



# President's Communiqué

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## Enrollment Growth = Access to a Great Education at Foothill

Greetings Foothill,

I am on cloud nine as I was visited today by three of the nine students whom we sent to the National March for Science in Washington D.C. this past weekend. They were interviewed by many people and one of the tweets they were featured in had over 1,200 likes and 650 re-tweets.

Here is a 7-minute video that the students produced to document their march:

<https://youtu.be/6bTn-TmBNxA>

This weekend our dental hygiene students are once again hosting their annual Walk for Oral Cancer. All proceeds will benefit the Oral Cancer Foundation.

Please join them if you can.

**Walk for Oral Cancer**

Saturday, April 29, 2017

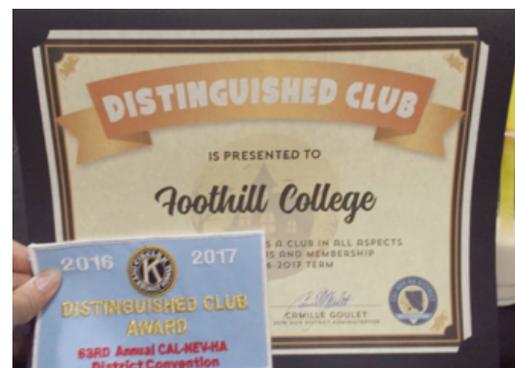
Foothill College Track

Our Medical Brigade Club is busy preparing for their trip to Panama this summer. The Brigade involves our students working with medical professionals to provide health services and health education. I get their emails as I signed up to be a member of the club and it is amazing how the students actually run everything. They are happy raising \$40 at a book drive, for instance.

If you're interested in learning more and perhaps donating, please visit:

<https://www.globalbrigades.org/empowered/chapter/foothill-college-medical-brigades-chapter/fundraiser/foothill-college-medical-brigade-august-2017-panama>

Another Foothill student club that is doing good work is Circle K (Kiwanis-affiliated). Last year, the club clocked a total of 1,600 service & leadership hours. The club was awarded "Distinguished Club" at last month's regional convention, and **Norman Wong** received the "Distinguished President" award. The club's Facebook page is [here](#).



Our own employees are providing valuable service to our college community by serving on various governance groups. Over 40 employees are making a special effort to serve on the various accreditation self-study teams.

There are two more accreditation town halls and I encourage you to attend:

**Accreditation Town Hall # 2**

Monday, May 1

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sunnyvale Center (Rm 128)

**Accreditation Town Hall # 3**

Tuesday, May 2

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Hearthside Lounge (Rm 2313)

We have a number of exciting hires on the agenda at this Monday's board meeting! Our new Vice President of Instruction & Institutional Research **Kristy Lisle** will join us on July 05 and we have five more new full-time faculty joining us this fall:

Matthew Litrus, *Mathematics*

Geoffrey Matthews, *Astronomy*

Daniel Nghiem, *Mathematics*

Ronald Painter, *Chemistry*

Benjamin Schwartzman, *Educational Development*

There a handful of faculty hires still in process and I anticipate a few more administrator announcements before the end of the academic year.

Our enrollment is soft this spring quarter – we are off 2.8% as a college. To make up for the loss of early summer, Foothill is offering for the first time a *second spring* which opened registration this week and classes will start May 22. We are seeing strong enrollment in the first week which is very encouraging, but we need to continue marketing these [80+ sections](#). Thank you to our faculty, staff, and deans who were able to quickly build the *second spring* schedule in light of getting the news in fall.

Enrollment growth is not just for the fiscal bottom-line. It is about increasing access to the great opportunities, the first-class education that our students receive when they are here at Foothill College.

See you tomorrow at the Tim Wise District Convocation!

Of Service,



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