



President's Communiqué

FROM THE DESK OF THUY THI NGUYEN

Accreditation Week: Our Students Make It All Worth It

Two of our students, **Missy** and **Bryant**, spoke at a home fundraiser by one of our Foundation board members this weekend. Bryant who brought his daughter is now an electrical engineering student at SJSU. He spoke affectionately about how much he missed Foothill and the “family” environment we provided to him.

Missy also spoke about the Foothill “family” that has become her family. You may have seen my video-tweet of her sharing a class poem she wrote:

*“On your worst enemy, you wouldn’t wish it
I know because I lived it
But this life is not a burden...nah
‘Cause I’m that seed planted in the garden of grief...”*



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Foothill College student (fmr foster youth, incarcerated) found healing in major (psychology) & shared a class poem she wrote. [#fundraiser](#)



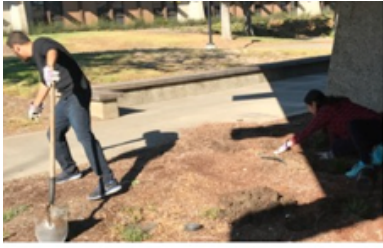
And then there's **Lee**, a defensive end who was ranked 2nd in the state with 7½ sacks; yet, never played football in high school until last year for Foothill. You may have read the Mercury News article about him and our undefeated football team, which remains undefeated – beating College of the Redwoods this weekend!

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2017/10/05/j-c-football-defense-stirs-turnaround-at-foothill-college/>



And there are students who volunteered and street-chalked images of Foothill landscapes at the Los Altos festival this weekend, under the guidance of Professors **Jordan Fong** and **Hilary Gomes**. One of the students is a software engineer who wants to pursue art. This Service Leadership project is amazing. (Btw, let students know how they can participate in the Research & Service Leadership Symposium at Foothill College in May.: <https://foothill.edu/rsl-symposium/index.html>)

Our students are extraordinary! This week, as we welcome colleagues from around the state to our campus, our students remind us that all the hard work during last year's Self-Study and this past few months' effort to prepare for the accreditation team visit is WORTH IT! You probably saw the website link to all accreditation information on Fusion: <https://foothill.edu/accreditation/index.html>



Thank you to the approximately 35 folks who came out this weekend to spruce up our campus. Special thanks to **Brenda Davis-Visas** who led the effort!

Let's show the accreditation visiting team why our students are so thankful for the education they are receiving at Foothill. We not only met the accreditation standards, we exceeded them!

Of Service,

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