



# President's Communiqué

FROM THE DESK OF THUY THI NGUYEN

"All I "

"All I Want For Christmas Is . . ."

From mini-models to role-play using an app to find parking, our students are simply rock stars. I had the opportunity to hear Engineering 10 students present last Thursday.



I had a little lull this past week from getting over the flu, and our students' *Service Leadership* projects lifted my spirits. Prof. **Sarah Parikh** reported that the projects were all initiated by students and inspired by *Service Leadership* – that is, service learning to address community needs (parking and environmental sustainability at Foothill). Prof. **Parikh** also reported that there was noticeably an increased number of women and students of color participating this quarter.

Considering the genius of many of their ideas and the anything-is-possible mantra in Silicon Valley, I would not be surprised if we see some of these ideas go to market. For sure, I plan to invest fundraised dollars from the *Service Leadership Fund* to implement at least one of their ideas!

As observed by the accreditation visiting team, our college is one that supports innovation. One example of that is the Krause Center for Innovation. A week ago, KCI had a successful grand opening for its new Makerspace and I love their name: “KCI Underground”. Read more about the KCI Underground and the ribbon-cutting ceremony: <https://www.smore.com/wpd9f-kci-underground?ref=email>

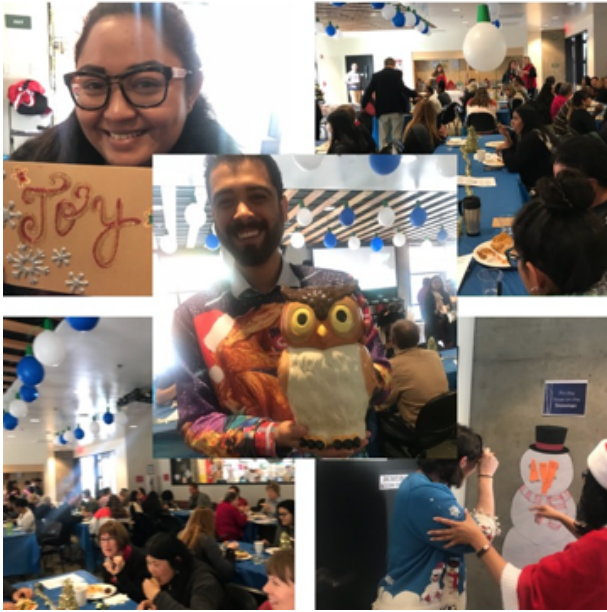


Maybe our students could solve some of our facility needs!

Earlier last week, one of our PE buildings had major water leaks and several pool boilers broke down. Thank you to our team for getting everything back up and running – just in time for the basketball tournament this weekend: **Mike Teijeiro, Mark Darrah, Elizabeth Hunter, Jennifer Mahato, Jim Kozelka, Jorge Rodriguez, Karen Lauricella, Arturo Garcia, Steven Kitchen, Rick Andrews, and Simon Pennington.**

**Mike Teijeiro** said it best, “We live in an old house.” That is why I am thankful to the board and chancellor for exploring the possibility of a general obligation bond next year.

Another pick-me-upper was the Holiday Party! Special thanks to the organizers: **Mike Mohebbi, Kelaiah Harris, Mary Vanatta, Katherine Fortune**, the fabulous Pacific Dining Hall crew, and our awesome marketing team (**Valerie Diaz de Arce, Jerry Robredo, Bradley Creamer, Julie Ceballos, and Vanessa Smith**).



And the owl goes to the ugliest sweater worn by **Josue Rosales** who bought it online!

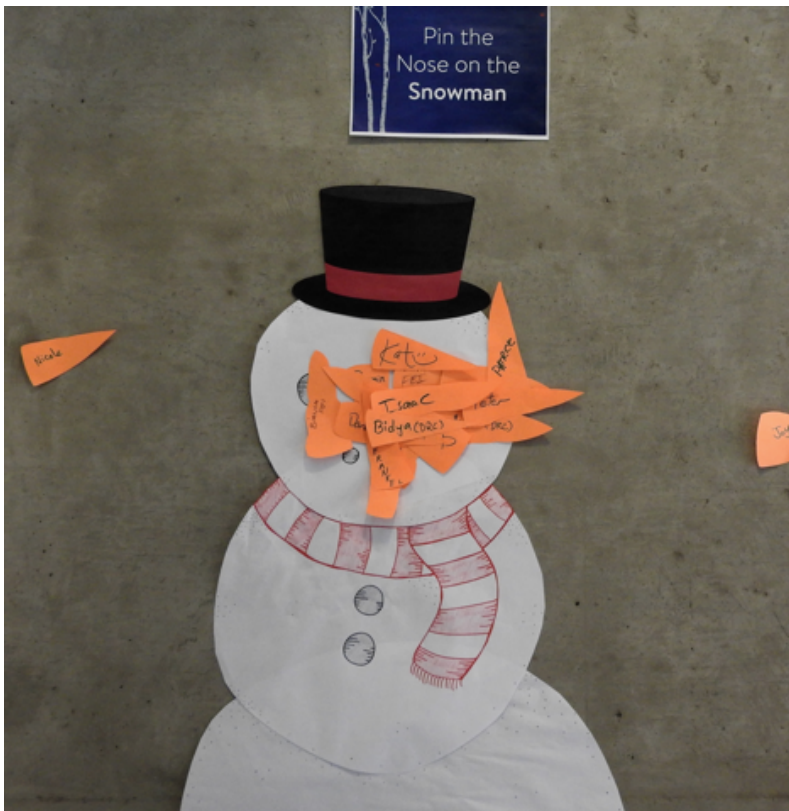


Santa works at Foothill!



Our first-year faculty members came out for some much deserved holiday fun. I apparently did not steer

one away from the danger zone.



Winner by a nose...but which nose? **Bidya Subedi** from DRC or Academic Senate Prez **Isaac Escoto**?

**Help me decide. Click here & vote by Thursday:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FoothillSnowman>

We also had a book-drive at the Holiday Party. There's still time to donate. Was both happy and sad to drop off 3 bags of my kids' books. Check out our webpage of Foothill holiday-giving projects: <https://foothill.edu/fall2017/holiday-giving.html>



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**FOSTER YOUTH**  
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VPI **Kristy Lisle** attended and tweeted pictures of the toy-drive by Prof. **Bubba Gong** and his students, with over 100 toys donated last Friday. Thank you to our Kinesiology and Athletics faculty!

To help liven the Holiday Party, I made a (sad) attempt to sing. The result, just one line: "All I want for Christmas is . . . Foothill!"

**Happy Holidays**  
 Happy **Hanukkah**  
**HappyKwanzaa**  
**Merry Christmas**

Best of luck with FINALS Week!

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