



President's Communiqué

FROM THE DESK OF THUY THI NGUYEN

Inertia & College Opening Day

Greetings Foothill,

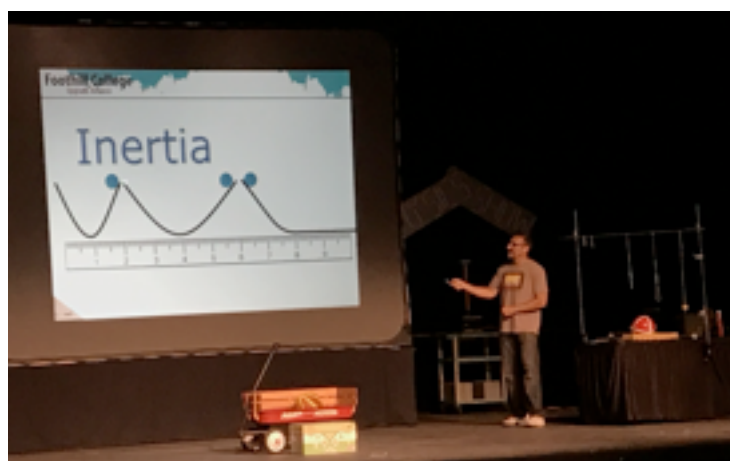
Probably because he knows I would enjoy watching our scholar athletes in action, as I did at the football and volleyball games, Athletic Director **Mike Teijeiro** sent me a video of our soccer team on the field with students from Willow Oaks School (East Palo Alto/Menlo Park). The students were on campus for a field trip to see the Physics Show, now in its eleventh season. This year, physics professors **Frank Cascarano** and **David Marasco**, and their students **Rachel Major** and **Bryan Manuele**, will invite 4,000 students from Title I schools to attend the show, which provides them with early exposure to science.

The San Jose Mercury News covered the show and gave it rave reviews, "Physics Show a smashing success with students" (<http://bayareane.ws/2cSgIgn>).

My family and I went to see it this weekend and they already want to go next year! For this once pre-med student, I can't wait.

As I listened to **Frank** and **David** explain the concept of inertia, my mind could not help but drift to our Opening Day this Friday and Newton's First Law (the law of inertia):

An object at rest stays at rest and an object in motion stays in motion with the same speed and in the same direction unless acted upon by an unbalanced force.



We have a renewed opportunity, starting with College Opening Day this Friday and the new academic year, to create such a positive force – a force that could change the trajectory for our college and our students in transformative ways.

I look forward to welcoming you on Friday. The Professional Development Committee led by **Ben Stefonik, Jeff Anderson, Karen Smith, and Judy Baker** have put together a meaningful program for us.

The agenda starts at 8 am with breakfast and includes a student panel discussion. We will have five breakout sessions and division/department meetings. The breakout sessions have an overall theme of creating a *culture of inclusion* at Foothill: gender identity, the ethic of love, website redesign that speaks the language of our students, and online student engagement. For those who wish to tour the Sunnyvale Ed Center, make sure to RSVP with MohebbiMike@fhda.edu.

A full program description and logistics info can be found on the [President's Website](#).

Of Service,

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

Sincerely,
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