Greetings from Chancellor Thor

Dear Friends of Foothill & De Anza colleges,

I'm pleased to introduce you to two recent graduates who found their passions at Foothill-De Anza and are now putting those passions to work in successful careers. Like so many of our students, they place a high value on making the world a better place.

Patrick Ahrens, who graduated from De Anza College in 2009, is already an old hand in civic and community affairs. Nimit Tank, a 2011 Foothill College grad, is making a difference in the world of business and entrepreneurship.

Both Patrick and Nimit credit the learning opportunities they experienced at our colleges - and the support they received from our outstanding faculty and staff - for giving them a solid start on the road to satisfying careers. Both transferred to four-year universities, where they found themselves well prepared to continue their education.

Their stories, which you can read below, illustrate the important role our colleges play in giving students a strong educational foundation. They also show how students with drive and a willingness to work hard can get to where they want to go, starting in community college.
As 2014 draws to rapid close, I hope your year was as fulfilling as ours was in the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, and that you, too, have enjoyed many successes.

Thank you for your interest in our colleges, and for your friendship and support. I'm optimistic about all we can accomplish in 2015. Our graduates are hard at work everywhere in the community, so be on the lookout. You've supported them on their road to success and now they're here, working for you.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Thor, Ed.D., Chancellor

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**Alumni Spotlight**

**Civic Engagement Becomes a Career**

De Anza College graduate Patrick Ahrens is passionate about public service. One of the first classes he took at De Anza was Political Science 1, an American government and politics taught by Professor Nicky Gonzalez Yuen. He says he was inspired not only by the class and Professor Yuen, but by De Anza itself.

Read more here

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**Foothill Alumnus Begins Entrepreneurial Career in Silicon Valley**

Nimit Tank grew up in Cupertino, surrounded by entrepreneurship. Ever since
high school he's spent his free time engaged in activities that would enhance his ability to work with others and create something new. Now, with a degree in business from the University of Southern California, he's working for a technology company as a business consultant and pursuing his passion to make a difference by launching his own start-up. He credits Foothill College as essential to his success.

Read more here

This Holiday Season We Want to Say

Thank You

Last year, thanks to our generous donors, the Foothill-De Anza Foundation provided more than $3 million in program support including scholarships, book vouchers and stipends to Foothill and De Anza college students, leading to many, many changed lives. Thank you!

The Foothill Commission Presents
an Exclusive Winter Musical Evening
Save the Date - Mar. 5, 2015


Proceeds from the event benefit the Foothill Theater Arts Department and sponsorship opportunities are available. More information to come after the first of the year.

If you are unable to join us on March 5, "Sunday in the Park with George" runs from Feb. 19 - Mar. 8 and tickets will be available through the Foothill Theatre Box Office.

Searching for Alumni

Have You Attended Classes at Foothill or De Anza?

If so, we want to hear from you. What are you doing now? What is your fondest memory while attending Foothill or De Anza?

Please take a moment to reconnect with us by filling out our alumni form.

Reconnect with our other alumni by joining our LinkedIn network!

The Foothill-De Anza Foundation
Website Has a New Look!

Visit our website for inspiring stories from our alumni, donors, faculty and staff.

Find out how the colleges are changing lives, one student at a time, with the help and support of our many partners.

Visit Foothill and De Anza

To check out upcoming events for both campuses, go to the Foundation’s upcoming events page

Events of Interest

Fujitsu Planetarium Shows De Anza College
December 20, 2014
Jan. 10, 2015
Jan. 17, 2015
You can see all the show times and purchase tickets now, HERE

De Anza Flea Market - Parking lots A & B
Saturday Jan. 3, 2015
Saturday Feb. 7, 2015
Saturday Mar. 7, 2015

Foothill College Physics Show
Jan. 10 & 11, Jan. 24 & 25
Tickets are on sale now!
Check out the great courses being offered at both of our campuses.
Who knows what you could learn?

Check out the Foothill schedule of classes here
Check out the De Anza schedule of classes here

Give to the Future of Silicon Valley
The Foothill-De Anza Foundation changes students' lives by raising and investing funds to support the educational excellence of Foothill and De Anza colleges. The foundation welcomes gifts of cash, securities and property, and gifts may be pledged over time. The foundation is also the grateful beneficiary of deferred giving; bequests are among the colleges' most transformational gifts.

Please consider making an investment in Foothill and De Anza colleges and the future of Silicon Valley.

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