

An important message from FEI, our Family Engagement Institute

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Dear Foothill community,
Betsy Nikolchev, the Executive Director of the Family Engagement Institute, wanted me to share this message with all of you.

Best regards,

Bernadine

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FOOTHILL COLLEGE

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Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Community,

It is with deep sadness and a heavy heart that Carmen, Pauline and I announce the sunsetting of the Family Engagement Institute (FEI) this coming June. FEI has been self-funded, reliant on grants and fee-for-service dollars since its inception twelve years ago. However, future funding has become significantly difficult to secure to ensure the sustainability of FEI beyond June 2023.

It has been the greatest honor to work with our Foothill colleagues, community partners, students and families to serve, learn, lead, and grow together on our journey to advance equity and inspire aspirations of college-going identity for first-generation students and families. The legacy of our work lives on in you!

FEI's work for undocumented students will remain intact as it is funded by the California Community College State Chancellors Office and will be transitioned to the Student Service division under the direction of Dr. Laurie Scolari, Vice President of Student Services. In addition, Dr. Scolari will launch a campus BIPOC (Black Indigenous, People of Color) Center which will include a Dreamers/Undocually space on campus. More to come as details unfold and Dr. Scolari welcomes your input and innovative ideas for that new endeavor.

Please reach out with any questions and know how much you are valued.

In appreciation, gratitude, community, and love,

Betsy Nikolchev

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Nikolchev".

Executive Director, FEI