



President's Communiqué

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Friday-Weekend-Monday

Greetings Foothill,

Friday: **learn how** (Professional Development)

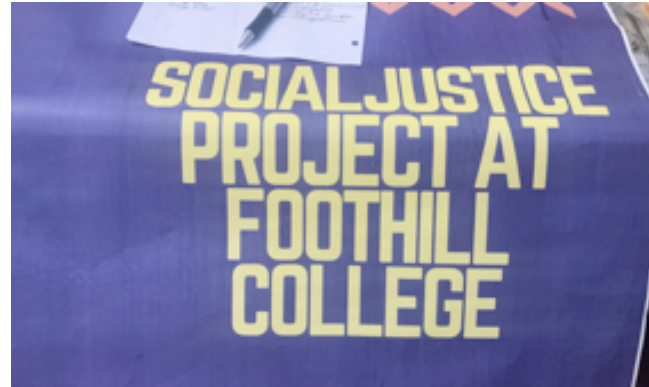
Weekend: **take action** (March for Science)

Monday: **learn how action makes a difference** (Dale Minami, attorney in Korematsu vs. U.S.)

The energy was lively yesterday at Club Day in the library quad. Some students are still quite nervous about where they will transfer, while others are signing up for clubs. Excited to see some new (renewed) clubs like the Rocket Club, first-year physics professor **Annie Chase**, advisor and a Pre-Law Club, professor **Mark Harmon**, advisor.



The Social Justice Project Club is getting ready for the San Francisco March for Science this Saturday! Join the students and professors **Robert Cormia, Karen Erickson, John Fox** — and others, I'm sure. For more details, visit the [club's Facebook page](#). Side note: Congrats to **John** for getting PaRC's approval on a Social Justice ADT yesterday!



Tomorrow, our team of nine students and three advisors heads to Washington DC for the National Science March. Two additional faculty, **Amy Edwards** and **Megan B. McNamara** will also join the group. Our marketing team led by new Publications & Publicity Coordinator **Vanessa Smith** will be documenting their journey via social media. To follow along, visit the [college's Facebook page](#) or [@foothillnews](#) Twitter account. The *Los Altos Town Crier* will also be covering the Foothill team to the D.C. trip.

Tomorrow, our amazingly active Professional Development Committee is putting on a workshop on how to be advocate while staying within the legal requirements as a public entity. There is still time to register. I must admit it is nice not to have to do the legal trainings as I often have had to do so in my past work, though I wish I could be there to hear how others present the information. Instead, I will be at UC Davis as part of the inaugural class for the Wheelhouse Fellowship program.

And what happens when we are equipped with knowledge of the law, march, and take action?

At the age of 23, the age of many of our students, Oakland-native Fred Korematsu defied the Japanese American internment camp order. I am so excited that the legendary **Dale Minami** (often referred to as the Thurgood Marshall of the Asian American community) will be here on Monday, April 24 at 12 noon in the Appreciation Hall to talk to us about the lawsuit that made history. Dale served as the lead attorney for the *Korematsu vs. U.S.* case that found the United States was not justified in interning Japanese Americans and resulted in the Japanese Americans Reparations Act signed by President Reagan. Our Japanese Heritage student club will be in attendance. Join me as I really want to introduce Dale to you, my new family!

By the way, thank you to those who gave me tips to local Creole, Soul, Southern food restaurants! I sure hope our Arkansian student takes me up on the offer. If not, anyone want to join me on Juneteenth?

Of Service,

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