



President's Communiqué

FROM THE DESK OF THUY THI NGUYEN

See you on Monday.

Greetings Foothill,

I have had so many fun moments meeting our students. Last week, I held Office Hours in front of the Library – a PokéStop! Approximately 30 students dropped by – students such as **Amanda**, a school teacher returning to college to pursue a career in photography. She was so happy to be at Foothill. I'm no photographer, but here's a selfie of us.



I had a chance to meet computer science professor **Anand Venkataraman**'s students, and observe a little bit of his engaging lecture where he talked about Socrates while introducing a coding concept. As someone who wrote her thesis on Socrates, I was attentive. Thank you for inviting me!

I also had the joy of addressing a room full of Allied Health students in Appreciation Hall and afterwards, had an impromptu lunch in the café with five of our paramedic program students. I asked them why they wanted to be paramedics. Their responses: “Help people.” “Learn deeper about the human body and how I could save lives.” “Use my brain and my hands.” “Be part of a team.” A highlight for me that day.

Phyllis Spragge reports that 100% of the Dental Hygiene Class of 2016 (the 50th graduating class) passed both the written national board exam and the WREB clinical board exam. Congratulations!

On Saturday night, I attended the Foothill Music Theatre's *Oh What a Beautiful Evening* retrospective featuring our talented students, community members, and staff. It was an aural delight and I could not contain my laughter at times.



From my seat... "Oh, what a beautiful evening" indeed!

Courageous Conversations

Monday, August 8, 2016

1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Hearthsider Lounge

Light snack will be provided.

All are welcomed: Students, faculty, classified professionals, and administrators

At the last Courageous Conversation, facilitator **Pat Hyland** suggested I recommend a favorite article for the college. I've been thinking long about this, and believe it may be more helpful for those who are interested in my thought process around issues of equity to read two documents I wrote more recently. One is a statewide equity report released on Juneteenth 2015. The other is a California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Legal Opinion. If you don't have time to read the entire documents, check out the Purpose section and the 10 recommendations in the League report, and the chart on page 25 of the Legal Opinion that summarizes the analytical rigor required when evaluating barriers to equal employment opportunities.



"It Begins With Us: The Case for Student Equity"

Community College League of California

<http://www.ccleague.org/files/public/Publications/EquityReport2015.pdf>



Legal Opinion 16-04: Sixteenth Advisory on Proposition 209 and Equal Employment Opportunity

<http://extranet.cccco.edu/Portals/1/Legal/Legal%20Opinions/Legal%20Opinion%2016-04%20-%20Prop%20209%20and%20EEO.pdf>

In Memory of **David Molgen...**

This week has been challenging for those of us who knew David Molgen, a long-time part-time faculty member who tragically died last week. Viewing is today (Friday) from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., followed by a burial at 11 a.m. (Darling-Fischer Garden Chapel in San Jose). I cannot attend due to a CEO meeting today and tomorrow, but we will make sure to have a Foothill representative.

We are starting a Memorial Fund drive in his honor. To donate, visit https://foundation.fhda.edu/how-to-give/donate_now.html. At the bottom of the form, indicate that this gift is in tribute of David. You may also send a check payable to FHDA Foundation and write David Moglen on the memo line, and mail or interoffice to the Foundation. All donations will be coded in his memory and placed into a holding account. If we reach \$25K, the Foundation will create a named scholarship fund. Or, if his family has certain financial needs, we will donate it to the family.

From all accounts, David was a phenomenal instructor and symbolizes the spirit of Foothill College.

Of Service,



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