



Dear Foothill College Community,

On Friday, January 27, President Donald Trump signed an executive order imposing a 120-day suspension of refugee programs and a 90-day ban on travel to the U.S. from citizens of Iraq, Iran, Syria, Libya, Yemen, Somalia, and Sudan. We understand that for many of you this executive order may be unsettling and that you may be worried about the future of our international students.

We write to you as President of the Associated Students of Foothill College and President of Foothill College. As our college mission statement reminds us:

*“Foothill College offers programs and services that empower students to achieve their goals as members of the workforce, as future students and **as global citizens.**”*

Foothill College has a long tradition of recruiting students from around the world. International students have enriched our community, and we are committed to their safety and success regardless of national origin, ethnicity, or religious background. Despite the recent executive order, Foothill College remains a welcome campus for students, faculty, and visitors from across the globe.

Our college does have students from each of the affected countries. Foothill’s International Students Office is getting in touch with each of our affected students to offer support and guidance to them during this challenging time for them and their families. If you know of anyone who is being detained at any U.S. airport, please call the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Northern California hotline at 415.621.2488.

In accordance with the Foothill-De Anza Community College District board resolutions and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), we will not divulge personal information, including immigration status and country of origin, about our students to outside groups or law enforcement without a court order. We will also stand together as a community in support of all our students and oppose discriminatory actions that would affect a targeted few. Discrimination in any form is not tolerated at Foothill ([FHDA BP 4105](#)). If you witness or experience hate speech or behavior, please contact the Dean of Student Affairs and Activities, 650.949.7241.

Banned 7 Panel Discussion

February 2 (12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Appreciation Hall

Hosted by Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC)

This Thursday, the Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC) is hosting a *Banned 7* panel discussion with some of the students from the countries named in the executive



order. Despite the uncertainty our students are facing, they are willing to step forward and tell their personal stories. We hope you will join us at this important event.

It is important to keep in mind the valuable and far-reaching contributions our international students make to our mission. Foothill's international community benefits all of us by enhancing the diversity of our community, and adding to the richness of our cultural life.

Sincerely,

Ramiel Petros, President, Associated Students of Foothill College

Thuy T. Nguyen, President, Foothill College