



President's Communiqué

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Campus Closure Alert

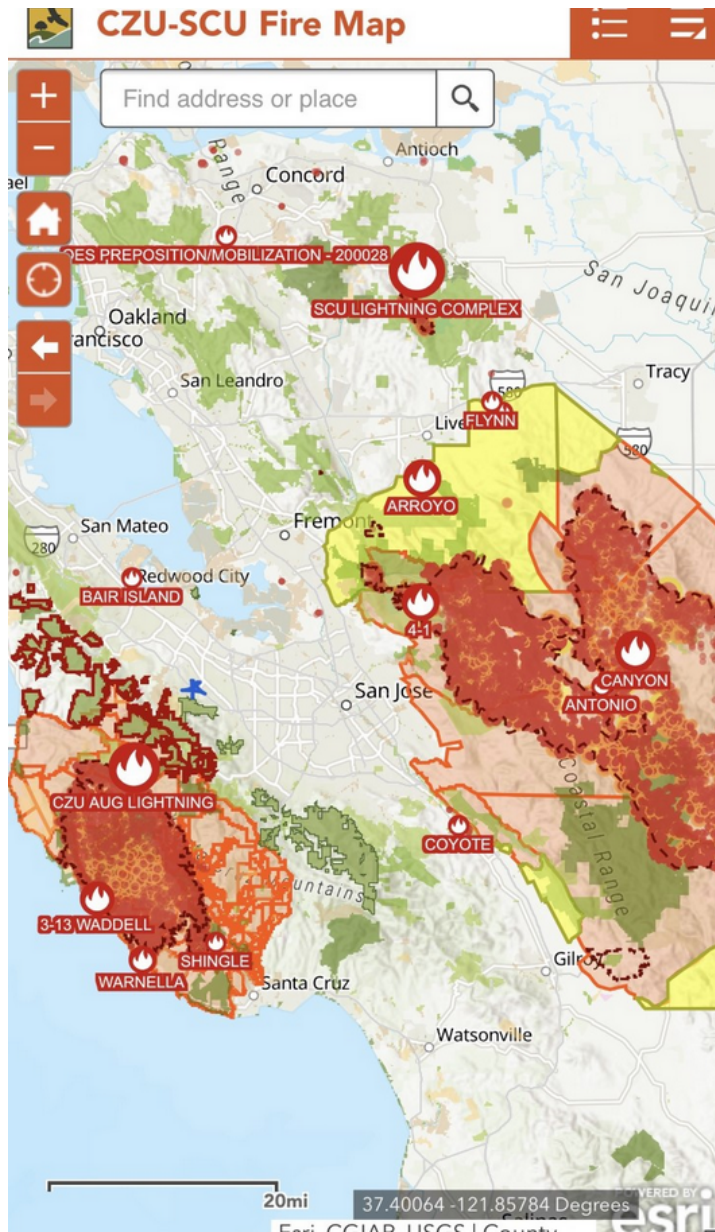
Dear Foothill Colleagues,

By now, you probably have received a district-wide emergency alert via text, phone call, and email– thanks to Chief **Danny Acosta**.

Text Message
Today 3:43 PM

FHDA Alert: Due to poor air quality all Foothill-De Anza college campuses & district offices are closed until further notice. Refer to campus & district website

It looks like the Air Quality Index (AQI) will continue to be unhealthy (150 – 200) tomorrow, and the District has decided to close the Foothill and Sunnyvale campuses so that staff, faculty, and students can stay indoor and remain safe.



Blue star is Foothill College's location on [this map](#) as of 4 pm today (Sunday).

Physical access to the main campus and Sunnyvale Center will remain closed until further notice by the District. This means there will be no Allied Health classes until further noticed, and all essential employees will be asked not to come to campus. The DJs are also being informed. As is routine, apprenticeship sites will be

making separate decisions regarding their own locations, and dual enrollment students taking classes at the high schools will be directed by their respective high schools.



CAL FIRE
@CAL_FIRE

#RedFlagWarning in effect for Northern California until Sunday through Monday for dry thunderstorms. This is #CriticalFireWeather so use caution outdoors. More tips: fire.ca.gov/programs/commu...



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Please note that the National Weather Service has officially issued "[Red Flag Warnings](#)" (the highest alert) for today and tomorrow (Monday) for the Bay Area. This means that [Cal Fire](#) request all residents to prepare for evacuation. If you have been alerted that your area could be evacuated, please be sure to have that [go-bag](#) ready so you can leave at a moment's notice.

Thank you, Prof. **Allison Meezan** (Geography & Geographic Information Systems department) for contacting me with the following resources:

- [ArcGIS Online map](#) - shows both the current fire perimeters and using MODIS satellite heat sensing imagery, the location of active burn fronts)
- [Purple air](#) - real-time crowdsourced air quality monitoring
- [Windy](#) - real-time and forecast wind patterns

We are getting reports from several Foothill colleagues that they have evacuated. We have set up a [Foothill GoFundMe account](#) to help colleagues. Please donate if you can. Thank you, **Simon Pennington** for setting up the account, and **Kurt Hueg** for managing it. This will be to help all our evacuated colleagues with expenses associated with evacuation. If you need support, please contact **Kurt** so we could help you immediately. Santa Cruz County has also published information on how to access [free accommodation](#) should you be evacuated in that area.

If you have been evacuated from your home, please notify your manager. We will work to be as flexible as possible to support you during this very difficult time.

The District is currently in communication with the Town of Los Altos Hills to render assistance to our local community should the fires necessitate local evacuation. It is possible that the main campus and Sunnyvale Center could be used as staging areas for local residents. President's Cabinet and I are working to prepare for such possibility. We are also coordinating with Vet Tech Director **Lisa Eshman** to ensure the safety of **Lucy**, **Ethel**, and **Ziggy** – our three resident goats!

President's Cabinet and I are closely monitoring the situation: smoke, wildfires, thunderstorm, and evacuation. I will update everyone on the latest news at my regular President's Daily Briefing at 9:00 AM.

Please stay safe and be prepared!

Of Service,