



President's Communiqué

FROM THE DESK OF THUY THI NGUYEN

Brag-Worthy

Greetings Foothill,

Josh Rosales (*former ASFC president, now student at UCLA and here for the summer*) gave me a tour of Foothill as I wanted to know where students hang out. It was then that I ran into **Ramiel Petros**, our new ASFC president!

Ramiel is back from the Anthropology Summer Abroad program. He told me how faculty **Sam Connell** showed him (while they were still in Ireland!) the President's Communiqué where I talked about the program. Ramiel inquired about the other communiqués.

All six communiqués, including the popular PokéStop map of Foothill, are posted on the updated President's webpage: <https://www.foothill.edu/president/>

On the President's webpage, you can also find the Educational Master Plan (EMP) and Student Equity Plan. Additionally, there are the College Strategic Objectives that I developed with the President's Cabinet & Admin Council earlier this month. The purpose of the four strategic objectives is to operationalize the Educational Master Plan on an annual basis, thus enabling the college to make progress toward implementing its EMP while providing organizational focus and direction.

During the meeting with the Admin Council, I also asked the team to provide me with facts that are braggable about Foothill. It was a long list which I will use as talking points when I go out into the community. Last week, for instance, I addressed the Los Altos Hills City Council and mentioned two braggables: our inaugural baccalaureate class & the new Sunnyvale Center which I look forward to updating you in the next President's Communiqué.

I asked the Admin Council to rank the Top 10 most braggables. These are three honorable mentions:

(1) Police Chief **Ron Levine** informed us that Foothill is ranked the number 1 safest California college/university and number 2 safest in the country.



(2) STEM Summer Camp had approximately 1,800 seats for middle and high school students, with over 400 of them receiving scholarships this summer.(Special thanks to **Oxana Pantchenko**, the summer faculty, Family Engagement Institute, and the Foundation!)



Recognize these 3 D prints by the STEM students?

(3) The past academic year 2015-16, \$15 million in financial aid was provided to over 6,500 students. Was told that we have an incredible Financial Aid Director, **Kevin Harral**. Thanks to him and his team, we have no negative audit findings.



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

Check out "I Can Afford College" by YouTube magician Zack King for the State Chancellor's Office.

If these are just the honorable mentions, imagine the ones that made Top 10 which I will share with you in future communiqués. Surely, at other colleges, these honorable mentions would have made Top 10.

Bon Voyage Reception for Dr. Kimberlee Messina

President's Conference Room (1901)

Wednesday, August 24

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Come by and say thank-you to Kimberlee for her service to the college, and bon voyage as she goes to San Mateo CCD to be its Interim Vice Chancellor for Education Services.

Celebration of Life for David Moglen

Evergreen Valley College Theater

Friday, August 26

3:15 p.m

I received an invitation from a dear colleague, Evergreen Valley College President Dr. Henry Yong. David's siblings and father, as well as his wife and 2 young daughters, will attend. David was also a part-time faculty member at Evergreen.

I had an opportunity a couple of weeks ago to speak entirely in Vietnamese (or M̃yNameese, akin to Spanglish) with his wife who is Vietnamese American. Although I have never met David, she told about how he was so proud and showed her the newspaper article about my appointment. She called to request that funds go to help the family financially; he was the only breadwinner in the family and they have two young children.

Many thanks to **Kurt Hueg** who has been coordinating with the Foundation to reroute the funds. A *GoFundMe* account has also been set up for those looking to donate: gofundme.com/DavidMoglenEVC. Additional thanks to **Lan Truong, Teresa Ong**, counselors **Anita Vazifdar** and **Maritza Jackson Sandoval** and the rest of the counseling team for providing grief counseling. I would also like to express my appreciation for economics faculty members **Jay Patyk** and **Brian Evans** for taking over David's summer class. Grief counseling will be available during the Fall for our students and employees.

Please let me know if you plan to attend the *Celebration of Life*, as I will do so this Friday.

Of Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thuy', written in a cursive style.

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