



# President's Communiqué

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## #60for60 Service Leadership Projects

Did you see this picture that @Foothillnews tweeted as part of a series in celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? Follow us and get an answer on the year of the picture.



Many of you have commented to me how you really like the redesign of the entrance to the administration building. Thank you to **Mike Mohebbi, Jerry Robredo, Simon Pennington, Marty Kahn, Katherine Fortune, Art Hand, and Miloni Gandhi!** I had requested **Mike** to lead a team to think about how we could better highlight Foothill College, especially in light of the anniversary year. The owls on display are from our first college president, Calvin Flint's collection. I added an owl to the display: a 3-D printed one that the STEM Center gave me!



The TV screen will run announcements and other highlights. I invited ASFC Inter Club Council to run news about Service Leadership projects on the screen. I will speak with the Inter Club Council

today to explain a \$\$ challenge to all student clubs to come up with a new Service Leadership project or enhance a current one that their respective club is doing. The 3 clubs with the top Service Leadership projects will get a financial reward and be highlighted as part of the #60for60 Service Leadership projects.

As announced at Opening Day, we will showcase 60 Service Leadership projects that occur from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, in celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. These could be projects that are already running annually or new projects this year. Email me if you would like a project to be chosen (even if it hasn't occurred yet). They will be highlighted on our webpage <https://www.foothill.edu/60yearsofservice/>.

The Service Leadership projects will also be on display at this year's first **Research and Service Leadership Symposium** organized by Prof. **Ben Stefonik** and a team of great folks at the college.

**Please encourage students to apply.** Faculty and staff can participate also.

**Save-the-Date: May 17<sup>th</sup>**

For more information: <https://www.foothill.edu/rsl-symposium/>



The Research and Service Leadership Symposium will provide a venue for our campus community to showcase student research scholarship and service learning, community engagement and social activism projects. Foothill students, faculty and staff can share research and service leadership work in either a poster presentation or 10-minute talk format.



You may recall this infographic of the various types of Service Leadership projects. The Research Symposium is one type of Service Leadership – i.e., students serving the community through research, scholarship, and publication that advances the public good. Other types include what I highlighted at Opening Day:

- Water fountain experiment (service learning),
- Football team volunteering for the homeless (community service),
- National Science March (civic engagement), and
- Global Medical Brigade in Panama (21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills-CTE).

Another example is the Vet Tech students raising funds and donations for animals displaced by the fires. There's still time to contribute. See below and attached flyer.



## SCNAVTA OF FOOTHILL COLLEGE

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The Student Chapter of the Veterinary Technology Program at Foothill Community College will be gathering donations to help support the animals displaced after the fires affecting Sonoma and surrounding counties. We will be working with multiple animal rescue organizations and shelters to help provide basic necessities as well as assist in covering much needed medical care.

If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to SCNAVTA with the memo SCNAVTA fire fund. You may also donate cash.

If you would like to donate supplies please contact the Foothill Vet Tech program at [fvtsSCNAVTA@gmail.com](mailto:fvtsSCNAVTA@gmail.com) to coordinate donations.

All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated. If you would like a receipt for your records please email us.

We will be accepting donations through 10/25/17.

Supplies most needed:

- ❑ Dog Food (wet and dry)
- ❑ Cat food (wet and dry)
- ❑ Poop bags
- ❑ Dog and Cat beds
- ❑ Wet Wipes
- ❑ New litter boxes
- ❑ Cat and Dog Toys
- ❑ Food/Water bowls
- ❑ Crates of any size
- ❑ Towels
- ❑ Litter

Thank you for your generosity.

*Hannah Greenspan*  
SCNAVTA President  
2017-2018

**Victor Tam**, former PSME Dean and Chemistry professor who moved to Sonoma County, wrote that Santa Rosa Junior College reopened yesterday. He said that at last count, the college has over 450 students and over 60 faculty and staff reporting they have lost homes. One of the SRJC staffers is my friend who lost her home. **Victor** and his family are safe, and their home was spared. He expressed deep thanks to former colleagues from Foothill College for helping to shelter and support them during the evacuation period.

The Associated Students of Foothill College is also planning a fundraiser to support the victims of the North Bay fires. I will let you know what their plans are once I hear.

In the meantime, you can support Santa Rosa Junior College by donating to their foundation: <https://publicrelations.santarosa.edu/srjc-fire-relief-fund>

Another Service Leadership project this academic year will be a service learning component to the study abroad program – this year, in COSTA RICA! Below is a request from Dean **Simon Pennington**.

### ***Foothill Campus Abroad: Spring 2018*** ***San Jose, Costa Rica***

*We will be offering students an exciting opportunity to study in Costa Rica in the spring of 2018 and **we need two faculty** to lead the program. This quarter abroad will be run by AIFS who have already coordinated three successful Campus Abroad sessions for Foothill over the last four years. The stay in Costa Rica will include visits to the rain forests, service learning projects, and a variety of cultural activities. This is a fabulous opportunity to immerse yourself in Costa Rican culture!*

*The two faculty will teach their regular load and we anticipate between 30-40 students signing up for the trip. AIFS will provide modern classrooms, complete with WiFi, and comprehensive support from the AIFS staff. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest, complete with a short explanation of why you want to teach in Costa Rica, to Simon Pennington ([penningtonsimon@fhda.edu](mailto:penningtonsimon@fhda.edu)), Dean of Fine Arts and Communication and Kinesiology and Athletics, by Friday, November 3rd at 5:00 PM.*

Of Service,



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