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### **Welcome to Fall Quarter beginning Sept. 21!**

These are the two graphics that you need to know for this coming week. You will receive a QR code for the schedule of activities and events for the first *three* days of our academic year: district day, Foothill's flex day, and Foothill's opening day early this week. However, I am attaching Friday's Opening Day activities below. **All three activities are on campus, beginning in the Smithwick Theater Plaza at 8 am** (De Anza no longer has a large convening space so all district activities are at Foothill). *Theater performance masking protocols are in place: speakers on stage may be unmasked but the audience is to be masked.* All three days are considered "regular workdays" and not optional attendance days.

It does not seem that long ago that we hosted our first in person graduation since Covid and now the summer has passed and we are ready to start our fall term. I hope that you have had a chance to have a vacation or staycation. This summer has also afforded a number of activities and preparation to take place. For one, our *Global Experiential Learning* program (formally Campus Abroad) is about to launch with Florence, Italy to be our study site in Spring 2023 and London in Fall 2023. There is a session on this revitalized program during Flex Day, Sept. 22. We also launched our *Metaverse Institute* with 20 +/- faculty and staff volunteers who wanted to explore the uses of virtual reality in their work. They will be doing a demonstration and sharing the fruits of their work on Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Last week we resumed Foothill's once traditional onboarding for new faculty and leadership retreat in Half Moon Bay. And for the first time since Covid, our enrollment is in the plus rather than negative column, though we can't say we have caught up, yet, to pre-Covid numbers.

This year marks the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Foothill's founding charter which established the then Foothill College District (De Anza was established 10 years later). When our campus was built and opened its doors to students in 1961, (the first Foothill classes were held in 1958 in an old high school in Mountain View) it was widely acclaimed as an architectural achievement which lay the foundation for Foothill's legacy of innovation and distinctiveness. This central theme is with us today.

Look forward to seeing you beginning **Wed. at 8 am for our District Day and then the succeeding Flex and Opening days on Thursday and Friday, also at 8 am**, respectively. We are welcoming "new" faculty and staff hired during the "Covid-shelter-in-place era," as well as our newly hired faculty tenure class. In addition, we have some surprises planned for you. The Opening Day schedule for Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> is also below. *Watch for the QR code for the other events on Wed. and Thurs. early next week.*



- 8:00-8:30            **Check in** (pick up nametags) and continental breakfast  
Convene in Smithwick Plaza
- 8:45-9:00            **Welcome and land acknowledgement** (Smithwick Theater - *theater performance*  
*masking protocols are in place: speakers on stage may be unmasked but the audience to*  
*be masked*)
- 9:00-9:30            **Back to the Future** ----- and Introduction of new full-time faculty and staff hired since  
2019 (Covid's shelter-in-place)
- 9:30-10:30            **"The mentor mindset: The new science of student success"** and Q&A  
Prof. David Yeager, Developmental Psychology, UT Austin; his research sits in the intersection  
of developmental, social, personality, and educational psychology: "A good way to understand  
the system of forces affecting behavior and development is to try to change it."
- 10:30-11:30/12:00
- **Prof. Yeager** invites those who wish to have a small group discussion and **join community of practice** to remain in the theater
  - Foothill's **Metaverse Institute**: faculty and staff presentation in Appreciation Hall
  - Optional **free time**
- 12:00-1:30            **Lunch –Back to the Future** menu (Library Quad)  
AND  
Ice Cream Truck  
Popcorn  
Photo booths  
Bubble blowing  
Animal Assisted Happiness (returning by popular demand)
- 1:30 – 4:30            **Division/Dept meetings**

Best regards,

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