



# President's Communiqué

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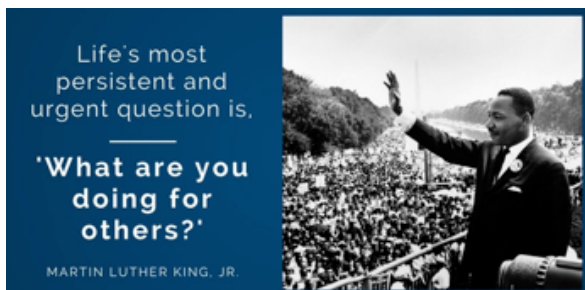
## The Great Communicator – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

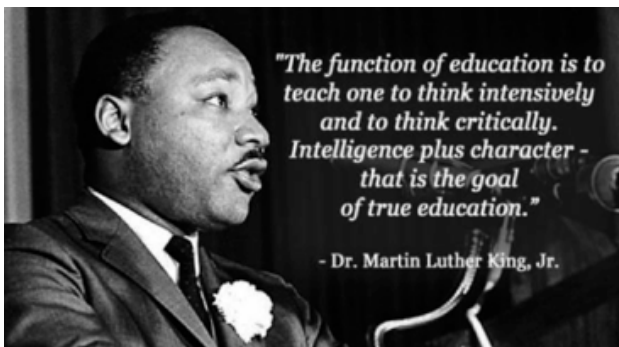
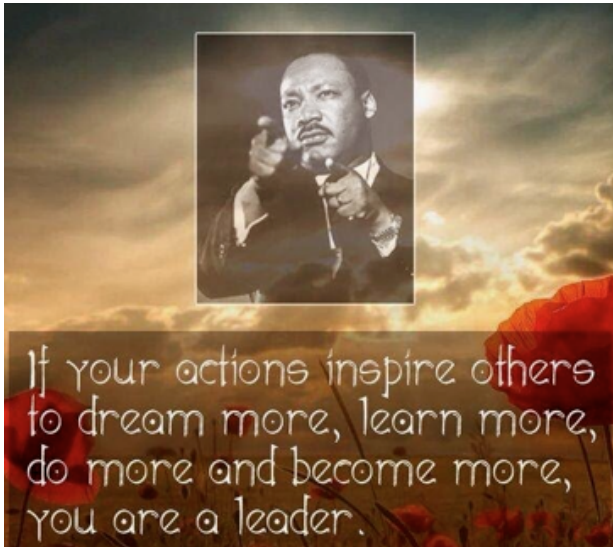
Happy Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!

Last week, I met students during my mobile President's Office Hour and offered hot apple cider/hot chocolate while promoting the STEM Center and TLC. Our tutoring centers are examples of **E<sup>2</sup>** (equity & enrollment) as data shows academic performance improvements, especially for students of color, while attendance is FTES-generating!

One of the students I met was an African American student who talked about his interest in getting a degree in communications. I told him that I think every student at Foothill should take at least one communications class.

As we celebrate an iconic, civil rights leader today, I am reminded by how much of a phenomenal communicator Dr. King was. Just seeing these images tweeted out today, I am moved by how much Dr. King captured so beautifully the essence of *Service Leadership* at Foothill for me. I can almost hear his voice as I read the words.





Please, whenever there is an opportunity at Foothill for students to practice public speaking - a leadership skill, ask students to do so. For instance, at the various awards ceremonies, build in opportunities for students to express themselves even if it means we talk less. Maybe students could even organize and emcee the ceremonies. Remember Diego who spoke at Opening Day about the *Service Leadership* project he and his classmates did on the water foundation quality at Foothill? He later told me that he was extremely nervous, but grateful for the opportunity to practice public speaking.

Another great opportunity for students to gain experience presenting is the first annual Foothill College **Research and Service Leadership Symposium**. We will place copies of the attached flyer in your mailboxes for you to distribute to students. Questions? Contact Prof. Ben Stefoni at [stefonikben@fhda.edu](mailto:stefonikben@fhda.edu).

**Apply to the Foothill College Research and Service Leadership Symposium!**

Gain experience presenting at a professional conference and apply to the first annual Foothill College Research and Service Leadership Symposium!

Give yourself a competitive advantage in transferring to a university and apply to present your work at the RSLSL Symposium!

**Who can apply to the symposium?**

- Students who have completed ANY type of research that adds value to a body of knowledge, to society, or to a community of people. Research from ALL disciplines is welcome!
- Students who have completed a service leadership, community engagement, or social or environmental justice project.

**What are the formats of the presentations?**

Students can present at either a poster session or as a 10 min. talk.

**How do you apply?**

To apply you will submit a 100-200 word abstract explaining your project. Applications are submitted online <https://foothill.edu/rslsl-symposium/>.

**What is a Poster Presentation?**

Presenting at a poster entails creating a poster that is 36 inches by 48 or 60 inches and presenting it for 1.5 hours. When presenting your poster, you will be in a room with many other people presenting posters. Your job is to explain your research or service leadership project to people who are interested in your work. Presenting at a poster session is much more like having multiple conversations with individuals and much less like public speaking in front of an audience. Poster sessions at the RSLSL Symposium are the same format as those at professional research conferences.

**10 Minute Talks**

There will be multiple one-hour sessions in which four 10 minute talks will be grouped together per session. You will provide a presentation to an audience of Foothill students and their families and friends and Foothill faculty and staff.

**Cash Prizes**

Cash prizes of \$100 will be awarded to the 3 highest quality/most impactful projects.

**More info can be found on the website**

<https://foothill.edu/rslsl-symposium/>

<b>Application Deadline</b> March 16, 2018 (Winter quarter)	<b>Questions?</b> Contact Ben Stefank <a href="mailto:benstefank@foothill.edu">benstefank@foothill.edu</a>
<b>Date of Symposium</b> May 17, 2018 (Spring quarter)	

Please encourage students to participate. This is a major highlight event for our college this year. The Symposium is our way of celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (with a mall display of the 60 *Service Leadership* projects)! Members of the community, including non-profit organizations, are invited.

By now, you probably have seen The Script and my column on communication style and *Service Leadership*.



January 20<sup>th</sup> of last year, our college gathered to commission The DREAMers Mural. You may notice an original rendering of the mural on your way to the mailroom; it was gifted to me by the artist Oscar Lopez Guerrero (a Foothill alum). It saddens me that our DREAMers' lives are still in limbo today, as negotiations in D.C. seem to be stalled at this time.

One person who has eloquently communicated the power of dreams is Dr. King at the National March on Washington. This Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the

Women's March (the largest march in history). Foothill's "We for She" Club is organizing a group of students to march in San Jose. If you are interested in joining me and the students, club president Jocelyn Lombera says to meet them tomorrow (Tuesday) at 12 p.m. in the Club Room 2011 (located inside the Student Government room) or email her at [weforsheclub.fh@gmail.com](mailto:weforsheclub.fh@gmail.com) so she can provide details.

## **Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute/Black History Month Opening Ceremony**

**Wednesday, February 07, 2018**

College Hour, 12-1 p.m.

Campus Center Dining Room

Complimentary lunch & live music

*Co-sponsors:* Black History Month (BHM) Planning Committee & Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC) Activities Council

Kickoff February's National Black History Month by honoring Dr. King and the 50th Anniversary of his assassination. The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Elihu M. Harris who was a 12-year member of the California State Assembly, during which time he authored the historic 1981 legislation designating Dr. King's birthday a California state holiday. Elihu is also my longtime mentor and friend who first suggested I consider being a college president. He's also quite an orator.

Of Service,



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