

July 10, 2020



Foothill College Virtual Graduation 2020

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first virtual commencement ceremony a success! Special thank you to **Leticia Maldonado, Dean of Student Affairs** and the entire Student Affairs team. If you missed the celebration, you can watch the recording on our [YouTube channel](#).

Harambee Black Grad and Umoja Recognition Celebration

Congratulations to our 2019-20 graduating and transferring students of Black/African heritage, honored by our Foothill College African American Network of faculty and staff with this special [Harambee video celebration](#).



Division Awards and Scholarships

From Valerie Fong:

Please visit the [Language Arts Awards webpage](#) listing this year's recipients of the Achievement Awards and Special Scholarships, including the Anne Paye Award (\$500), the Nancy Schrier Award (\$1000), the Jason Whitten Memorial Award (\$1000), and the Fred M. McClure Award (2@\$500).

This year, each nominating faculty sent an email directly to their students, which included a personal message from the faculty, a formal letter from the dean, and an award certificate. In addition, Achievement Award recipients each received a \$25 token of appreciation. Students were invited to view and share the webpage with their family and friends.

Thank you **Robin Latta** for your important work with our incredibly supportive donors, who make it possible for us to honor our students in this way. Impressed by what they saw of our students at the EOPS celebration, the donors of the Jason Whitten Award gave an additional \$1000 to this year's recipient.

Thank you also to **Ru Yu Chen**, who coordinated the logistics and created the certificates, and **Julie Ceballos**, who created the webpage.

STEM & BSS Division Awards

Thanks to **Julie Ceballos** who also created pages for the [STEM](#) and [BSS Divisions](#). Visit their webpages to see recordings of the events and student scholarship winners.

Classified Senate Election Results

Congratulations to our newly elected Classified Senate officers!

Christine Mangiameli: Treasurer

Catalina Rodriguez: Campus Center

Jackie Lauese: SRC, Library, TLC

Danmin Deng: Admin, ISP, Marketing

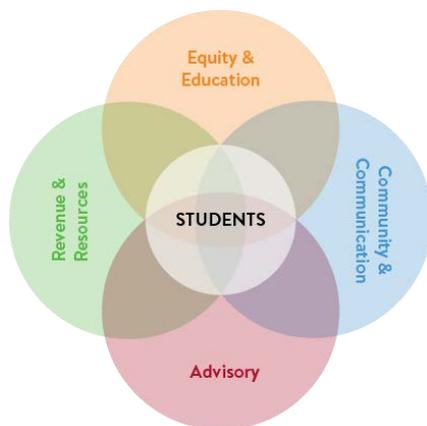
Jerry Robredo: Instruction

Itzel Sanchez, Chris Chavez, Manuel Diaz-Alvarez: Student Services

Mike Mohebbi: President Elect

Also, let's also welcome our new Classified Senate President for 2020-21, **Josh Pelletier!**

Governance Updates



Advisory Council:

The College Advisory Council (AC) met on June 12. They discussed our response to the COVID-19 emergency and recommended that shutdown protocols should be included in the College Masterplan 2030. The tri-chairs led a far-reaching discussion about the role of governance and how we should focus our attention and resources in 2020-21. Finally, the group reviewed the 2019-20 Strategic Objectives, Equity, Enrollment, and Service Leadership (Program Review and Ed Masterplan 2030 were moved to the 2020-21 agenda due to COVID-19). The group agreed that enrollment would probably not need to be a focus in 2020-21. All agreed that we had made progress with our Equity 2.0 plan and we look forward to implementation and

development in the new academic year. Service Leadership has continued to be a focus for students and faculty (with the third RSL Symposium taking place virtually this year), but we still need to fully embrace SL as an institution. More to come next year!

Combined Advisory Council/Revenue and Resources Meetings (AC/R&R):

The combined AC/R&R councils met on June 5, 12, 19, and 26. The main focus for these meetings was a far-reaching discussion surrounding holding hires (four, initially) and whether or not the councils recommend that the college hire all open faculty, staff, and administrative positions. At the June 5 meeting, the councils voted to recommend that all open faculty positions be filled and a memo reflecting this recommendation was sent to President Nguyen on June 8.

On June 12, the councils reviewed all open staff and administrative positions and agreed to reconvene for a vote on June 19. In addition, the councils began a conversation around guiding principles to clearly state our values and focus in the context of any upcoming budget discussions.

At the June 19 meeting the councils voted unanimously to recommend that the college hire all

open classified positions (with the exception of the two KA positions already identified in May) and all open administrative positions (with the exception of the Dean of LRC position identified in May and the AVP of Marketing/Communication and Dean of KA/FAC positions; these two positions were allowed to extend their interim status until June 30, 2021).

Finally, on June 26, the councils continued their work on developing guiding principles. The group met in sub-groups which are currently drafting principles to bring back to the larger group later in July.

The combined AC/R&R group will meet next on Monday, July 20, from 9:30-11 a.m. For all council meeting minutes, memos and info, visit the [governance website](#).

Summer Tutoring Hours

The TLC and STEM Center are open for tutoring this summer. Please help spread the word.

STEM Center (accounting, chemistry, CS, economics, math, physics, all levels)
Open through August 6
M-Th: 12 - 4 p.m.

Teaching & Learning Center (reading and writing support for all subjects)
Open through August 21
Drop-in tutoring (through Aug 6): M-Th 12 - 4 p.m.
NCEL Conversation Groups: M 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; W 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For more info about services and how to get to the Tutoring Zoom Room in Canvas, visit the [tutoring website](#).



You're invited to a summer professional development extravaganza! Join your colleagues July 21-23 for a series of workshops designed to enhance your courses and programs for fall. [Register now](#).

Employee Assistance Program

The Employee Assistance Program offers counseling and other resources to all district employees. Call the toll-free number, or [visit the EAP website](#), to schedule five in-person visits with a counseling professional--at no cost.



ASFC is hosting another Student Town Hall on Tuesday, July 14, from 12-1:30 p.m. Please join us for a discussion on concerns surrounding the Foothill-De Anza Police Department and recent ICE updates that affect international students. We will be featuring student and faculty panels, followed by an open discussion forum during which audience members can participate. [See the website for details.](#)

Anti-Racism Library Guide



Laura Gamez, Mary Thomas and Micaela Aguyare have created an [anti-racist library guide](#) which showcases a collection that has been carefully developed over many years and shows library staff's commitment to the work of racial equity.

Laura added, "As a library we realize that reading a book or watching a film doesn't necessarily absolve any of us or anyone from the community of doing the work that needs to be done in order to reach a just society, but we hope it's a start towards education and action."

Please take a look and share with others who may be interested.



The TechCore Summer Institute, hosted by the Science Learning Institute (SLI), is a free three-week online program open to graduating high school seniors and equivalency earners exploring the field of computer science for the first time. TechCore runs August 10-28. [Deadline has been extended.](#)

Exploring the Community College Transfer Program

Transfer Center counselor **Cleve Freeman** is a panelist on the upcoming webinar ""What Now? Exploring the Community College Transfer Program." The webinar is a collaboration with Parent Ventures, a nonprofit that usually hosts educational events for parents at Menlo-Atherton High School.

Please share the information with anyone who may be interested. The webinar takes place Thursday, July 23, from 12-1 p.m. [Register here](#)

Song of the Week

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pU9JAvZGalg>

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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