



President's Communiqué

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Happy New Year, Foothill!

In case you missed the last communiqué...

Foothill College, No. 1 Community College in California

2017 Best Community Colleges

(<https://colleges.niche.com/rankings/best-community-colleges/s/california>)

There are 113 community colleges in California. Although there are different rankings out there, it's still not a bad way to start 2017. This year also marks the 60th anniversary of Foothill College!

As we return from winter break, I would like to thank our counseling and student services team for working during the winter break to register students.

Our marketing team has also been working hard to promote classes. We are making a big push for winter and spring enrollment due to soft enrollment last summer and fall, and the unavoidable ending of early summer this year. Please help us encourage students to see the value of continuing their education or taking one or two more courses (and reaping the \$ benefits of full-time status).

We encourage you to share our numerous social media posts on your own personal account. Over the break, I re-tweeted announcements promoting the chemistry of cooking, screen printing/wearable art, Japanese and Spanish languages, hip hop dance, child development, anthropology for tech, and "planets for tourists" – just to name a few. I would love to take some of these courses, but for now, I'll enjoy visiting classes instead.

Many thanks to a group of approximately 25 faculty, staff, students, and administrators who met with me before winter break on what needs to be done to support further our undocumented and Muslim students. This was an article in the *Palo Alto Weekly*, which included an interview of me. Apparently the reporter attended the Immigration Law panel, and she interviewed me afterwards. The article also included links to the two board resolutions that Chancellor **Judy Miner** mentioned in her December email.

<http://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2016/12/15/before-trump-takes-office-schools-look-to-protect-undocumented-students>

For both winter and spring quarters, we hope to put on a series of activities on "*Teaching Moments from the U.S. Presidential Election*". We will send out dates for such activities via Outlook. There are enough topics to fill the calendar, including this first one here.

- Friday, January 20 (12 noon-1 pm) – Commission of **Mural "The Dream by Foothill College Dreamers"** & Public Forum
- Friday, February 3 (8 am-12 noon) – College Assembly (a.k.a., convocation) on **Service Leadership**

- Wednesday, February 22 (12:30 pm-2 pm at Foothill) and Thursday, February 23 (12:30 pm-2 pm at Sunnyvale Center) – **Districtwide Conversation on Revenue Generation**

Approximately 200 Foothill employees attended the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) training in the last two months. Impressive! Thank you! In a related note, I am hosting a campus tour for interested faculty candidates. If you know anyone who might be interested, please forward the attached flyer.

Lastly, our Veterinary Technology program gave me a 2017 calendar with pictures of our adorable resident animals.



The first three people to email me in response to this communiqué will get complimentary calendar and donation made in their honor. Proceeds go to support the program, so email me. Thanks for reading this far.

Happy 2017!

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