

The Parliament

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | SPRING QUARTER



May 14, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

This week, the Science Learning Institute hosted the last installment of our **COVID-19 Vaccination** series. These excellent sessions emphasized the importance of getting everyone vaccinated as soon as possible. While Foothill-De Anza is not mandating vaccination for all students at this point in time, Foothill College is engaged in a campaign to encourage everyone to get vaccinated. To support this effort, **Angela Su** and **Dean Ram Subramaniam** have engaged with Walgreens, one of our Pharmacy Tech partners, to offer a May 22 vaccination clinic at Foothill! Please encourage students and colleagues to **make an appointment** now as we only have 150 spots. The second vaccination is scheduled for June 12. If demand is high enough, we will schedule another round of vaccinations.

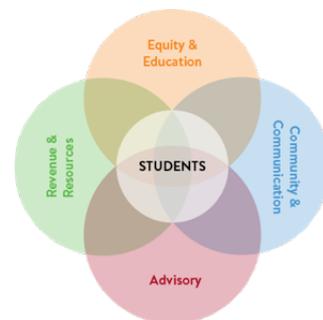
Looking at the calendar below, you'll see phenomenal opportunities to connect with the campus community. Please support the **API month activities** and be sure to attend as much of the annual **Research and Service Leadership Symposium** as you can. **Allison Herman** and **Mike McCusker** have done a brilliant job organizing the event; this year, in addition to science, business, and community service presentations, you'll get a chance to enjoy art projects as well. Drop in and be inspired.

The Parliament wishes you and your loved ones a relaxing and rejuvenating weekend. Take a walk, read a book, and turn the music up loud!

Governance

Return to Campus Council

This week's RTC looked at pool use for Community Education. The pool will remain closed for fall and its opening plans revisited in October. The committee approved the Library's fall reopening plan. Supplemental tutorial sessions for spring 2021 were also discussed, and that conversation will continue next week.



Governance Memos

5.7.21 **President Nguyen Memo re: Shared Governance Task Force**

Please visit the [governance website](#) for meeting minutes, agendas and memos from President Nguyen in response to recommendations/memos from the shared governance councils.

What's Happening Next Week?

Sunday, May 16

- Grad Student Speaker Application Deadline

Monday, May 17

- API Heritage Month: Generation Rising
- Student Mental Health Panel
- Art Spotlight & Open Mic

Tuesday, May 18

- Chinatown Rising Excerpts & Discussion with Co-Director Josh Chuck
- Zoom Fatigue with Dr. Paul Marcille
- Student Town Hall: Immigration
- Inter Club Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 19

- UC Merced Rep Visit
- Art & Wellness: Zentangle
- Turkish Poet Mete Ã–zel
- Movies for Mental Health

Thursday, May 20

- Research & Service Leadership Symposium
- ASFC Campus Council Weekly Meeting
- LGBTQ Awareness with Q Corner

Friday, May 21

- STEM Alumni Panel
- Mental Health Stigma & COVID-19 with Abraham Sculley

May 17-21 is Mental Health Awareness Week



Psychological Services staff and wellness ambassadors have teamed up with De Anza to put together a robust program for Mental Health Awareness Week.

Visit the [Psychological Services website](#) for event information and to register.

Check out the Owl's Nest Podcast

Student outreach ambassadors **Julie Ahmed** and **Jimmy Hawkins** have been doing amazing work with their Owl's Nest Podcast to promote Foothill College



events and programs. Most recently, they have shared their experiences with the COVID-19 vaccine and interviewed staff on vaccinations and the return to campus.

Check out the Owl's Nest on the [Foothill College Instagram](#) account.

Year-End Celebrations



Graduation is June 25, but there are other year-end celebrations throughout the next few weeks.

Visit the website for a full list of [year-end celebrations](#). Contact event organizers for details or check your Outlook calendars for invitations.

Join the RSL Symposium on May 20



You're Invited to the 4th Annual Research and Service Leadership Symposium! Join us virtually on Thursday, May 20, for a full day of presentations, art exhibits, and creative performances. Get to know what Foothill students and faculty are doing "on campus" and in the community, and VOTE for the project with the greatest impact in the new Viewer's Choice Award.

- [Zoom to the event](#)
- [More information and schedule](#)

Business & Social Sciences 2021 Scholarship Application



Any student who has completed 24 units at Foothill with at least 8 units from any of the BSS disciplines and minimum GPA of 2.6 can apply for a BSS Scholarship.

Awards will be based on financial need and evidence of commitment to academic success or a direct contribution to the enrichment of Foothill College or local or global communities.

The deadline to submit the [application form](#) is 5 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2021.

Awardees will be notified by email and invited to attend the Business and Social Sciences Awards of Excellence ceremony on June 11, 2021. Contact **Dr. Tiffany**

Rideaux at rideauxtiffany@fhda.edu if you have questions.

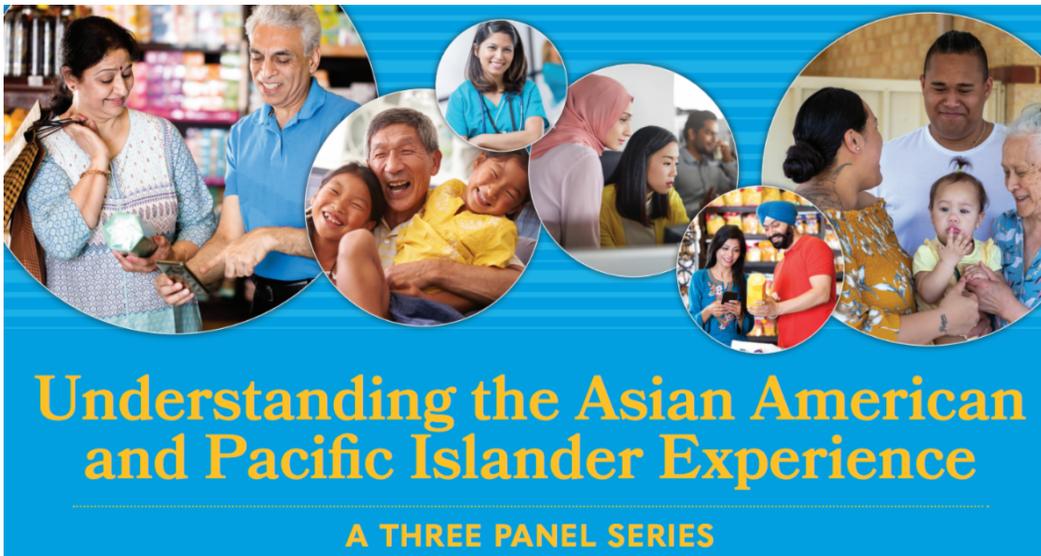
Please encourage students to fill out the application form. [More info](#)

Mountain View Mayor Ellen Kamei to Visit for API Heritage Month



Mountain View Mayor **Ellen Kamei** and ASFC President-elect **Fatai Heimuli** will discuss their identities, backgrounds and passion for service learning on Tuesday, May 25, at 11 a.m.

Email [Veronica Casas Hernandez](#) to RSVP.



Asian Americans for Community Involvement ([AACI](#)) and county supervisor Joe Simitian are hosting a three-part series of panel discussions, *Understanding the Asian American and Pacific Islander Experience*, that will feature a diverse group of AAPI leaders and community members from across the country.

President Nguyen will be a panelist for the May 27 panel *Notions of Identity*. For more info and to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/understandingaapi>.

Puente Scholarship Fund

Dear Colleagues, Friends, and Family:

On March 5, 2021, we lost Gabriel Figueroa to leukemia. Gabriel was a Foothill College Puente student, a loving son, a devoted disciple of God, a dedicated student, a friend, a musician, and so much more. This loss moved the Puente Cohort of 2019-2020 in ways that many may never know unless I share. Here is one story of many. After Gabriel's passing, a Puente student who had left the program in spring 2020 quarter, returned in the spring of 2021. Upon his return, this student explained that Gabriel's passing had moved him to tears and to action. He recognized Gabriel's dedication to his education and said he was returning to college to follow the path that Gabriel had been on but was not able to finish.

Another student shared that she admired Gabriel's devotion to God and that his example had placed her on a more spiritual path.

Then, on Friday May 7, we lost another Puente student from the same cohort, Reymundo Santibanes. Reymundo played on the Foothill Football team. He was a quiet student but was dedicated to his studies, to his girlfriend and to football. We are still processing his loss.

In memory of both Gabriel and Reymundo, the Puente Club along with the 2019-2020 Puente Cohort, is establishing a Puente Scholarship fund. The goal is to raise funds to offer a Puente Scholarship each year to a promising male Puente student. The details of the scholarship will be announced at our Puente End of the Year Celebration/Reconocimiento on Friday June 4th.

If you are interested in making a donation to this new Puente Scholarship, please follow these steps:

- click the below link to make a tax deductible contribution

<https://secure.donationpay.org/fhda/>

It is important that you complete the form designating your gift to Foothill. Next to Other, you will note OLA/Puente. And next to In Memory of, you will note Gabriel Figueroa and Reymundo Santibanes. I have attached a screenshot to show you how to complete the form before you submit it.

Also a Go Fund Me page has also been set up by Diana Hichum for the Santibanes Family to pay for Reymundo's funeral costs. Here is the link to make a donation. <https://gofund.me/2d7666b9>

Thank you all for your consideration and support. Please feel free to share this email with all.

Sincerely,

The Puente Club
Puente Club Advisor
Maritza Jackson Sandoval



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