



President's Communiqué

FROM THE DESK OF THUY THI NGUYEN

For Our Students

Greetings Foothill,

Our Associated Students of Foothill College is organizing an open forum on Monday at 12:00PM.

A vertical poster with a red background. At the top, the text "ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF FOOHILL COLLEGE" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters, flanked by two horizontal white lines. Below this, two American flags are crossed at their poles. The word "UNITED" is written in large, white, bold, italicized, uppercase letters across the flags. Underneath "UNITED", the text "FOOTHILL STUDENTS SPEAK UP!" is written in white, uppercase letters. Below that, the words "OPEN FORUM" are written in white, uppercase letters. A horizontal white line separates this from the event details: "MONDAY 11/14/2016", "CESAR CHAVEZ PLAZA", "(BUILDING 2000 CAMPUS CENTER)", and "12 PM - 1 PM", all in white, uppercase letters. Another horizontal white line follows. At the bottom, the text "Express your concerns about the United States Elections. Let your voice be heard!" is written in white. At the very bottom, there are social media icons and handles: Facebook (asfcpage), Instagram (asfcinsta), Snapchat (asfcsnap), Twitter (asfctweet), and the hashtag #ASFCCARES.

Several faculty and staff members have contacted me about students crying in class or showing high anxiety around the presidential election. Some faculty and staff have also talked to me about your own grieving moments.

This public forum by the students is an opportunity for students to express freely and peacefully their feelings about the presidential election. Please encourage students who wish to have an outlet to attend. ASFC will also set up peer-to-peer support groups in the ASFC office during the forum. I understand ASFC will also organize ongoing peer-to-peer support groups, and I will work with our counseling department to provide professional support for students and staff. Our Associated Students came up with the title "United, Foothill Students Speak Up" to let all students (including undocumented and Muslim students) know that they are not alone.

During our dinner gathering before the *Our Town* show (which by the way, was fantastic), a couple of faculty members volunteered to help me organize a panel of lawyers and community members to discuss immigration and deportation laws. More to come on that ...

Please join me:

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION

Group Discussion

Faculty, Staff, and Administrators ONLY

Tuesday, November 15

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Faculty/Staff Lounge (1900 Building)

I was not able to attend the post-election panel discussion, as a group of student veterans, staff, and I were at the Los Altos Rotary luncheon in honor of veterans. Dean **Kurt Hueg** texted me to inform me that there was a huge, overflowing turnout at the post-election panel, and people stayed well beyond the lunch hour to continue the discussion. Clearly, there is a lot of interest.



I want to express my deepest gratitude to all the faculty and staff who are providing opportunities for our students to express their feelings these past two days. As I previously mentioned, the election results has half the country ecstatic while the other half in pain. Although as a public entity we were

non-partisan during the election, we also need to recognize our students' genuine concerns for their safety and that of their families (whether justified or not) as they continue to pursue their educational goals at our college. We also need to reaffirm and communicate widely our steadfast commitment to inclusion and equity at Foothill.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thuy', written in a cursive style.

Thuy Thi Nguyen
President
Foothill College

650.949.7200
Twitter: @FoothillPrez
12345 El Monte Road
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022