



# President's Communiqué

FROM THE DESK OF THUY THI NGUYEN

## Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Foothill College!

Four days and 60 years ago on January 15, 1957, the local community members voted to create a community college district with Foothill College. ASFC President **Ramiel Petros** gave me a 35-year old report (pictured below) he found in the student archives. I have been enjoying reading the old report about Foothill-De Anza CCD, with pictures of students and district leadership then. It was clear even then that the college district is one of the premier districts in the state.



So much has happened in 60 years, including Foothill offering online courses. Our innovative Dean of Online Learning **Judy Baker** informed me that Foothill is ranked #1 College for Best Online Associate Degrees in California (and #7 in the country) by BestColleges.com.

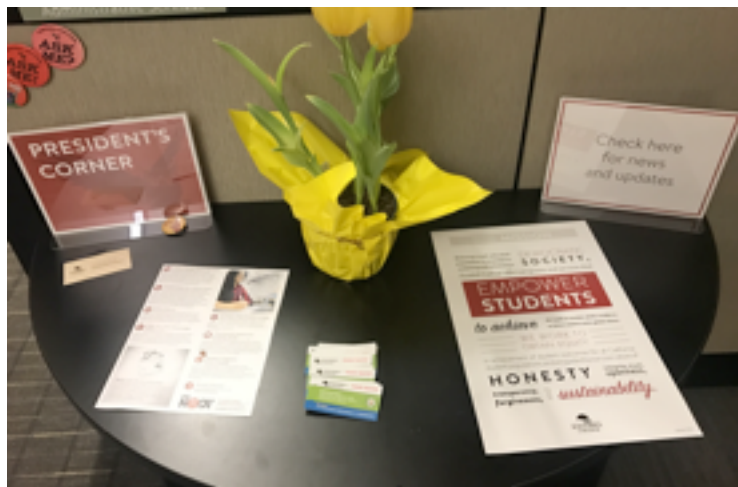
"The Best Online Colleges of 2017"

<http://www.bestcolleges.com/features/top-online-schools/>

Over the past week, I have been sending announcements for different “Teaching Moments” activities. Here is a summary of what we have so far:

- This Friday, January 20 (12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.): Dreamers Mural Commissioning & Public Forum (with lunch and music!)
- Wednesday, January 25 (12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.): Fake News Panel Discussions (with lunch at 11:30am)
- SAVE THE DATE - Monday, January 30: Fred Korematsu Day (with Naomi Shibata and her book "Bend with the Wind - The Life, Family and Writings of Grace Eto Shibata" and the Japanese internment camps)
- SAVE THE DATE - Wednesday, March 8 (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.): Climate Change (details TBD)

You will notice when you go to pick up your mail in the mailroom in the 1900 Building that I have a “President’s Corner” table. My Office will post these activities for your easy tracking, and we have and will continue to send out Outlook invitations.



Please let students know about these activities as they are especially programmed for students (with employees and members of the community invited).

Please also come out on Friday to support our Dreamers students, and if possible, to provide credits for students in your class to attend. It is a teaching moment as it is an opportunity to learn about the lives and perspectives of our Dreamers.

Of Service,

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