



This Day in 1958

Greetings Foothill,

This September 15th in 1958, the first class at Foothill College was held! We were founded officially in January 1957, making 2017 the 60th Anniversary. The college will celebrate its 60th Anniversary this 2017-18 academic year. <https://foothill.edu/news/fh-history.php>

For sixty years, Foothill College has distinguished itself for academic leadership nationally. Most recently, the college was ranked 3rd in the country by *Washington Monthly* for community college education! This is an extraordinary accomplishment considering there are over 1,000 community colleges in the United States. The *Washington Post* wrote an article about it a couple of weeks ago:

"On the Monthly's two-year college list, which is something of a rarity in rankings, factors measured include tuition and fees, the strength of transfer policies, the share of students over age 25, average post-college earnings, and quality of services for adult students . . . The top-ranked schools were Weber State University in Utah and Utah Valley University, in that order. Both are four-year schools with a high number of two-year students. Foothill College in California ranked third."

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/here-are-some-new-top-20-schools-virginia-tech-and-montgomery-college/2017/09/01/a7476fe2-8e83-11e7-84c0-02cc069f2c37_story.html?utm_term=.4d638e4acffe

I already knew of Foothill's reputation even before I came to Foothill. And from everything I have witnessed during my time here, the reputation is well deserved.

Yesterday's Governance Summit demonstrated that for me. Nearly 50 students, faculty, and staff who serve on governance committees attended the summit at Sunnyvale Center. The energy and level of engagement were high, and the commitment to student success and equity was

unquestionable. The purpose of the summit was to start the annual tradition of gathering a cross-section of the college leadership to review the past year's annual strategic objectives, approve the new objectives, and prepare for the upcoming year (including a presentation on the board's adopted budget). The agenda and meeting materials are posted on the President's webpage, and minutes will be presented at the next PaRC meeting for approval.



One of those governance committees (Facilities and Sustainability Committee) has successfully brought a refrigerated, fresh food kiosk to campus! The Byte vending machine is stocked with fresh, healthy food throughout the week, which is especially beneficial for employees who are on campus nights and weekends. The kiosk is located in the staff lounge in the Admin Building (Room 1931) and works with all major credit cards. There is a great selection of salads, wraps, cold brew coffee, snacks and much more. Come try it out! Special thanks to **Brenda Davis-Visa!**

Brenda and **Andrea Hanstein** are also leading a **Spruce Up Day**. Foothill College employees have an opportunity to come together with our custodial and grounds crew to clean up our buildings and campus. Our cleanup efforts serve two purposes; 1) preparation for the first day of school, 2) prepare for our upcoming accreditation visit.

Please plan on coming to the Smithwick Quad on Saturday, September 23, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to meet up with team leaders and get briefed on the scope of work for the day. Our focus will be on weeding, trimming, litter pickup and general cleaning. Please wear closed-toed shoes, long pants and a light long sleeved shirt. Also, please bring brooms, work gloves and hand tools, labeled with your name if you have them. We are not allowed to use Plant Services equipment. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact **Andrea** or **Brenda**.

I can't wait for the fall quarter to start. Besides having our cafeteria up and running again, I was informed that KJs will start serving boba milk tea!

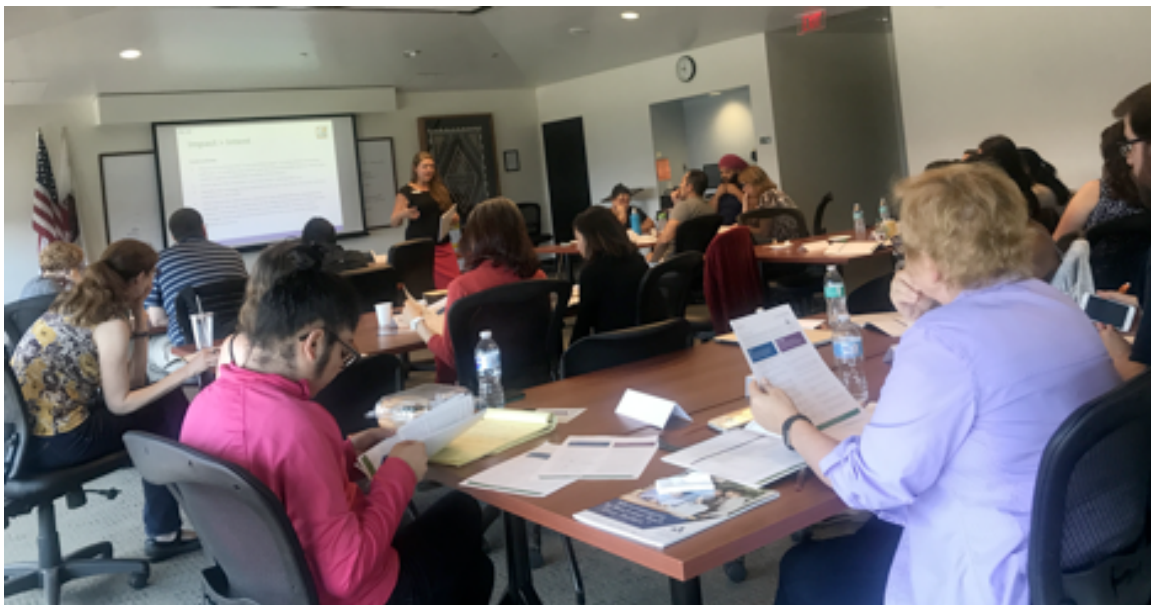
Of course, the main reason why I can't wait for the school year to start: our students! We are already seeing new students on campus, and new student orientation next week already has over 460 students registered (doubling last year's number).

By the way, have you noticed in my email signature, there is a link to how I pronounce my name? It is an application called *NameCoach* (created by a former Foothill adjunct faculty). Thanks to **Judy Baker's** leadership on this, all students starting this fall quarter will have an opportunity to pronounce

their names in a recording for their professors. This is our effort to promote a sense of community for our students by helping faculty and staff have a recording of how a student would like his/her name to be pronounced.

Do you want to help your colleagues pronounce your name? Go to this website: <https://www.name-coach.com/namebadge>. It took me less than 3 minutes to set it up.

One of the topics discussed at the Governance Summit was equity. At the same time, a group of approximately 25 faculty and staff were doing an impressive 3-day training at the main campus on *micromessaging* to reach and teach every student with the goal of closing the equity gap. Special thanks to Professor **Sarah Parikh** for initiating this effort!



Let **Brenda** and **Andrea** know whether you can join us on Saturday, September 23rd for **Spruce Up Day!**

Of Service,



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