



Census Day – Everything You Do Counts!



Greetings Foothill,

Saturday was quite a busy and fun day for our college, with many community activities on campus: Day on the Hill (back by popular demand), the annual Plant Sale by Horticulture, the annual Oral Cancer Awareness Walk, and a Wellness Fair by Biological Sciences & Allied Health programs. I spotted a few Foothill employees organizing and attending such as **Laureen Balducci, Sean Bogle, Marco Tovar, Josh Rosales, Kevin Harral, Cleve Freeman, Angela Su, Karen Erikson, Andre Meggerson, Tracy Villanueva,**

Brenda Hanning, Elaine Kuo, Ken Horowitz, Vanessa Smith, Peter Chow, Andrew LaManque, Simon Pennington, Shawn Viaggi, and the dedicated Pacific Dining crew — to name a few.

Students and parents said to me how impressed they are with our campus: how beautiful it is and how caring everyone is. Thank you to everyone who helped make our college buzz on Saturday!



Picture at Wellness Fair with a soon-to-be graduate. Love the t-shirt designed by another respiratory therapy student: warriors protecting the lung with an image of the Foothill tree and shadow of the owl.

Today is Census Day – a marker for enrollment counting purposes by the state.

Everything you do counts. The past few weeks of managing budget and classes have been especially gut wrenching for many, especially our instructional Deans and Vice President. Thanks to their hard work along with faculty (and collectively, college-wide with Student Services), the college is experiencing healthier productivity while still increasing enrollment in resident students. Thank you **Kurt Hueg, Simon Pennington, Ram Subramaniam, Nanette Solvason, and Paul Starer!** We don't have the final count yet as Second Spring will start in a few weeks.



Full house at April 19 Budget Town Hall

From the beginning of the budget discussion, the administrative team and I (in consultation with PaRC) established eight “Guiding Principles” in the budget reduction process. Vice President of Finance and Administration **Bret Watson**, who led us well through this process, reported at the town hall that the college was able to identify \$1.75+ million reduction of the general fund for Years 1 & 2 cuts without lay-offs in '17-18 and '18-19 or use of carryover dollars – one of the eight Guiding Principles! I want to thank the administrative team, particularly VP **Kristy Lisle** whose division carried more than 40% of the reduction and AVP **Laureen Balducci** who stepped up and quickly led the Student Services division through a collaborative reduction process. It will take this level of teamwork to address Year 3 ('19-20) reductions. All major budget information is posted on <https://foothill.edu/president/updates.html>.

As mentioned at the town hall, here is a link to the survey regarding a possible capital bond. It takes about 3 minutes to fill out and includes a question about faculty housing: <http://www.fhda.edu/JoinTheConversation>.

I will seek consultation with PaRC this week to develop the annual Strategic Objectives for next year, especially in light of the probable new state funding formula and our district budget reductions. One strategic leverage is *Early College Promise* (dual enrollment for underrepresented students) – the **E²** in E²SG.

Foothill’s Middle College continues to have a long wait list, and many students graduate from high school with an associate degree. Our goal with *Early College Promise* is to extend that prized opportunity to First-Gen high school students (many who are low income and underrepresented). Research has proven that dual enrollment closes

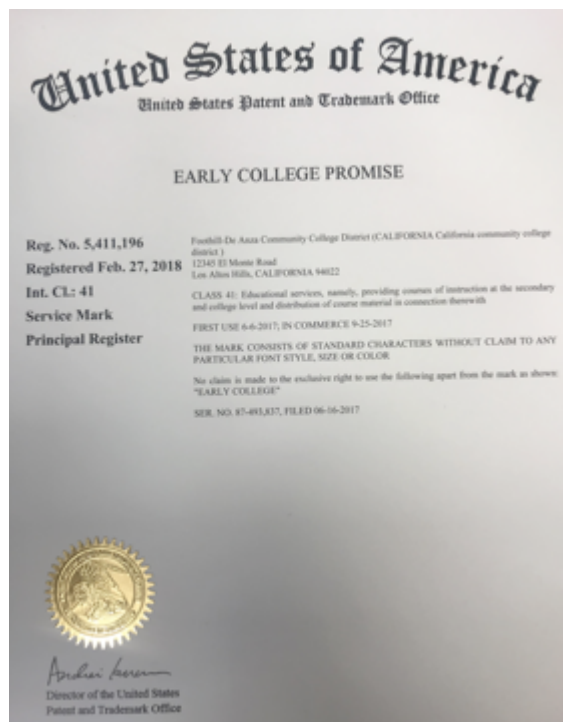
achievement gaps. I look forward to giving a keynote at the San Jose Conservation Corps' annual luncheon this week on the equity power of dual enrollment.

Have you seen these viral videos of a mostly African American high school in Louisiana where students erupt into excitement when classmates receive admissions notices from prestigious universities such as the Ivy Leagues? Click link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veK3UFMuEe0&sns=em>

I was not surprised when I researched the high school and saw on the front page of the school website: three of the four strategies are dual enrollment!

This week is National "Early College Week". Yes, there is such a week – go figure. Check out this video about the importance of Early College for underrepresented students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWijHc8LQME&sns=em>

Equity is why our college's Promise program is focused on dual enrollment: *Early College Promise* gives us enrollment while closing the equity gap – **E²**.



Trademark of Foothill College's *Early College Promise!*

We had a reception with a nationally known College Promise champion, Professor **Jill Biden**, last Friday night at Foothill College's Celebrity Forum, and students and I spoke with her about the power of dual enrollment.



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Professor [@DrBiden](#) shared funny stories about living a dual life: Second Lady & fulltime community college professor. Full house at Foothill College's Celebrity Forum last night.





What a way to close out the 50th Anniversary of a lifelong learning program our college has provided in Silicon Valley – with a community college professor! (By the way, my husband is an alum from Northern Virginia Community College where **Dr. Biden** teaches full-time now.)

Congrats to **Dick Henning**, the founder and organizer of Celebrity Forum. Interested in honoring **Dick** and raising money for Service Leadership? Join me and 300+ others: <https://foundation.fhda.edu/upcoming-events/henning50.html>



ASFC will have its Elections next week. Encourage students to vote online via MyPortal on April 30 – May 3. This Wednesday, April 25 at noon (Library Quad), candidates will have a forum/debate. See attachment for more info.

I was remiss in not including the API Heritage Months events in my last communiqué.

Wednesday, April 25

College Hour: APAN Student Scholarship Raffle

Time: 12 noon – 1 p.m.

Location: Foothill College Employee Lunch Lounge (Room 1931)

The Foothill College employee organization Asian Pacific American Network (APAN) is selling raffle tickets that will give you a chance to win Asian themed gift baskets and silent auction items to raise money for scholarships for our students. APAN is also raffling off Asian themed handcrafts such as handmade washi cards, jewelry, orchid plants and Ikebana floral arrangements and gift certificates to some of the local Asian restaurants.

Thursday, April 26

Lecture Series III: Andrew Lam, Essayist And Short Story Author

Time: 12 noon – 2 pm.

Location: Hearthside Lounge (Room 2313)

In addition to his work as a nationally-celebrated television documentarian for PBS, Andrew Lam is an award-winning essayist and short story author. His book *East Eats West* won a coveted PEN Award in 2006. He is a regularly-featured commentator on NPR, and featured author for *The Huffington Post*.

Thursday, April 26

Yumecon Cosplay Gathering

Time: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: All-campus

Join the Anime Club at their cosplay gathering for cosplayers and photographers to gather to take photos with the scenic sakura trees and hills as a backdrop.

Hope you are also taking advantage of the professional development activities organized by **Prof. Carolyn Holcroft**. We previously emailed the list of activities, but here it is again. <https://foothill.edu/staff/development/calendar.php>

Enjoy National “Early College Week”, and know that we are part of this national effort.

Of Service,



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