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The mission of the Foothill-De Anza Foundation is to change student lives by raising and investing funds to support the educational excellence of Foothill and De Anza colleges. Our Board of Directors and the Foothill and De Anza College Commissions do this important work together. They are dedicated to promoting our colleges in the community and engaging in projects, activities and fundraising in direct support of student success.



Photo: Stevie Salcido



Welcome

In carrying out the foundation's mission of supporting our incredible community colleges, we are honored by the commitment of donors and friends like you who invested in Foothill and De Anza College students when they needed you most. Thank you! We are pleased to share the accomplishments you made possible and look forward to engaging you to meet the challenges ahead!

On September 1, the Foothill-De Anza Foundation and its Board of Directors proudly launched a new campaign, the Hope Initiative, to raise an additional \$3 million over the next three years to support students' basic needs. The Hope Initiative's goal is to bring additional resources to our college food pantries, to emergency grant funds that help students with unexpected housing and living expenses, and to the colleges' mental health offices. We know from the work we do and from the student stories we hear every day that even the smallest amount of support dedicated to helping meet students' basic needs can make a huge difference.

This effort, regardless of the pandemic, the economy, and the challenges within our region, is about investing in our future. You can learn more [here](#), and we hope that you will consider making a gift.

In the following annual report, you will see the work of our faculty, staff, and donors in advancing the careers and educational pathways of so many of Silicon Valley's best and brightest. We are delighted to share a snapshot of the work that we are collectively doing.

Our hope is that you are inspired by the stories you read in this year's report. Thank you for all you do to bring hope to our students.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis Cima". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Dennis Cima

Executive Director, Foothill-De Anza Foundation



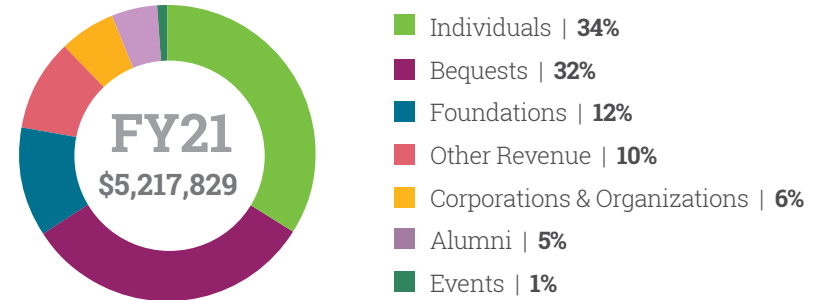
Financials

Each year, supporters contribute not only to our students but to the programs that make Foothill-De Anza distinctive. The Foothill-De Anza Foundation is committed to transparency and accountability, and we work to ensure the greatest educational impact of every donor investment.

The Foundation invests its resources with TIAA Kaspick, a company with more than 30 years of experience managing endowments for nonprofit clients. TIAA Kaspick manages over \$8.3 billion and is recognized nationally for the quality of its services.



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AUDITED FINANCIALS

Total Assets: **\$44,932,845**

Educational Program and Scholarship Expenses: **\$4,693,462**



Foothill-De Anza Foundation's fiscal year 2020 tax return and financial statements are available upon request. Please email us at foundation@fhda.edu to obtain copies.

Providing the Tipping Point for Success

Foothill-De Anza Food Pantries Give Relief to Many

Our college food pantries have become a go-to resource for hungry students. Many students surveyed by the colleges reported that they ate less or went hungry because they didn't have enough money for food. Increased stress from being hungry or worrying about the next meal negatively affects student success. The Foothill-De Anza Foundation recently launched the Hope Initiative to raise additional funds to support our food pantries. We are thankful to all the donors who have contributed to the Foothill and De Anza food pantries over the years.

Grateful for the Assistance League® of Los Altos

It is heartening to know that local community organizations recognize that college students in our area need extra help. Thanks to the generosity of the Assistance League® of Los Altos, 310 Foothill College students received electronic grocery store cards during the fall, winter, and spring quarters through the Foothill Food Pantry. These gift cards provided a critical source of support that helped students and their families afford groceries, relieving hunger and worry so students could focus on their studies.

“During the winter quarter, I had almost no money left from bills and having to fix my car, which I use to help take care of my grandparents. When I got my Food Pantry gift cards, it helped tremendously being able to afford groceries again.”

– Foothill Food Pantry recipient

De Anza's Food Pantry Helps Those Who Need it Most

The De Anza College Food Pantry served more than 500 students in the 2020-21 academic year. Throughout the year, students received e-gift cards to buy groceries and other essentials. Without a generous gift from donors Paul and Melonie Brophy, the food pantry would not have had the staffing to manage the food pantry effectively and meet student demand. It can be difficult for students to reach out for help, but our kind and caring staff members from De Anza's Office of Outreach make the food pantry a welcoming place for students.

“Thank you for helping me out in so many ways. The food pantry staff has been so kind to me. I'm so grateful for the support during these difficult times.”

– De Anza Food Pantry recipient



Student Contract Tracers Help the Community, Thanks to Chancellor's Circle Funds

As COVID-19 infected thousands of Silicon Valley residents, Foothill College launched a free Contact Tracing and Case Investigation course to help meet the demand for trained volunteer contact tracers during the pandemic. Each volunteer tracer had to complete the course and 100 hours of contact tracing service for Santa Clara County to receive a \$1,500 stipend made possible using unrestricted funds contributed by Chancellor's Circle members.

Led by Foothill health science and biology instructor Dr. Rebecca Ryan, the course provided an opportunity for students to be part of the county's public infrastructure and serve the community.



“ I am thankful for being part of the Contact Tracing Corps at Foothill. The skills I have learned as a contact tracer, such as active listening and cultural competency, have far-reaching applications, and I am glad to be of service to help stop the spread of such a deadly and destructive infectious disease. The generous stipend will go towards finishing the coursework needed to apply to medical school next year. ”

– Hannah



“ As a contact tracer I worked to provide crucial information to individuals who contracted or may have been exposed to COVID-19. It's not an easy job. But the experience gave me confidence, a community of lifelong friends and mentors, and admiration for the public health field. The stipend I've earned will go towards my college textbooks, supplies, and transportation for school. ”

– Riana



De Anza Nursing Students Deliver COVID-19 Vaccinations

In February 2021, De Anza College Nursing students played a vital role in Santa Clara County's COVID-19 vaccination program, administering injections at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds in San Jose.

Several students had the opportunity to meet California Governor Gavin Newsom, when he stopped by the fairgrounds and thanked them for their contributions to safeguarding public health.

Nearly 30 students gave vaccine injections at the fairgrounds and 14 administered COVID-19 tests at another location. The students were able to serve the community while gaining valuable clinical experience.

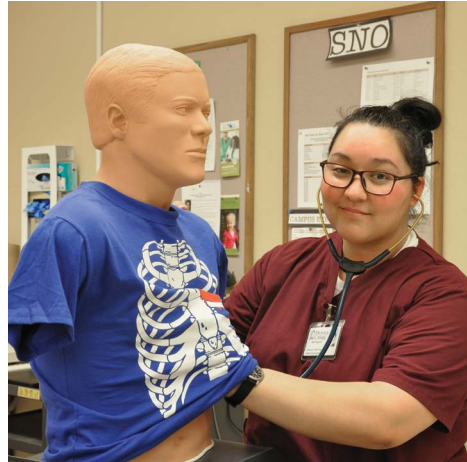
"We are so proud of our Nursing students who, like so many other front-line essential workers, are playing a vital role in the fight against this deadly pandemic," said Anita Muthyala-Kandula, dean of Biological, Health and Environmental Sciences.

"We have a great team of classified professionals and faculty here at De Anza who are continuing to support their on-site education and clinical experience during these difficult times," Muthyala-Kandula added.

Nursing is one of the De Anza career training programs that has been recognized by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for helping students make significant financial or career gains. That's one of the reasons why De Anza is "Tops in Career Training."

Pictured: Chanel Espinoza, Michael Perea, Clementina Lambert, Samantha Monjaraz, Gov. Newsom, Eric Moreno, Chloe Goulding & Lyndon Acosta





Nursing Students Receive Extra Support

De Anza nursing students received emergency grants through the Foundation for California Community Colleges in partnership with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, which created the First Response Healthcare Student Support Fund in April 2020. The First Response Fund was established to support students, families, and communities affected by COVID-19. The Foothill-De Anza Foundation administered the grants to make sure the funds reached students in need.

“COVID-19 has created an environment with new obstacles for those of us training to become the next generation of healthcare providers. However, there are new opportunities that have been given to us as well. I recently participated in a county COVID vaccination clinic and was able to give vaccinations to many people in the community. It touched my heart to have people express their gratitude and to be able to discuss and empathize with them about how the pandemic has been affecting them and their loved ones. I've found that this pandemic is teaching me how to care for others more deeply and how to go the extra mile to show kindness.”

– Sandra, De Anza College nursing student

Hope Initiative

Our foundation is doing something bold: We have embarked on an initiative to raise an additional **\$3 million over the next three years** to support the basic needs of students at Foothill and De Anza colleges to help them achieve their educational and career goals.

Generous donors have helped our students through many hard times. Not only do these incredible contributions support the academic excellence of Foothill and De Anza colleges, they also support students outside of the classroom by funding direct services and grants for food, housing, and mental health services. We know that supporting students' basic needs has a direct relationship to their retention and student success.

The Basics of Success

Think about it: If you had difficulty covering your own or your family's basic needs, would you be able to stay in college? Whether it's having enough food, paying the rent, struggling with an unforeseen expense, or accessing mental health services, these are constant struggles for many of our students. With a bit of extra support, however, we know they can focus on their education and reach their goals.

We are looking to you – our donors, our community, our corporate partners, our friends, and our alumni – to meet the goals of this campaign and continue your support for students and educational excellence at Foothill and De Anza colleges.

Will you join us in reaching our first \$1 million?

Donate today, and make a big difference in the life of a student:

foundation.fhda.edu/what-we-do/hope_initiative.html

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BASIC NEEDS = STUDENT SUCCESS



FOOD



MENTAL HEALTH



HOUSING



DID YOU KNOW?

ALMOST
4 in 10

students responding to a recent campus survey said they **ate less or went hungry** because they didn't have enough money for food.

more than half

of students responding moved often, shared a room, or **struggled to pay for housing or utilities.**

ALMOST
1 in 6

students responding said they had been **homeless** during the previous year.



“It is very comforting to know there are individuals and organizations like the Foothill-De Anza Foundation that are willing to help in times of distress. For educational institutions to care about their students even outside of the classroom is very motivating.”

“Thanks to the emergency fund, I will be able to stay on course to a bright future and focus on my education, not on the limitations brought about by the coronavirus... I will remember the support I received and will not hesitate in returning the favor.”

– Christian, De Anza student

Hope
IS EVERYTHING

Overcoming Homelessness, Foothill Alum Perseveres and Transfers to UCLA

While attending Foothill College, alumnus Matt Bodo faced down obstacles familiar to many current students: housing and food insecurity.

Now a transfer student at UCLA, Bodo recently spoke from his dorm room with Foothill-De Anza Foundation Executive Director Dennis Cima about how the essential support services he received at Foothill College helped him get to where he is today. He expressed appreciation for everything from scholarships and emergency grants to counseling and other assistance through Foothill's Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS). These are topics that matter a great deal to Matt, as well as to many other community college students and their supporters.

"I cannot put into words how much community college has changed my life," Matt said. "There's not a moment before Foothill that I would have pictured myself where I am now and as happy and, by my own definition, as successful as I am."

Matt stresses the importance of meeting students' basic needs for food and housing as a key to student success. He said the resources made available to him at Foothill College enabled him to stay in school, complete his studies, and transfer to UCLA, where he is majoring in linguistics and psychology.

According to the American Association of Community Colleges, 46% of all undergraduates in the U.S. are enrolled in a community college. Many of these students are the first in their families to attend college and aren't familiar with the variety of expenses that come with college life. The cost of food and housing combined with unexpected living expenses can leave students



(Matt's story continued from previous page)

having to choose between adequate nutrition, paying the rent, buying books or even staying in school. For Foothill and De Anza students, the high cost of living in Silicon Valley makes going to college a challenge.

A recent survey of Foothill students asked, "What issues are a significant concern where your ability to remain enrolled and/or be successful in your classes may be affected?" Most students responded that "reliable finances" was their greatest concern. For so many Foothill-De Anza students, paying for housing, food and healthcare is the greatest barrier to staying enrolled and finishing their education.

Matt's experience at Foothill College highlights the importance of meeting students' basic needs as well as the value that our community colleges bring to students' lives. Foothill and De Anza colleges serve as safe places where students can lean on others for moral and financial support.

"I'm proud to say I'm a Foothill alum, and I don't know if it would have been possible without the support of donors," Matt said. "It can make the difference for a student being able to graduate and transfer, or not."

The Foothill-De Anza Foundation and its donors have supported students for many years with grants, special programs, and scholarships. It is this kind of direct support to students that helps them overcome obstacles and succeed. At a time when students are facing high levels of financial hardship, the foundation is excited to lead the **Hope Initiative** to help as many students as possible with their basic needs in order to reach their educational potential.

With support from the community college district's board of trustees, faculty, staff and administrators, the Foothill-De Anza Foundation Board of Directors is taking the lead to raise an additional \$3 million over three years to support students' basic needs.

"As president of the Foothill-De Anza Foundation, I'm proud that we launched the Hope Initiative to help more students like Matt achieve their dreams," said board President Rimi Bewtra. "Foothill and De Anza are Silicon Valley's educational cornerstones. By raising funds for basic needs, students can focus on college and career. We are honored to help meet the demands for an educated workforce in our region and give every student, no matter their economic status, an opportunity to reach their educational goals."

You can view Matt's full interview [here](#).



De Anza President Lloyd Holmes Shares First-Year Experiences

Tell us about your first year as President of De Anza College.



My first year has been truly wonderful. I was welcomed so warmly to the college – by students, faculty, staff and our community members. De Anza College has been an integral part of the community for more than 50 years, and yet had only three presidents in its history. That’s remarkable when you think about it. It’s been an honor to begin my tenure as the fourth president of such a stellar institution and to work alongside those focused on students and supporting their success.

You moved to Cupertino from the East Coast. How has it been getting to know a new community during such a unique and challenging time?

I have been participating in as many external events and activities as possible and meeting with donors as well as government, business and nonprofit leaders in the region. I joined the Cupertino Rotary and have participated in several of their service projects, as well as events held by the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, among others. I recently was appointed to the West Valley Community Services Board of Directors. West Valley is a key supporter of De Anza College’s Food Pantry program.

In terms of living in Silicon Valley, it has been a great experience. Still, I have to tell you, I wish the circumstances were different! My husband, David, and I are people who like to be out and about and explore the area around our new home. Certainly, it’s been more difficult in the current environment. But I’m hopeful we’re past the worst of the pandemic – for many reasons, of course – and we both look forward to experiencing our new home in full.

How has the college adjusted during COVID-19, and what needs will our students continue to have?

I arrived several months into the pandemic, in July 2020. I was incredibly impressed with what our faculty, staff and administrators were able to pull off quickly and just prior to students’ finals in March, when all classes and services went online. I continue to be impressed with the dedication to students evident in the delivery of classes and services over the past year. And college leadership has engaged in outstanding return-to-campus planning, bringing some classes and services back to campus this fall and implementing a mandatory vaccination policy.

Student needs continue as before – yet have intensified. Basic needs are the best example of this. Students who lost jobs, or whose immediate family members lost employment, may face greater food insecurity. There was so much loss during the pandemic period – loss of life, of livelihood, of community – that the mental health needs that had already existed for students were exacerbated. And of course, needs specific to the pandemic also emerged – for technology, for example, a quiet study space.

(President Holmes' interview continued from previous page)

How have donors to the Foothill-De Anza Foundation helped students to make it through the difficulties of the last year?

We are incredibly grateful to our donors. Gifts in the area of basic needs help us continue to serve our students in these fundamental areas and help keep students enrolled and engaged. Similarly, donations to scholarships help retain students at De Anza and assist our graduates as they move on to their transfer universities. Unrestricted gifts, such as those to the Chancellor's Circle, help us address a wide variety of needs we could not otherwise meet. We simply could not do what we do as De Anza College without our donors!

Given the rapid pace of Silicon Valley, how do you see De Anza College's role in the region?

Because the pace is so rapid, I see De Anza moving ever more quickly, as well, to meet the continually evolving needs of students, the community and area employers. We will begin conducting a strategic planning process this year, based on the college's Guided Pathways initiative and equity work, that will help facilitate this ability to respond quickly. Specifically related to employers, we're fortunate to have many part-time instructors who work in the fields they teach and representatives of area employers on our career technical education advisory committees – both of which help keep us current and able to respond nimbly to regional needs.

What are your priorities for the 2021-22 academic year?

From a fundraising perspective, my top priority continues to be meeting student basic needs. Again, doing so is crucial for our students' essential well-being and ultimate success and why I strongly support the Foundation's Hope Initiative. I plan to work closely with the Foundation Board of Directors and staff, and the De Anza Commission, in informing our community about the Hope Initiative and the lives they will change through their support. My additional fundraising goals include support for the arts at De Anza and for our student veterans.

My other priorities in the community are to continue engaging with regional leaders and community groups to benefit our students. Internally at the college, my focus will be the combined strategic planning and Guided Pathways work, which is inspired by the aphorism "It takes a village" to support a student, along with the vision of achieving equity goals for the students of De Anza College.



De Anza Alumna Gives Back to Support Scholarships

Mary De Masters is a De Anza alumna whose life was shaped by an internship program at the college in the early 1980s. Mary came to California to be a Cobol programmer but was unable to find work right away. She enrolled at De Anza College and secured an internship that eventually led to a permanent position at Adobe. She is extremely grateful for her experience at De Anza and pays it forward by supporting scholarships for current De Anza students.



Her generous gifts support multiple scholarships including the Great Perseverance Scholarship, which recognizes students who have overcome a challenge or hardship such as living with a disability, being the first in their family to attend college, overcoming economic hardship, re-entering college after a period of absence, or being a single parent. The Great Perseverance Scholarship receives the most applications of all our scholarships.

We are so grateful that Mary's support allows the foundation to offer more scholarships to our students. Crystal, a student veteran who graduated magna cum laude this summer with an associate degree in biological science from De Anza, is among the many beneficiaries of Mary's generosity. Her thank-you note on the next page demonstrates her passion, determination, and appreciation for receiving a scholarship.

The foundation distributed more than \$600,000 in scholarship awards in fiscal year 2020-21 thanks to amazing donors, like Mary, who know the value of investing in students who are pursuing higher education.

thank you donors!

we couldn't do it without you

Dear Generous Donors,

My name is Crystal and I'm writing to thank you for selecting me as the recipient of the De Anza Great Perseverance Scholarship. I am so grateful and touched to receive your support in my academic journey!

I grew up in rural China and was reunited with my mom when I was relocated to the U.S. at 6 years old. As a first-generation college student, life has been a tumultuous journey with many ups and downs. The challenges I faced and overcame inspired me to become a teacher and a military medic. Both these roles helped me gain the skills and capability to pivot my career toward achieving my long-held dream of becoming a Physician Assistant (PA).

Throughout my diverse experiences, I have learned that there are countless people, from kids to adults, who face the type of challenges I faced – language difficulties, cultural barriers, etc. My lifelong goal is to become a bastion of support to those who are disadvantaged by working to improve public health and education – two pillars critical to building a healthier society. By attending PA school, I will train to become a skilled and compassionate healthcare provider focused on supporting medically underserved populations. I will become a leader in my profession by advocating for my patients. I will leverage my teaching and military experience to build robust interdisciplinary communities in order to strive for long-term positive social impact.

I'm currently in the process of interviewing for PA schools. I know this is just the beginning and the journey ahead is long and rife with challenges as well as great financial cost. Your gift came to me at a time when I truly needed affirmation. Thank you for hearing me when I poured my heart and soul into my scholarship application essay. Thank you for believing in me and finding value in my cause.

With your support, I will continue to work hard to reach my goal of improving social, educational, and healthcare outcomes for all!

Best,

Crystal Tao 陶丽梅



Thanks for Your Support

The Foothill-De Anza Foundation proudly recognizes contributions from our community. The success of our students is made possible by you, our most generous donors, and by our excellent educational programs, student support services, caring staff and outstanding faculty. This list recognizes donors who have given \$100 or more between July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

Great care has been taken in the preparation of this list, but if errors or omissions are found, please call us at 650.949.6230.



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