

The Parliament

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | WINTER QUARTER



January 8, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

The Parliament hopes that you and your loved ones had a relaxing and restorative winter break.

It is exciting to be serving our students again, but the events of Wednesday, Jan. 6, are a sobering reminder that our nation has much work to do as we look deep into our collective soul and decide what kind of country we want to be. Foothill College stands firmly on the side of social justice, equity, and opportunity for all. Thank you to all the instructors who have made space in their classes so students can talk about their feelings and to every staff member who has regular contact with students; our students have expressed their gratitude for your support and empathy.

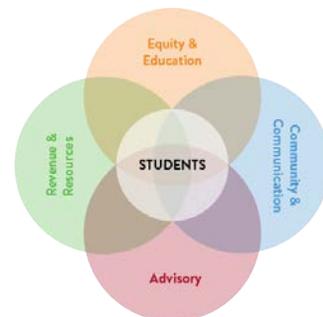
We have a packed Parliament today, so please take the time to catch up on everything taking place across campus and remember, the Parliament needs your stories! Please reach out if you want to promote an upcoming event or just want to share what you are up to.

Let us hope that the year only gets better from now on!

Governance

The shared governance councils got back to work today. Please go to the [Governance home page](#) to keep up with all the scheduled meetings. You'll find meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and supporting documents as well.

The assessment of our shared governance process is under way as we speak. We should have a full report (prepared by the RP Group) by May. In addition, Foothill will host a Collegiality in Action training from the ASCCC and Community College League on Feb. 5. The representatives from the ASCCC and Community College League will lead the governance councils through an overview of state law, state regulations, and shared governance guidelines.



Guided Pathways Update

The GP Team wishes you a happy and safe New Year! Thank you to all who have participated in recent events and are committed to helping make Foothill College a *Student Ready*, equitable institution.



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PATHWAYS**

This quarter, our GP Leadership Team needs the entire campus community to join us for Mapping events, contribute to our teams (Onboarding, Communication, Data & Tech), and help us facilitate student success from connection, to entry, through progress, to completion.

In the meantime, we offer these valuable resources to help you better understand the framework of Guided Pathways:

[Guided Pathways Demystified](#)

[Guided Pathways Demystified II](#)

Visit our [GP Resources Page](#) for a Guided Discussion PPT on these two articles!

And we hope you will join us for our **Program Mapping Presentation on Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. with Guided Pathways Regional Coordinator Amal Amanda Issa**. Bring your ideas, curiosity, and questions to this discussion on program mapping and how it aims to highlight all disciplines in pursuit of pathway clarity for all students. Check your Outlook calendars for the invitation and contact a [Guided Pathways](#) lead with questions.

Leadership for Society: Race and Power Webinar Series

What role does race play in our society? How does race affect our daily lives?

Join *Leadership for Society: Race and Power*, a multi-week webinar series hosted by Stanford Graduate School of Business professor **Brian Lowery**, which aims to deepen our collective awareness of the role of race in society in the United States and around the world.



[View the full speaker schedule](#)

The conversations will be available live on Mondays at 6:15 p.m. [Register to attend](#) any or all of the live webinars. All are welcome.

Students Train for Contact Tracing Corps

Foothill's Contact Tracing & Case Investigation course, taught by **Dr. Rebecca Ryan**, officially began through Community Education last fall. Currently, the Contact Tracing Corps has 11 members with eight active volunteers and three students currently in the training process to become contact tracers. The program is made possible by Chancellor's Circle funds from the [Foothill-De Anza Foundation](#).



[Meet the Contact Tracing Corps](#)

Open Letter Student Town Hall

In October 2020, a coalition of students released an open letter to our shared governance councils, outlining 12 demands on how to improve equity and racial justice at Foothill College.



ASFC voted to endorse this letter and engage with the Coalition on Racial Equity (CORE) in conversation on the issues presented in the letter. Join the town hall on **Tuesday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** to hear from the authors of the letter and students from CORE, and faculty, staff and administration involved. Visit the website for Zoom details.

Virtual Club Day Next Wednesday

Students can register now for Winter 2021 Virtual Club Day! More than 30 clubs are active in the virtual space. Please encourage students to join and get involved.

Club Day is **Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 1-2:30 p.m.** Registration required.



STEM Dean Office Hours

STEM Dean Ram Subramaniam, Ph.D., will hold office hours for students Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m.

Students can join via Zoom at <https://fhda-edu.zoom.us/j/6548219204>. Please help spread the word.

Foothill Walks & Talks

Many of you probably have a New Year's resolution to be more active.....and here is a fun way to do that.

Would you like to **take a break** during your busy work day, **be more active**, and **build community** with your Foothill colleagues?

Then join us for
FOOTHILL WALKS AND TALKS!



Our next **walk** is Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 12-1 p.m. (or really anytime during the week). The podcast is [Code Switch: Family Stories, Family Lies](#).

To record your walks and encourage your colleagues, join the Foothill Walk

& Talks group on Strava.

Then join us for a **Happy Hour talk** on Friday, Jan. 15, 5-6 p.m. BYO beverage and one thing you found interesting from the podcast!

Ram Subramaniam and Valerie Fong
FH Walks & Talks Organizers

Learning Resource Center Services

The LRC offers FREE drop-in online tutoring via Zoom. Faculty and peer tutors are scheduled throughout the day to help students one-on-one in many subjects and topics. Please help spread the word and visit the [LRC Canvas page](#) for a full list of our services, operating hours, and instructions for accessing the tutoring room.



Dental Assisting Apprenticeship Approved

Foothill College has a new apprenticeship program! The Dental Assistant Apprenticeship submission received approval today from the Division of Apprenticeship Standards. Thank you **Chris Allen**, Dean of Apprenticeships, and **Cara Miyasaki**, Dental Assisting Program Chair, for your work on creating this innovative apprenticeship pathway for our students.



Miloni Gandhi Featured on Podcast

Faculty member **Miloni Gandhi, Ph.D.**, was recently a guest on the podcast *Beyond the Resume*, which features career advice for those looking to start a new career, make a change, or just hear fresh perspectives on the world of work. Miloni is featured in episode 4.

Miloni Gandhi



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[Listen to the podcast](#)

Culture Clatter Performances on YouTube

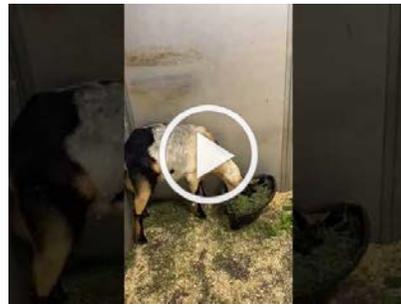
Don't worry if you missed *Culture Clatter*, featuring short plays by local playwrights of color. All three performances are available on the [college YouTube channel](#)!



R.I.P. Ethel the Goat

We're sad to report that **Ethel the Goat**

had to be euthanized recently. Ethel was a major part of the Vet Tech program and brought joy to many students and staff. Here's a [short video](#) of her enjoying a meal on campus.



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