia@fhda.edu</u>.

Although Foothill remains the best bet for students of color in light of the data on graduation rates, for instance, I honestly envision a day in which Foothill College will get an "A+" for racial equity. Surely, it is not about the grade but the kind of racially equitable college culture we practice whereby everyone (students, colleagues, and visistors) will feel (and remark) along with the student-success data that will evidence it. It is possible, as it is at other colleges. I would love to hear from you as to what you think it will take to do so. Drop by my office for tea, sandwiches, and cakes on Wednesday, and share your thoughts.

# YOU ARE INVITED



Open conversation on racial equity.

November 20, 2019 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm (Stop by anytime) President's Office 1904

RSVP by accepting Outlook invitation.



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