

## Fw: President's Communiqué: "Educators, "It's a Great Day for Y'all"

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**"Educators, It's a Great Day for Y'all"**



Dear Foothill Colleagues,

What a week! Thank you to those who joined the post-election gathering last Wednesday to be in community with colleagues.

It has been a long four-years, constantly protecting our students against rhetoric and policy attacks: undocumented students, students of color, international students, students affected by the pandemic, LGBTQ+ students, immigrant students, and the list goes on. The news of **Biden/Harris** pulling ahead to become the declared winners on Saturday morning brought a sigh of relief and for some, even excitement.

You probably also heard that the soon-to-be First Lady, Dr. **Jill Biden** has expressed that she will continue to teach at Northern Virginia Community College – being the first, First Lady to have a paid day job. I can only imagine the security coordination at NoVaCoCo – presumably even more so elevated than when she was teaching while being Second Lady.

Yet knowing how passionate community college educators like the faculty at Foothill College are, I am not surprised by her dedication. My husband when he first immigrated found his chance for a better future at NoVaCoCo while he worked full-time as a waiter at local restaurants in D.C.. That's why he too is committed to supporting community colleges (and those who work for it)! You can understand why an ESL community college professor is this committed to her students; her most important title is "professor" – not First Lady. Shall we refer to Dr. **Biden** as "First Professor?"



**Foothill College President**  
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TY [@DrBiden](#) for shining light on the value of community college education! The community college family is so proud that a community college professor will be in the White House (again) and this time, as [#FirstLady!](#) [@CCTrustees](#) [@Comm\\_College](#) [@CalCommColleges](#) [@cleague](#)



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Congratulations President-Elect @JoeBiden! Our country looks forward to decency and inclusion as values in the White House. 2020 is coming to an end, and 2021 is looking brighter. #ElectionResult2020



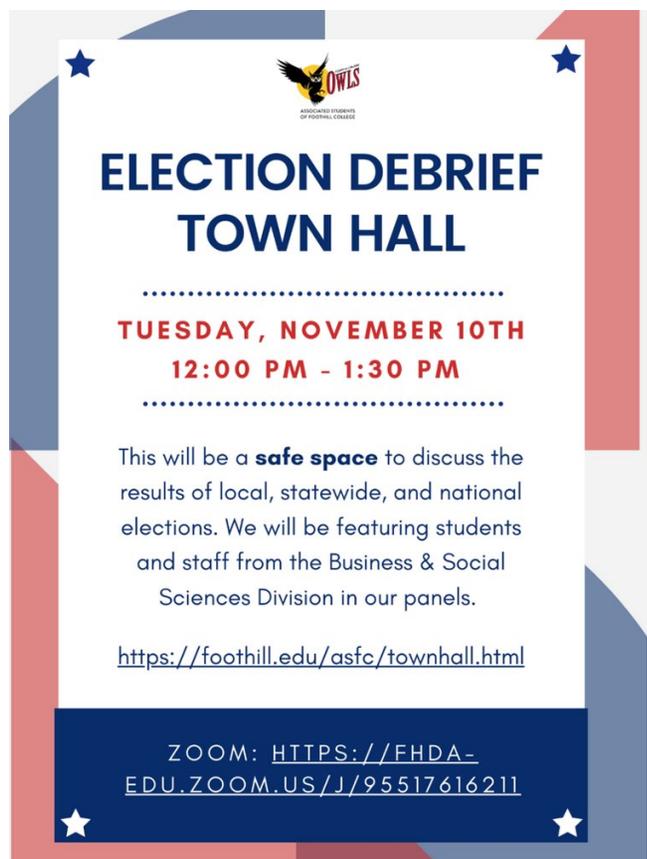
You may recall that Foothill College celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Celebrity Forum in 2017-18 with now President-Elect **Joe Biden** as the first speaker and Prof. **Jill Biden** as the last speaker in the yearlong series. Leaders at our college district (present and past) have played an important role in the national education agenda, and I look forward to Foothill College continuing to be at the center of such national policy discussions!

Quite frankly, regardless of the outcome of the presidential election, I am proud to say that Foothill College is focused on our efforts to support all our students in their educational goals and to work to truly achieve a college where a student's success is not predictable by their race. We will continue to do our part to create a more democratic and just society.

One evidence of that is the re-election of our trustees **Laura Casas, Peter Landsberger, and Gilbert Wong** who along with Board Chair **Pearl Cheng** and Trustee **Patrick Ahrens** broke tradition and voted unanimously last Monday on the Board Priorities with the sole focus on racial equity. When one addresses institutional racism, it is inevitable that such work challenges the existing structure of power and privilege and can be unsettling for people with such power and privilege. For the Board of Trustees to address the matter in this manner sends a clear message, and I admire them deeply for their focus and courage. We look forward to our Equity Plan 2.0 aligning with their priority.

Today (Nov. 8) is National First-Gen Day, and we will continue to celebrate First-Gen students at Foothill College. The election of **Kamala Harris** to the vice presidency has generated many “first” records in the country. You can imagine that I am particularly elated by her election as a lawyer from Oakland! Our college will hold an inauguration-watching event, so stay tuned.

In the meantime, join Student Trustee **Priya V.** and Political Science Prof. **Kerri Ryer** who are organizing the post-election town hall for students on Tuesday. Please consider giving credits to students to join. I heard there will be other great faculty speakers reflecting on the election! Faculty/staff are also invited.

A poster for an Election Debrief Town Hall. The poster has a white background with a blue and red border. At the top center is the logo for the Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC), featuring an owl and the text "ASFC ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF FOOHILL COLLEGE". Below the logo, the title "ELECTION DEBRIEF TOWN HALL" is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Underneath the title, the date and time "TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM" are written in red capital letters. Below the date and time, there is a paragraph of text: "This will be a **safe space** to discuss the results of local, statewide, and national elections. We will be featuring students and staff from the Business & Social Sciences Division in our panels." At the bottom of the poster, the Zoom link is provided: "ZOOM: [HTTPS://FHDA-EDU.ZOOM.US/J/95517616211](https://fhda-edu.zoom.us/j/95517616211)". There are four blue stars, one in each corner of the poster.

  
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