



# President's Communiqué

FROM THE DESK OF THUY THI NGUYEN

# It's the Final Countdown!

“The Final Countdown” was the procession song for the Radiologic Tech graduation ceremony yesterday. Check out the video that I tweeted.



It's the final countdown, indeed, to Commencement and the end of the pandemic year 2020-21!

One of downsides of a quarter system is still having classes in the month of June. Yet this year, the silver lining is having the ability to hold in-person graduation ceremonies for the Allied Health programs this week!

Today's Respiratory Therapy class reminds us why the such program, along the other Allied Health programs, are so critical to the workforce, especially during these times of pandemic public health crisis. As Professor **Brenda Hanning** said at the ceremony, COVID highlighted the role of respiratory therapists and what ventilators do. And as Professor **Lisa Hills** remarked, the racial diversity and community-building aspect of the program underscore the college's commitment to equity and Black Lives Matter.

Thank you to all the faculty, staff, and administrators who made the whole week possible, including the graduation pickup.

For me, our seamless pivot to provide all our classes and services virtually was an expression of our intent, our passion, and our commitment to our students and each other. Even as we worked to adapt to a 100% online environment, the

COVID pandemic did not slow us down as we finished, approved, and published our Strategic Vision for Equity. This comprehensive plan is a living document that will help the college achieve its equity goals and much more over the coming years. The recent Research and Service Leadership Symposium is another example of the college moving forward. Thank you to **Allison Herman** and **Mike McCusker** for organizing and inspiring in equal measure. Thank you also to everyone who helped organize, mentor, judge, and facilitate in support of the symposium. It was a huge success and fills me with optimism as we look to create an institution where students feel they truly belong and are welcomed and valued for their contributions in and out of the classroom.

On Saturday, our STEM division, in conjunction with Walgreens, organized a vaccination clinic. The clinic was supported by faculty, staff, and student-volunteers and 67 people received their first Pfizer vaccination. Thank you **Angela Su and Ram Subramaniam** for bringing the event to Foothill and organizing the volunteers (many of whom were Contact Tracing volunteers and members of our Medical Brigades). One of the four Walgreens pharmacists present said that the Foothill team was better organized than the Apple clinic...our team was more organized than a \$2 trillion corporation! In addition, we are also offering a second clinic with the county – thanks to our **Betsy Nikolchev**.



The flyer features a header image of five diverse individuals wearing face masks. Below the image is a blue banner with the text "Get vaccinated. Your health matters" and a graphic of two overlapping band-aids. The main text provides details about the clinic: "No Appointment Needed", "Free and insurance not required.", "For ages 12 years old and older", "Location: Foothill College - Parking lot #4", and "Date(s) and Time(s): July 11th from 10am to 5pm". The address is listed as "12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022". A note at the bottom states: "While supplies last. Staff are onsite to support language needs and disability access. Call 711 for Hearing and Speech Relay Service." Logos for Contra Costa Public Health, San Joaquin Hills Regional Center, Foothill College, and sccFreeVax.org are included at the bottom.

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As you might be aware, **Governor Newsom** has loosened most COVID-related restrictions on June 15 – hence our ability to have the robust graduation-related events this week. While we will not be scheduling our traditional mix of face-to-face and online classes this coming fall, we are looking to add more on-campus classes where possible. Right now, we are

looking at nearly 40% of sections in person -- that is, approximately a 65% return from the level of instruction in 2019. I must stress that faculty are choosing the modality of their courses and returning to campus is not mandated for Summer and Fall 2021. I'd like to thank the Office of Instruction for their hard work navigating all the recent changes and, in particular, a big shout out to **Denise Perez** and **Shawna Santiago**, who have been working to adjust and expand the Fall schedule.

I'd like to express my gratitude for the work everyone has done over the last year. Some of us had to increase our workload 10 times! It has been a challenging time, but I am optimistic. COVID is not gone, but this coming year offers so many possibilities to build on the work we have done together. I am looking forward to the revision of our shared governance system (to take it to the next level) and I am also excited about a closer working relationship with our academic and classified senates.

It has been a long year, so be sure to take “vaxication” (vacation + vaccination) time this summer. Thank you to everyone who has gotten vaccination and consistently worn masks in public! Thanks to you, we are able to move about more comfortably today. If you or your family and friends still need to be vaccinated, come to our July 11 clinic for either the J&J or Pfizer vaccines!

Join us also for the President's Briefing (new time at 12 pm – 12:30 pm) this summer. The briefings will focus on R&R (not only rest & relaxation, but also reflection & return). Some colleagues will share their reflections of the past 15 months and what tips they have to offer on “return” to not necessarily “normal” but the more familiar life. We will start recording the briefings again as they will include critical information about return to campus and report by the college's Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

I was so glad at our last briefing that I was able to “report” live from the graduation pickup event – a phenomenal, morale boosting event that was put on by one of the best teams, the Student Affairs and ASFC!

## Summer & Fall



Summer & Fall: President's Briefing  
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm  
Recorded & Posted

Summer: 4/10 work week schedule

Fall: No 4/10  
No Friday Meeting Moratorium  
Meetings end 10 minutes before the hour

College Opening Day – In Person



I made mention at the last briefing about this, and College Opening Day being in-person. Since then, our chancellor has sent out an announcement about Juneteenth and an additional Fall Flex Day (Wednesday, September 15). Join me on Monday and other summer briefings to get the latest on these events.

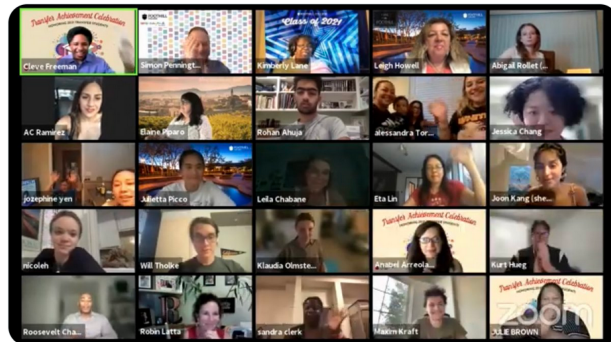
I'm heading to the Pharmacy Tech in-person graduation ceremony right now. “See” you at the virtual Commencement at 6 pm!



**Foothill College President** @FoothillPrez · Jun 16

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Transfer Ceremony! Please take care of our Foothill Owls, @UCLA @Stanford @Grambling1901 @SJSU @ucsc @ucdavis @CarringtonEdu @unlv @UCIrvine @gcu @uhmanoa @CalPoly @UCSanDiego @SantaClaraUniv @calstate @FordhamUnivers @FandMCollege @FAMU\_1887 @usfca @ASU @UCBerkeley @Yale et al



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Joined Transfer Ceremony to congratulate students & award Service Leadership to Aalifia Angel Ing Fen Foo. Angel co-founded TeenCov19: raised \$23K, donated 50k face-shields / 500+ Hazmat suits in Indonesia. Transferring to @UCLA, Angel zoomed in from Indonesia-a day ahead of us!



**Foothill College President** @FoothillPrez · Jun 17



Thank you to the phenomenal @EOPSontheHill team for an inspiring end-of-year celebration! April, Tobias, Tilly, Kai, Schelitha, Sarah, and Lily: our students' success is thanks to you, their EOPS family.

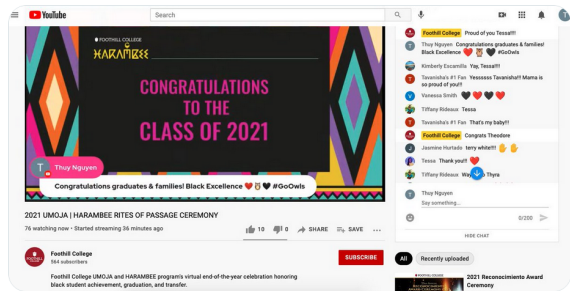
Congrats EOPS Scholars #Classof2021 for your perseverance! ❤️ 🍷 🎓  
#GoOwls





**Foothill College President** @FoothillPrez · Jun 10

My heart is so full, seeing incredibly loving Black colleagues of @FoothillAAN honoring Black Foothill graduates at our annual Harambee ceremony. @FoothillUmoja #BlackGrads #IamFoothill



**Foothill College President** @FoothillPrez · Jun 10

So grateful to @ASFCTweet - as this year (w/ their election in May/June 2020) is one of the most challenging year in our college's history. Student leaders have helped me problem-solve on pandemic issues, while promoting racial equity! #OwlLove to you all. ❤️🐙❤️ Will miss you!





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Magical day: in-person graduation goody bag pickup. Seeing some students I've been working with all year, in person for the first time! My feet are killing me, though my heart is full. Students & families thanked us. "See" you at the virtual commencement on Friday! 🦉🎓 #fhgrad21



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We see you grads!! 🎓 #fhgrad21 @FoothillPrez



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@JLagaud

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Associate degree in political science ✅. Thank you  
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The college had a field day with these cutouts of me. 😂





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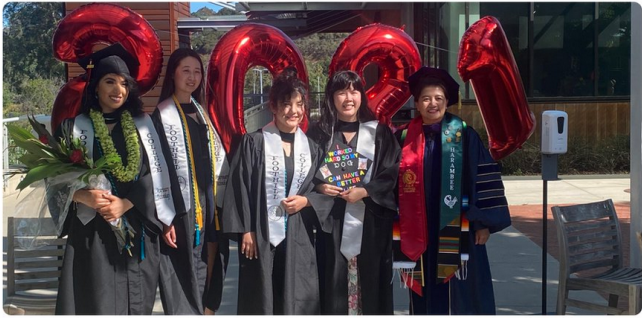
What a great way to start the morning: our Paramedic Graduation Ceremony on campus! An incredible class, first-responders getting training during a pandemic (without any roadmap) finished 100% retention and ready to go out there. ❤️🦉🖤 TY Director/Professor Tracy Villanueva!



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Foothill College President  
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Congratulations Veterinary Tech program on your graduation! Had such fun meeting grads and their families/friends yesterday.



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Of Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thuy".

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