



President's Communiqué

FROM THE DESK OF THUY THI NGUYEN

Meet Me on Thursday at a Pokémon Stop and Get Cookies!

Greetings Foothill,

You may notice that my communiqués start with something related to our students. Today, I start with both our current and potential students.

I am tickled by the popularity of Pokémon – the imaginary Japanese world that has been very popular for a few decades now. My kids love the Pokémon cartoon and even have the trading cards! Who does not adore Pikachu?

As you probably heard, Pokémon GO is becoming quite a craze among our college-age students. Imagine our students in September walking around, looking for these PokéStops on our campus. Are you curious where the PokéStops are? Thank you to the multi-talented **Justin Schultz** for this cool map of the 20 PokéStops at Foothill!



In the spirit of meeting students where they are at (literally and figuratively), I will be holding a series of office hours at PokéStops around the campus, with the first one this Thursday (tomorrow).

President's Office Hours

Thursday, July 28th

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PokéStop: Foothill Library Statue

Come by, say hi and enjoy delicious Ferrero Rocher hazelnut chocolates!

Next week, the Board of Trustees will meet to approve some appointments. I am excited to announce that we have two new faculty members joining us this fall! **Alex Komiakov** (Business & Social Sciences) and **Jordan Fong** (Fine Arts & Communications) will both be excellent additions to our already stellar faculty. As we get closer and closer to the opening of our new Sunnyvale Center, we are beginning to hire personnel to help us staff the space. **Danmin Deng** will begin her new job as the center's Instructional Support Coordinator in early August.

While we are excited to welcome new members into the Foothill family, we are sad to say goodbye to some familiar faces. **John DuBois** (Student Affairs & Activities) is retiring in early September after more than 20 years at Foothill. Assessment Specialist **Marisel Estrada Bonilla** and Research Analyst **Liz Leiserson** are also moving on to new adventures this month. Please join me in thanking each of them!

Last week, I had chance to have lunch with a few long-time retirees. It was so much fun watching their smiles as they retold stories of those days in the 60s and 70s. One even wore a jacket with a Foothill crest he had custom designed. Talk about Owl spirit!



They wished me well and offered support, and I thanked them with Foothill memorabilia from the bookstore. Thank you to **Romeo Paule** and his team for the wide selection. I've gone on two shopping sprees already!

I also had an opportunity to give Foothill mugs, pens, and stuffed animal to former colleagues at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office last week. Student intern **Carlos Pacheco-Miranda**, FEI Executive Director **Betsy Nikolchev**, FEI Director **Carmen Ponce**, **Brigitte Sarraf** (Associate Superintendent, Mountain View - Los Altos Union High School District), Trustees **Laura Casas** and **Pearl Cheng**, Chancellor **Judy Miner**, **Denise Swett**, and I were in Sacramento last week for the Dr. John W. Rice Diversity & Equity Award, named for a former member of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and father of former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

The Family Engagement Institute has supported over 6,500 students and family members in the last 5 years, many of the families were Latinos. Studies show that the best way to close the achievement gap for Latino students is to support their families – taking a *familia* approach to student engagement. What I also like about FEI is it brings “community” back into community colleges!

At the core of the Family Engagement Institute is a belief that in order to break the cycle of poverty, educational opportunities must begin early for children and continuing education opportunities must be offered to families. With that in mind, the Family Engagement Institute provides education materials, toolkits and college faculty to deliver developmentally, culturally and linguistically responsive programs to our partner organizations, where families enroll as community college noncredit students.

Angie Cortés had a career in dental assisting for 17 years. Because of her son’s involvement in Stretch to Kindergarten, she enrolled in FEI’s parenting course and became interested in early childhood education. Inspired by the FEI staff, she returned to school and earned a certificate from Foothill College’s Child Development Program.



From my seat, a picture of **Carlos, Betsy**, Interim Chancellor **Erik Skinner**, and **Mrs. Clara Rice** looking on.



You probably heard the news that the day before the Rice award ceremony, the Board of Governors had at its regular meeting in Sacramento and appointed **Eloy Oakley** from Long Beach City College as the new State Chancellor starting December.

Speaking of the State Chancellor’s Office, the district is submitting the final FTES report, and I am proud to inform you that Foothill’s FTES increased by 1% -- with a 2.3% increase in resident FTES. (De Anza was not able to meet its target, and therefore, districtwide, we are below last year's reported FTES. We look forward to working with our sister college, De Anza to share strategies, for this year.) Here’s a chart from our talented CBO **Bernata Slater**.

14/15 FTES

	Res Cr	Non-Cr	Total	Non-Res	Total
DA	16,663	-	16,663	2,829	19,492
FH	10,335	354	10,689	1,975	12,664
Total	26,998	354	27,352	4,804	32,156

15/16 FTES

	Res Cr	Non-Cr	Total	Non-Res	Total
DA	16,226	-	16,226	2,910	19,136
FH	10,532	385	10,917	1,893	12,810
Total	26,758	385	27,143	4,803	31,946

-2%

1%

Variance from PY **99%** **109%** **99%** **100%** **99%** down

Variance from PY

DA	97%	0%	97%	103%	98%
FH	102%	109%	102%	96%	101%

Special thanks to **Kimberlee Messina, Kurt Heug**, and all the **Deans** for leading the college last year to reach this number. I know that the Foothill team has worked very hard in reaching out to students, marketing our programs, and offering classes in creative ways to meet our students' needs. It is more than just meeting a number target; it is about access for our students and communities. Clearly, your efforts are making an impact!

Thank you also to the impressive **Nazy Galoyan** for her hard work; she kept working with the deans to identify 40+ more FTES even at the end. Thank you also to **Denise Swett** who reported that due to efforts opening dual enrollment to 9-12 graders and waiving fees starting 3 years ago, Foothill generated 2.5x more FTES than De Anza. It proves that when you “do good”, you could end up “doing well”. As I expressed to the President’s Cabinet, I am impressed with Foothill in being able to exceed its target even during a transition year.

Of Service,



Thuy Nguyen
President