



When you do good, you do well.

Greetings Foothill,

I spoke with a couple of students at the highly acclaimed fitness day last week. They came from four-year universities on the semester system, and they expressed how long it took for them to orient themselves to our quarter system. Being new to the quarter system myself, I have been embracing for a school-term version of jet lag. With all the fun year-end celebrations though, I haven't felt it.



Academic Senate dinner honoring and thanking Adjunct Faculty. Hats off to Professors **Donna Frankel** and **Katherine Schaefers** for the idea and execution. Would love to make this an annual tradition!



Thursday's Scholar Athlete Celebration honoring 116 athletes with 3.0+ GPA: a record number in recent history.

Yesterday, ASFC had their end-of-the year celebration and inducted the newly elected officers. This year's election had 1,436 students voting (vs. 357 last year), with Prof. **Daphne Small** noting, "This is the highest number that I have seen in the history of the ASFC election!" Help me congratulate the new officers when you see them.

Student Trustee: **Chinwe Idika**

ASFC President: **Danya Abid**

VP Activities: **Asha Bacon**

VP Activities: **David Wen**

VP Finance: **Ronnie Miller**

VP ICC (clubs): **Charles Chiou**

VP Senate: **Jean Lee**

Senators: **Zulpuker Artykhaev, Sean Lim, Gitanjali Malapatti, Eoin O'Farrell, and Brenda Tan**



ASFC celebration at Shoreline Park.



I just love these two: ASFC President **Ramiel Petros** (NYU) & State Student Senate President **Courtney Cooper** (SFSU). Courtney called us the “trifecta presidents”.

A president is only successful with a good team, and I cannot thank **Dr. Andrew Lamanque** enough for his extraordinary leadership to the college this year as our interim VPI. Check out his Spring 2017 newsletter which has chock-full of information, including our spring enrollment numbers and news about a change in the president’s office.

As we tackle our enrollment challenges, we also need to stay focused on equity. It is my hope that we look at both at the same time. Thus, I have been working with a phenomenal team these past three months or so to develop a new program that would help close the achievement gap while increasing enrollment. I have also spoken with several groups on campus about *Early College Promise*, and want to inform our larger college community via this communiqué.

Next week, our college will post a press release announcing the creation of *Early College Promise* — a name we created and are hoping to trademark. The program will offer free college to high school students who participate in AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a college and career readiness program.

The *Early College Promise* is believed to be the first college promise program of its kind in the state solely aimed at high school students. It covers the costs of students' tuition, fees, textbooks, instructional materials, and EcoPass; and makes it possible for eligible students to complete the first two years of college for free while still in high school. Imagine graduating from high school with an associate degree/certificate or enough credits to start college as a sophomore. We will offer the program to

AVID students at Los Altos High School, Mountain View High School, and Palo Alto High School, and all students enrolled at Alta Vista High School. (Gunn High School currently does not have an AVID program.)

The model for Foothill's *Early College Promise* program is built upon national research showing that early college pathways created by dual enrollment in high school increase the rates at which underrepresented students enter and succeed in college.

AVID is a national non-profit organization that serves students who are historically underrepresented, including ethnic minority, low income, and first generation college students as well students who have special circumstances in their lives. Its mission is to close the achievement gap.

We anticipate holding a formal *Early College Promise* launch event in September with our very own Dr. **Martha Kanter** who is now executive director of the national College Promise Campaign! Check out our Early College Promise website: <https://www.foothill.edu/earlycollegepromise>.

Many people are involved, and I want to send a special thanks to the talented **Nazy Galoyan** who is lead for this program, along with the incredible support of **Jazmine Garcia** and instructional expertise of **Paul Starer**.

The *Early College Promise* is being underwritten by a combination of private donations for textbook and other costs, and our ability under state law to waive enrollments fees which we currently do for high school students. We anticipate building out further and designing the program with more people involved once we get a better sense of student/parent interests.

While the primary motivation for doing *Early College Promise* is to close the achievement gap for both the high schools and our college, the program also serves as a mechanism to increase enrollment. My hope is this effort will evidence the belief that “when you do good, you do well.”

Have a great weekend, Foothill!

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