



President's Communiqué

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Year(Half)-in-Review

Quarter ... Done!
Finals ... Done!
Grading ...

All the best to our faculty as they finish grading finals! I must admit as a former teacher, grading was not my favorite activity, but with a nice cup of tea and some peace and quiet, one can feel a sense of accomplishment at the end.

As we count down to winter break and the calendar year draws to an end, I want to send this last Communiqué of 2016. What a year it has been. There were so many memorable moments.

And what would an end-of-the-year communiqué be without a countdown of highlights of the year (or rather, half a year).

Ten. Having so much fun meeting students at the PokéStop in front of the Library during my first President's Office Hour

Nine. Experiencing the difficulties of talking about race at Courageous Conversations

Eight. Cheering for Foothill with my family at our first football game and receiving the game ball

Seven. Being inspired by Opening Day's student panel

Six. Sensing an uphill battle during the Immigration Law Panel and feeling hopeful hearing student speakers at the Student Public Forum

Five. Feeling uplifted at the Family Engagement Institute (FEI) staff retreat

Four. Greeting the inaugural BS dental hygiene class on their first day

Three. Observing commitment by college leaders at the Accreditation Leadership Retreat

Two. Feeling nervous and excited about the first day of Sunnyvale Center and having a blast meeting community members at the subsequent Grand Opening

One. Holiday Party! Food. Friendship. Fun.



Many thanks to the incredible Marketing team and co-organizers **Katherine Fortune, Kelaiah Harris, Mike Mohebbi and Justin Schultz**. They really know how to throw a party!

Here's a little present to deliver even before 2017. Foothill is named by Niche in its 2017 Best Community Colleges ranking (<https://colleges.niche.com/rankings/best-community-colleges>):

No. 1 community college in California
No. 20 out of 804 community colleges in America

See you in 2017, Foothill!

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