

April 10, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

You can always tell the true character and spirit of an organization by its performance during times of crisis. We can safely say that the faculty and staff of Foothill College have proven that we are innovative, empathetic, and student-centered to the very core. Our work is being recognized nationally and statewide, and many colleges are looking to us for advice and ideas.



The work completed over the past five weeks has been nothing short of remarkable. The college has completely reinvented itself as a [virtual campus](#) and we will be as ready as we'll ever be when the 'doors open' on Monday.

Have a great "virtual" quarter, Foothill Family!

Comings & Goings

Congratulations to **Lené Whitley-Putz**, Foothill College's Dean of Instructional Technology, Online Learning!

Lené has been a contributing member of the Foothill College community in many capacities since 2008, early on as a communications faculty member, and then with the California Virtual Campus-Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI) as the Faculty Professional

Development Coordinator for Instructional Development. In her role with the CVC-OEI, she provided training and professional development to support the effective use of digital tools and platforms for the 114 California Community Colleges. Her work with @ONE, the professional development division of CVC-OEI, contributed to @ONE becoming a nationally recognized leader in online teaching and learning.

Before her work with @ONE, Lené taught writing and communication courses for colleges throughout Northern California, including Foothill, Cañada, CSU Monterey Bay, and UC Santa Cruz, where her interest in the intersection of writing skills and media led her to develop UCSC's first online writing course, "Writing Disney," an introduction to composition through the lens of race, class, and gender in the Disney corporation.

Lené earned her Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Composition/Writing Studies from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for her dissertation titled, *Calorie Counter Publics: Rhetoric in Fat Activist Practice*, and holds a BA and MA in English Language and Literature from California State University at Chico.



Lené is passionate about students and public education in California. She believes in pushing the envelope of technology to aid students and faculty in creating positive collaborations that help students achieve their academic goals.

When Lené isn't working on instructional technology or speaking at conferences, she can be found sewing and costuming for local high school musicals and the Half Moon Bay Coastal Repertory Theatre.



Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month is still happening, and a lot of virtual activities are planned. [See the full list.](#)

What's Happening This Week?

Monday, April 13

- [Spring quarter begins](#)

Tuesday, April 14

- [Lecture: Author May-Lee Chai](#)
- [UC Berkeley Rep Virtual Visit](#)
- [CSU East Bay Rep Virtual Visit](#)

Wednesday, April 15

- [Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Opening Ceremony](#)
- [Chancellor's Open Office Hour](#)
- [FIDM Rep Virtual Visit](#)

Thursday, April 16

- [Lecture: Author Sandip Roy](#)
- [Virtual Tea With President Thuy](#)

Friday, April 17

- [Yoga to Meditate & Relax](#)

In Other News...

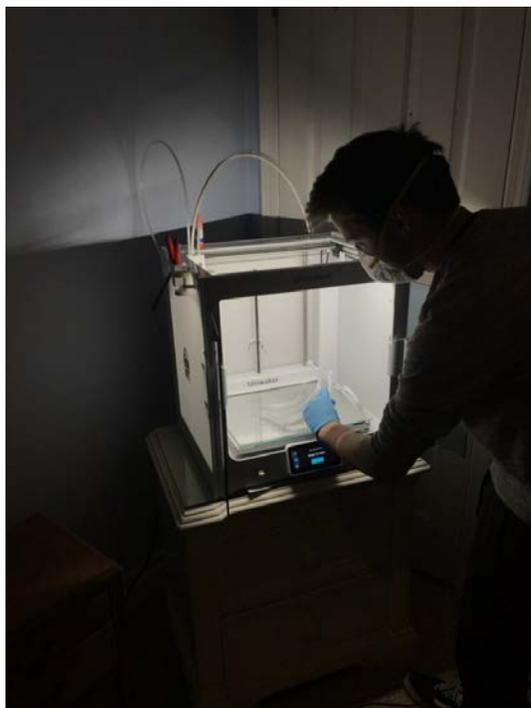
[Armed with breathing machines, respiratory therapists face coronavirus on the front line](#)

KCI Makerspace Prints Face Shield Headbands for Local Healthcare Providers

Since the March 14 closure of KCI's physical offices, makerspace staff have been busy developing partnerships, procuring materials, and prototyping products.

The makerspace's seven 3D printers are now being utilized to print headpieces for face shields through a partnership with Maker Nexus in Sunnyvale. The 3D printers are using a Prusa RC2 Headband design. Each run of the 3D printer produces 3 sets of headbands and support pieces, taking about 7 hours to print. At full capacity, KCI staff plan to produce almost 500 headpieces per week.

[Read the full article on the KCI website.](#)



Jeff Schinske Chosen as Co-Editor of Life Sciences Education

Congratulations to biology department chair **Jeff Schinske!** Jeff was recently selected as co-editor in chief of *Life Sciences Education*, a high-profile journal in science/STEM education. Jeff is the first community college editor of the journal and will bring that lens to the publication. You can [read more here](#) about Jeff and the journal.



Now Hiring Student Tech Ambassadors

The college is hiring technology ambassadors for spring quarter at \$16 per hour, 10-15 hours per week, to work April 13-June 26.

Ambassadors will provide support and technical assistance to students who are using software, hardware, or other computer systems in our Virtual Campus. [Get more info](#)



COVID-19 PSA Contest



Associated Students of Foothill College has created a competition for the student body to raise awareness on the impacts of the COVID-19 virus.

Students are encouraged to create a PSA focusing on one of four areas: Online Resources, Mental Health, Xenophobia, and Misinformation. The prize? \$500 for each category! The deadline to submit a PSA is Thursday, April 23. Additional details available on [the website](#).

Presidential Briefings Moving to Biweekly

Starting Monday, the President's Briefings will be held twice weekly: Mondays at 4 p.m. and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. Check your Outlook calendar for Zoom details. You can find archives of the briefings on the [website](#).

Choose Your Zoom Background

Looking for a new Zoom background? Graphic designer **Jerry Robredo** has added several images of the campus that you can use! Check them out on the [marketing website](#) and download one for your own use.



Archive of Flex Week Activities

Don't worry if you missed a Flex Week session. [Find an archive here](#) of all Flex Week activities.

Update Your Contact Info in the Directory

Did you know we have a [faculty and staff directory on the website](#)? Please make sure you add or update your name and contact information so students can find you. Photo is optional. For detailed instructions, visit the [Marketing Department website](#).

Weekly Quiz

A big shout out to **Kas Perreira**, **Lisa Eshman**, and **Robert Cormia** for correctly noting that the UC and CSU systems have relaxed their P/NP guidelines for winter, spring and summer of 2020.

For this week, please name the two online faculty support coordinators for the spring quarter. Send your answer to penningtonsimon@fhda.edu.

The *Foothill College Parliament* faculty & staff newsletter is published weekly. Have something you would like to share with the Foothill College community? Email [Vanessa Smith](mailto:Vanessa.Smith@foothill.edu).



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