



FOOTHILL-DE ANZA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. JEAN THOMAS
BY NAMING THE FOOTHILL COLLEGE LOWER CAMPUS STUDENT SERVICE BUILDING
THE JEAN THOMAS CENTER FOR STUDENT SERVICES
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX

WHEREAS, Jean Thomas, Ph.D., set an example of extraordinary and exemplary service to others by living her philosophy of education during thirty-six years of service to the Foothill De Anza Community College District community and in so doing empowered students, faculty and staff to reach their full potential;

WHEREAS, she was a catalyst for the development of the Foothill College Multicultural Program in 1969, which fostered cultural pluralism and respect for ethnic diversity and from its inception was responsible for furthering diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, including developing the first ethnically diverse curriculum, History of African Civilization;

WHEREAS, in 1972 she founded the California Association of Counseling and Development Black Caucus, increasing the awareness of issues of African American students in Higher Education;

WHEREAS, she consistently advocated for broad-based, innovative and comprehensive support services at Foothill College and in 1985 was instrumental in the development of the Extended Opportunity Program & Services (EOPS) at Foothill College to serve economically disadvantaged students;

WHEREAS, she co-founded the Minority Transfer Program in 1991, which celebrated the achievements of Minority Students graduating from Foothill College;

WHEREAS, for over twenty years she was integrally involved with the planning and execution of the Foothill College Black History Month Celebration by coordinating the art exhibit in Semans library and exposing the Foothill College Community to a myriad of talented visual artists of African descent;

WHEREAS, she was instrumental in the development and growth of the African American Achiever Awards Program which annually celebrated the scholarly achievement, service and leadership by students of African descent both at Foothill College and high schools in the San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties;

WHEREAS, fueled by her desire to foster the success of underrepresented students, founded the Pass the Torch Program in 1994, a still-thriving pioneering program for student success that would serve as an inspiring model for the holistic student success programs and learning communities that would follow;

WHEREAS, for her pioneering programming she was awarded The California Community Colleges Board of Governors 1999 Exemplary Program Award for Pass The Torch;

WHEREAS, in recognition of her exemplary service as a Foothill Faculty member, she was awarded the Foothill College Presidential Award in 1995;

WHEREAS, in recognition of her many professional contributions she was honored by the California Association of Counseling and Development through the establishment of the Jean Thomas Scholarship for graduate students in Counseling;

WHEREAS, during Dr. Jean Thomas' tenure at Foothill, she inspired all she touched to be their best and strive beyond what each felt personally capable of achieving and challenge themselves in all aspects of their life;

WHEREAS, support for a building in her name is endorsed by a coalition of affinity groups, including the African American Network, Asian Pacific-American Network, OLA, Umoja, EOPS, and the Pass the Torch Program as well as the Counseling Division and the Student Affairs, & Activities Office.

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District hereby resolves that the lower campus student services facility (8100-8300) be named the Jean Thomas Student Services Center.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Foothill-De Anza Community College District's Board of Trustees on this XX day of XXXX 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

Peter Landsberger, President of the Board of Trustees

ATTESTED TO:

Lee D. Lambert
Chancellor and Secretary to the Board of Trustees