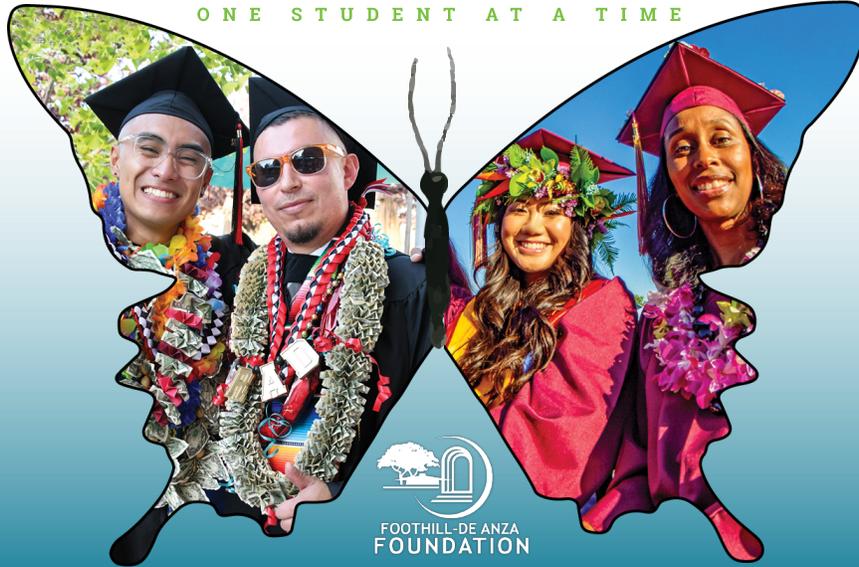


C H A N G I N G L I V E S

ONE STUDENT AT A TIME



The mission of the Foothill-De Anza Foundation is to change student lives by raising and investing funds to support the educational excellence of Foothill and De Anza colleges. Our Board of Directors and the Foothill College and De Anza College Commissions do this important work together. They are dedicated to promoting our colleges in the community and engaging in projects, activities and fundraising in direct support of student success.



Welcome

As always, we are pleased to share the work of the Foothill-De Anza Foundation with you – the incredible donors and friends who support our work, our community, and our students.

Just over a year ago, the foundation Board of Directors launched the “Hope initiative.” This effort is designed to provide additional support to our colleges to help meet students’ basic needs, including support for housing, food, and mental health services. Thanks to the generosity of our community and donors like you, we have already raised more than \$500,000.

But there is more work to be done, as our goal is to raise an additional \$2.5 million over the next two years! If you and/or your company or organization have not yet joined this effort, we would be grateful for your support, which goes directly to our students.

This last year, we also received a grant to partner with a well-respected firm to produce a series of videos about Foothill-De Anza’s incredible workforce programs. You can view the recently released video series here:



Our students represent the heart of Silicon Valley, and their stories are inspiring. Through your help, students are able to persevere in reaching their educational goals despite economic challenges, family emergencies, and the uncertainty of a post-COVID new normal.

Thank you for all you do to support this work.



Financials

Each year, supporters contribute to the students and programs that make Foothill-De Anza distinctive. The Foothill-De Anza Foundation is committed to transparency and accountability, and we work to ensure the greatest educational impact of every donor investment.

The Foundation invests its resources with Vanguard Institutional Advisory Services, which has been offering advisory and consulting services to more than a thousand clients for two decades representing more than \$66 billion.



Foothill-De Anza Foundation's fiscal year 2021 tax return and financial statements are available upon request. Email us at foundation@fhda.edu to obtain copies.





Foundation Support – Providing Opportunities to Students

It's Electric at De Anza!

Generous support from **Chancellor's Circle** donors will help provide students with reliable transportation while supporting the district's commitment to sustainability. Through a partnership with the Rotary Club of Cupertino's Climate Action Committee, Walk-Bike Cupertino, and the De Anza Student Government, we are adding electric bikes capable of traveling long distances at speeds up to 20 miles per hour to the existing fleet of loaner bicycles available to students. Many De Anza students live in San Jose and other neighboring cities, and a lack of reliable transportation can prevent them from completing their studies. The new e-bikes will help students like these commute to campus efficiently and safely, removing a barrier to student success and reducing emissions. We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Cupertino, BQuest Foundation, and you, our Chancellor's Circle members, for funding this project.

Experiential Learning from Paris to Guatemala

What is experiential learning, and why is it important? Experiential learning is the process of learning by doing. By engaging students in hands-on experiences and reflection, they are better able to connect lessons learned in the classroom to real-world situations, while earning college credit. Thanks to generous donors, Foothill and De Anza students who might never have experienced experiential learning had the opportunity to do so during trips to Paris and Guatemala. For some, it was the very first time traveling out of the country!

De Anza's Global Education Partnerships program sent 36 students to Paris this year to experience French history, culture, and language in an immersive environment. Twenty-one of the students received scholarships and would not have been able to go without the extra support.

"Without scholarship support, I would not be able to travel abroad for my education. I am currently working two jobs to support my family and pay for school. This is the first time I will travel to France, and I know this trip will enlighten and feed my creativity and love for learning."

– Andrea, De Anza Global Education Partnerships participant



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At Foothill, the Teacher Corps program partnered with nonprofit Dream Volunteers to send four students to Guatemala to teach English at the Colegio Young Dreamer Academy in Antigua for several months. This unique opportunity was made possible by Chancellor's Circle funding. In addition to having the chance to learn through teaching, students were able to take Spanish classes in Antigua and other Foothill classes online. Kaitlyn, one of the students who participated in the program, said, "It is incredibly important for me to be part of something that motivates young, receptive minds to latch onto one of the most spoken languages in the world, which could later foster new connections, knowledge and opportunities." Jayme, another Foothill student, described her time in Teacher Corps as a "once in a lifetime opportunity."



Photos by: Colegio Young Dreamers Academy

Foothill Students Experience Stanford University Through a Pilot Program

This summer, a group of 23 Foothill students attended an eight-week Stanford University summer session in a first-of-its-kind pilot program designed to help the university learn how to better serve low-income and first-generation college students. Chancellor's Circle donors provided each student a \$500 stipend to help cover the costs of books, transportation and food, and Stanford provided complete access to the campus, resources and events. At the end of the summer session, students participated in a focus group run by Stanford and provided valuable feedback and insights about their experience. When interim Foothill President Bernadine Chuck Fong met with students on the last day of classes, the students reported gains in self-confidence and self-esteem.

"Stanford summer session was an opportunity I am so grateful I had the chance to participate in. Coming from a financial background that wouldn't allow me to take even a single class from a university like Stanford, I appreciate Foothill's partnership and everyone who has been involved. The amount of thought that went into this program made me feel very valued and proved to me that top-tier universities are not unattainable."

– Aisha, Stanford summer session student



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