





# MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

I am grateful to the generous members of our community whose support makes it possible for students of all ages and backgrounds to discover their innate talents, find new ways to engage with the world, and improve the quality of their lives through higher education. This commitment to providing equitable opportunity for all members of the community is what propels the students, donors and philanthropy we celebrate in this annual report.

Individuals and organizations who give through the Foothill-De Anza Foundation make a meaningful pledge to our students and their success. For students who have struggled to overcome obstacles to attend college, this commitment by successful members of the community represents an important affirmation of their own personal worth and value in the world. As you read the student stories in this report, you will see how much philanthropy in support of higher education means to them and their families. Your gifts are changing lives.

## **Thank you** for supporting our students!

**Judy C. Miner** 

Chancellor, Foothill-De Anza Community College District





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# PROVIDING A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

## **EOPS Scholars Project**

The EOPS Scholars project at De Anza College provides supplemental academic and financial support to students served by the college's Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS) office. Thanks to visionary donors Kathleen and Mark Santora, who spearheaded the project and worked with the Foundation to raise funds, 20 students received additional financial support for books, transportation and other educational and living expenses so they could focus on their educational goals. The grade point averages of the students in the 2017-18 project exceeded those of their peers in EOPS!



## Ranked Top in Transfers & Graduation Rates

Foothill College and De Anza College have top transfer and graduation rates for campuses of their size among other California community colleges.

Of the 21 community college transfer students from across the country admitted by Stanford University for fall 2018, three are from Foothill College!

### Gene Haas Foundation Transforms Classroom and Labs with \$1 Million Gift

In May 2018, De Anza College cut the ceremonial ribbon on the Gene Haas Center for Design and Manufacturing, funded by a \$1 million gift from the Gene Haas Foundation. With the extra support, De Anza's Design and Manufacturing Technologies Department was able to expand its classrooms and labs to serve more than 1,500 students annually, further adding to its reputation as one of the leading manufacturing programs in the nation. The Gene Haas Foundation also invests regularly in scholarships for De Anza students and professional development for instructors.



### **Scholarships, Book Vouchers and Basic Necessities**

About one in five students requires financial aid to attend college. A recent survey of basic needs at De Anza College revealed that nearly 60 percent of the 2,000 students surveyed lacked adequate transportation, food or housing. With support from our generous donors, the Foundation is able to offer students more than a half million dollars in direct support annually in the form of scholarships, book vouchers, Target store gift cards and blankets. Providing this kind of support helps students stay in school and reminds them that someone cares.

Helping another person won't necessarily change the world, but it can change the world for that person.



## Honoring Dick Henning for 50 Years of Service and Supporting Future Leaders

In May 2018 more than 400 guests gathered to honor Dick Henning and celebrate 50 years of the Foothill College Celebrity Forum. The event raised more than \$105,000 to support Service Leadership activities at Foothill College. "The purpose of Service Leadership is not only to get A's in classes, but also to get A's in life!" said Foothill President Thuy Thi Nguyen. Proceeds from the event will be used for student scholarships, work stipends and projects. Foothill College's commitment to Service Leadership encourages students to develop leadership skills through work on and off campus. From distributing food to homeless members of the local community to providing health care to villagers in Central America, students learn to become leaders and global citizens. On campus, a group of engineering students conducted research proving that the quality of water from campus drinking fountains is equal to or better than bottled water. As a result, Foothill now prohibits the sale of plastic water bottles on campus, reducing its environmental impact.



LEFTTO RIGHT: Martha Kanter, Executive Director, College Promise Campaign; Dick Henning, Founder, Celebrity Forum; Judy Miner, Chancellor, FHDA Community College District; Thuy Nguyen, President, Foothill College



Foothill College students serve families in a local shelter

## Foothill College's New Los Altos Rotary Veterans Plaza

On July 2, 2018, the Foothill College community, Rotary Club members and student veterans gathered in the new Los Altos Rotary Veterans Plaza for a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony. The Los Altos Rotary Club spent countless hours fundraising for construction of the plaza, and in 90 days the area was transformed into an attractive gathering spot.

Sparked by a Rotary president's idea in 2011, the plaza was dedicated in memory of U.S. Marine Corps Captain Matthew P. Manoukian. He died in the line of duty August 10, 2012, serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in the Sangin District of Afghanistan. "This is the home of the brave. What Rotary has done for Foothill is make a home for the brave, for our student veterans," Foothill President Thuy Nguyen said. Foothill College has about 650 student veterans.

Located next to the Veterans Resource Center and a new mural that honors veterans, the plaza was conceived as a place to nurture friendships and connections by bringing together students from across the campus. In the last five years the Los Altos Rotary has raised more than \$300,000 for programs that support Foothill College's student veterans!



# FORMER FOSTER YOUTH FINDS GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT AT FOOTHILL COLLEGE

Missy Hart is an incredibly impressive person who beat the odds to become an inspirational student leader at Foothill College and beyond. In fact, her accomplishments at Foothill are so impressive that she was awarded a \$20,000 scholarship from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Growing up in the North Fair Oaks neighborhood near Redwood City, Missy watched her mother struggle to provide for her, her brother and her grandmother. Missy's responsibility was taking care of her grandmother, who had mental health problems. Her mom worked multiple jobs, and Missy often felt lost and alone. Her father died when she was young. "With little guidance at home I found myself on the streets with other lost, misguided youth," Missy said. "I was influenced by the gang culture I grew up in, and it was no surprise I joined street gangs looking for love and attention in the wrong places. That led me to live a life of criminal behavior."

By age 11, Missy had become a ward of the court. She attended 12 different high schools while moving from group home to group home. At age 18 she was released from the foster care system and became homeless. Realizing it was up to her to build the life she wanted, Missy found two jobs to cover rent, enrolled in night school, and became the first person in her family to earn a high school diploma. She then went on to become the first in her family to attend college.

"My story at Foothill College began as a first-generation college student with no experience or guidance to navigate higher education, tasked with the challenge of how to afford it," Missy said. "Four years later, with the support of Foothill's staff, faculty, and donors, I have emerged as a leader, scholar, activist, and Foothill College graduate." Missy devoted some of her time at Foothill to helping others and sharing her story. She found supportive services through the college's foster youth program, sought out scholarships, and secured a job on the campus outreach team recruiting and assisting new students. With her warm smile and outgoing personality, Missy was well known and well liked on campus. I have emerged as a leader,

Missy graduated from Foothill in 2018 with a \$20,000 scholarship, the Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Award for community college

transfer students, to continue her education for the next two years at the University of California, Santa Cruz,

where she plans to study psychology. She knows she wouldn't be where she is today without the support she received from many others, and she wants to pay it forward. "I plan to use my skills and knowledge to open a group home with an art therapy program for adolescents with backgrounds similar to mine," Missy said. "I may have had a hard upbringing, but I would not change a thing because it all made me who I am today and has given me my purpose in life."



# DE ANZA STUDENT FLOURISHES WITH THE HELP OF EOPS SCHOLARS

Sometimes it's the seemingly little things – a word of encouragement, an offer of help in solving a problem, a small emergency grant – that can keep a student moving past life's low points to a better future. This was the case for Daniel Quijano, whose life took some hard turns after he graduated from San Jose's Lincoln High School. Fortunately, Danny got involved with Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) when he came to De Anza College.



Today Danny is among the first group of 20 lucky students participating in EOPS Scholars, a project launched at De Anza in 2017 to determine which additional support services can boost the success of students who face sizeable obstacles on the path to reaching their academic goals. EOPS and the EOPS Scholars project came at a crucial time for Danny, whose parents came to the United States from El Salvador before he was born. His mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005, went into remission in 2010, but in 2013 her cancer returned. Danny also recently lost his father, who was the primary source of income for their family.

"It was really hard after my dad passed away," Danny said. "I didn't want to finish school and I became very depressed. There was so much to deal with, from paying for the funeral to figuring out how, as a family, we were going to pay the bills." EOPS Scholars – a partnership involving the Foothill-De Anza Foundation, donors, and De Anza College's EOPS – provides a group of 20 carefully chosen students with grants to cover 100 percent of books and instructional materials; supplemental academic counseling; professional development; and access to an emergency fund and food assistance.

EOPS Scholars helped Danny with the resources needed to stay in school and succeed. He was able to see a mental health professional to work through his grief, and EOPS counselor George Robles offered support and encouragement. "Without the resources of EOPS and the EOPS Scholars I don't know what I would have done," Danny said. "It really is the backbone of my success. Things like getting a gas card, or having an emergency fund have helped me get through situations that would have been nightmares."

He recently used emergency funds from the EOPS Scholars project when a rock flew up off the road and cracked his windshield. For most people, this would be an easy fix, but for Danny it was overwhelming to figure out how he would replace his windshield in addition to paying his normal monthly expenses. "Those funds lifted such a huge burden, because I wouldn't have been able to afford to fix it otherwise," he said. "For some, they might think that's a small thing, but it really means a lot."

EOPS Scholars helped Danny academically as well. "Being the first in my family to go to college, it was challenging," Danny said. "The EOPS Scholars project was helpful in guiding me on how to be a good student." An additional benefit of being part of this project is that it helps make students feel like they're a part of a special community. "My mom was so proud of me when

We're recognized not only for what we need but for what we offer.

she saw my EOPS Scholars certificate," Danny said. "Being called 'scholar' really makes me feel like we're a special group of students who have been recognized not only for what we need but for what we offer."



Danny with EOPS staff

# HAVING FOUND LOVE IN BIO 1C, ALUMNUS GIVES BACK

Scott D. Cutler grew up in Palo Alto and came to De Anza College in the 1980s to enroll in its machine and tool program, augmented with an internship at the NASA Ames Research Center. Scott enjoyed the internship but decided that machining wasn't for him. Instead he switched to Foothill College, closer to home, and began chipping away at his general education requirements in pursuit of a science degree. His father Leonard S. Cutler was a prominent physicist in the field of time standards and measurement, and science always had been a big part of Scott's life. Like many students today, Scott had to work while attending college. He did his homework between rounds as a security guard working from 4 p.m. to midnight at Stanford Hospital. His punishing schedule burned him out periodically and he would stop out of school for a quarter or two. Scott knew he needed to get serious about his studies and finally saved enough money to become a full-time student. He finished his general education requirements and began taking courses for a chemical engineering track only to discover he had more aptitude for biology. This led him to the love of his life.

Scott Cutler

In spring of 1993, Scott took Bio 1C and met his future wife, Kay Thee Myo Min, who was finishing her last quarter at Foothill before transferring. Kay Thee was an international student from Burma who had participated in the 1988 Rangoon student uprisings to protest the government's wide restrictions on personal freedom. Soon after that uprising, the government began shutting down the universities. Kay Thee's parents believed strongly in education and were able to get their daughter out of the country to Singapore. From there she came to Foothill College to study biochemistry, then transferred to San Jose State University to complete her bachelor's degree.



Scott saw Kay Thee and was immediately smitten. They married in 1996 and a year later welcomed their daughter Lindsay. While caring for his young daughter and working, Scott transferred to San Jose State as Kay Thee entered the workforce. After becoming ill, Scott realized he had once again taken on too much, and only a few units short of his degree, left SJSU. Scott went on to work for 17 years at Du Pont Industrial Biosciences in fermentation processes. Kay Thee spent much of her career as a senior scientist in quality control in the pharmaceutical and medical device industry. Scott became the primary caretaker for his mother after his father's death in 2006, until she died in 2016. Tragically, a couple of years before his mother's death, Kay Thee was diagnosed with stomach cancer and for two years, Scott cared for them both. Scott lost Kay Thee in early 2017.

Since then Scott has found a way to memorialize the joining of his path with Kay Thee's at Foothill College and the life they had together. Through his work at DuPont, Scott met a Foothill student intern who told him about the courses she was taking. This got him to thinking how he could help support Foothill students who struggle financially to stay

in school. Scott knew doing that would mean a lot to him. "The Foothill-De Anza district and community colleges have always been invaluable to me, and whenever I needed to refocus and move forward with my educational goals, they were always there for me," he said. "It means so much for me to be able to give back."

Scott recently established the Cutler Myo Min Endowment in loving memory Kay Thee. The endowment will support in perpetuity students who have financial need and are majoring in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. Having retired in June, Scott is ready to re-energize and looks forward to helping students realize their educational dreams.

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# ROTARY CLUB OF CUPERTINO DEDICATED TO DE ANZA STUDENTS

The Rotary Club of Cupertino truly embodies the organization's motto "Service Above Self" and the Foothill-De Anza Foundation has enjoyed a rich partnership with the club and its members for more than 15 years. Since its founding in 1955, Cupertino Rotary has grown into the third largest club in the Bay Area with nearly 200 active members. The club focuses its service efforts on youth, education, the community and international causes. In that spirit, its members are passionate about supporting K-12 and college students' efforts to reach their career goals.

Cupertino Rotary provides scholarships to De Anza students who pursue workforce degrees and certificates and plan on entering the workforce after graduation. Since 2001, the club has generously donated more than \$80,000 and helped more than 50 De Anza students! Future nurses, auto technicians, manufacturing designers, medical assistants and many others have benefitted from the \$1,500 scholarships. De Anza College students are grateful for the help.

"Thank you so much for your generous scholarship. Coming from a single-parent household, affording college has always been a challenge, but this award has helped greatly!" ~ De Anza Nursing Student

Rotary recently increased its support for students by offering two additional scholarships for a total of eight \$1,500 scholarships awarded annually. For four of the scholarships, the club gives a preference to student veterans.

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"Cupertino Rotary has always been a strong supporter of scholarships for De Anza College students. Originally funded as part of the Vocational Service Program, the club's efforts recently received two generous bequests from deceased Rotarians. Their personal experiences with De Anza and its good works inspired them to create the Cupertino Rotary Endowment Foundation dedicated to providing scholarships for De Anza students. They truly walked the walk for De Anza."

~ Orrin Mahoney, Past Cupertino Rotary President and District 5170 Governor



Cupertino Rotarians have also shown unwavering support for student veterans who are transitioning to De Anza College from service in the U.S. armed forces. In spring 2018, the Rotary Club of Cupertino awarded \$6,000 in scholarships to veterans at De Anza to help pay for their books and instructional materials. This grant, which reached more than 20 student veterans, was particularly helpful to those who had exhausted their federal benefits before the end of the academic year.

Beyond the club and individual members' financial contributions, Cupertino Rotary members serve Foothill and De Anza colleges in various other ways, including making important connections in the community, sitting on volunteer advisory committees, reviewing scholarship applications, and promoting college events. The Rotary Club of Cupertino is an invaluable partner of the Foothill-De Anza Foundation and its impact on students no doubt will continue for years to come.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Robin Latta, Assistant Director, Foothill-De Anza Foundation; Vanessa Harris, Scholarship Recipient; Catherine Hrycyk, De Anza Director of Nursing; Mariah Smith, Scholarship Recipient; Peter Landsberger, Member, Foothill-De Anza Board of Trustees; Susan Latshaw, Cupertino Rotary Scholarship Committee

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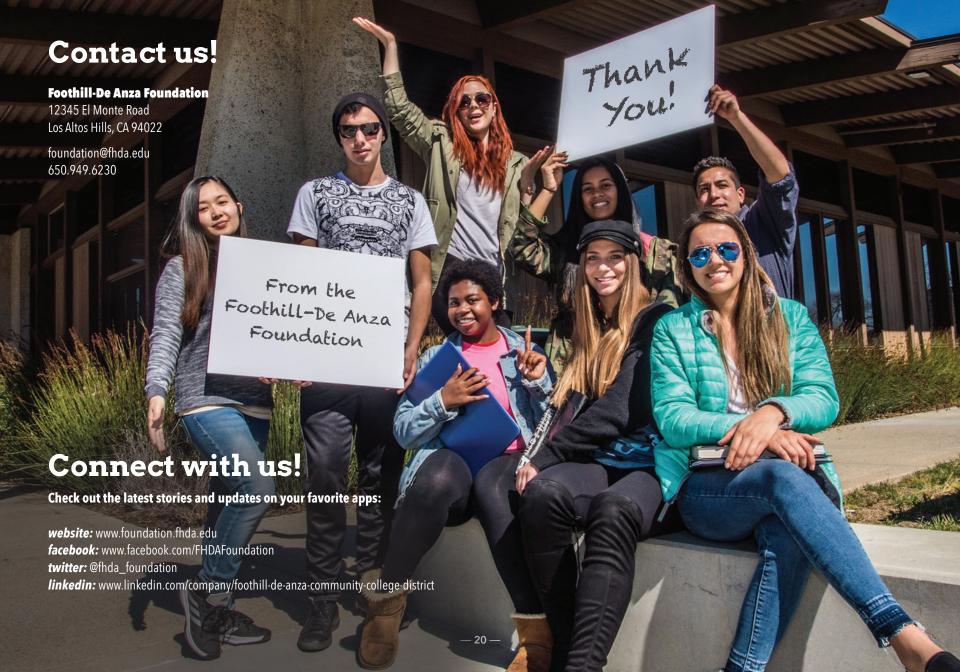
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