



“Service Above Self”

Great news from Prof. **Phyllis Spragge**, Director of the Dental Hygiene Program. The associate degree program has held a perfect exam-passage record for 50+ years, and it is starting a new record with its baccalaureate one also.



Phyllis Spragge
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Foothill College Dental Hygiene class of 2018, our first Bachelor of Science degree graduates. They had a 100% pass rate on their clinic board exams this weekend!

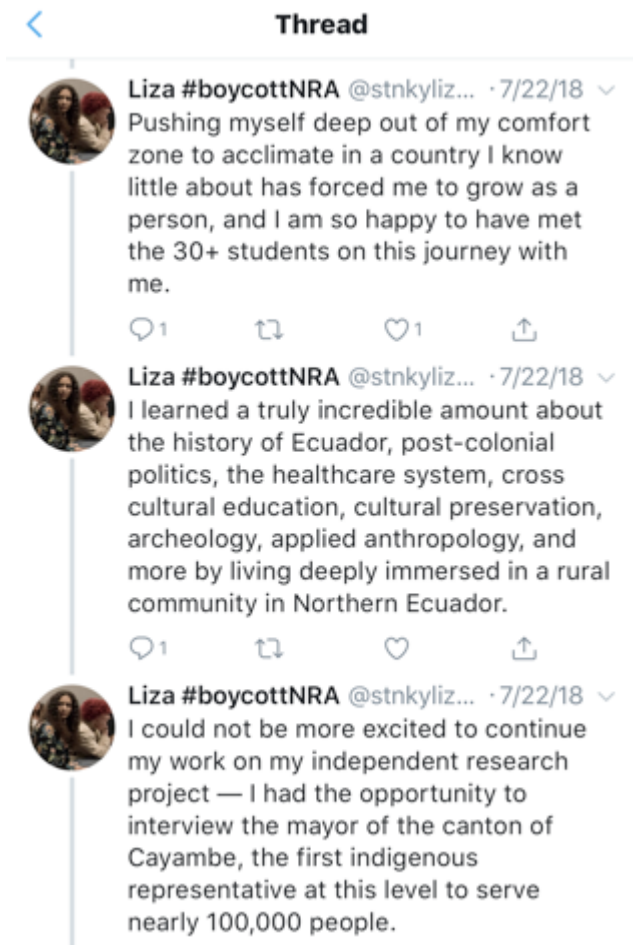


Some of the students in the program, along with biology students will be heading to Honduras this Saturday! We are doing one last push for those hotel toiletries.



Here's my new collection for the Global Medical/Dental Brigades. **Drop off yours in the bin at the *President's Corner* (mailroom area) by Thursday.**

Students from the anthropology program have returned from Ecuador by now. Check out part of this tweet thread from **Liza Turchinsky**, one of the students on the trip.



Students don't have to travel globally to make a difference globally. **Kareeda Kabir**, a recent graduate wrote an article in Teen Vogue and got nods from **Chelsea Clinton** and **Bill McKibben**. She's heading to Georgetown this fall!



Chelsea Clinton 
@ChelseaClinton



Important read about how the effects of climate change are falling particularly hard on girls in Bangladesh:



Climate Change in Bangladesh Puts Girls and Women at Great Risk

teenvogue.com

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Bill McKibben 
@billmckibben



Superb piece from @TeenVogue on how climate change damages the lives of Bangladeshi women and girls. We're taking already tough lives and making them steadily tougher



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Kareeda originally wrote the article as part of her service learning assignment for Prof. **Scott Lankford**'s class! In response to my congratulatory tweet to her, **Kareeda** posted:



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Replying to @FoothillPrez and @stnkylizard

Thank you so much! ❤️🖤 I couldn't have done it without all of the wonderful support from Foothill 😊

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Foothill students are leading in extraordinary ways, making an impact locally also. Check out this article in the Los Altos Town Crier:

[Foothill students search for affordable housing for their peers](#)

“Foothill College students are taking the housing crisis into their own hands. **Eoin O’Farrell**, a student at Foothill, helped start Bay Area Students for Affordable Housing because he saw firsthand the desperate need for housing. The group’s mission is twofold: advocate for housing resources and connect homeless students with housing...One of the students involved in the Foothill project, **Matthew Bodo**, has experienced homelessness.”

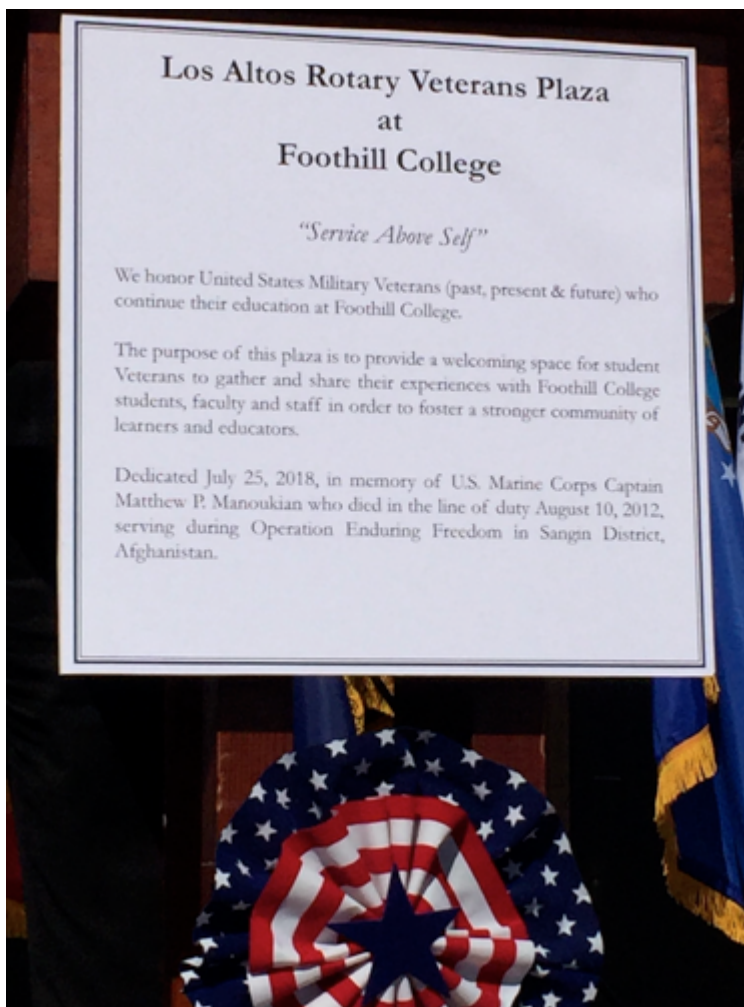
One professor expressed gratitude to the college for providing a food pantry in partnership with Whole Foods; he recently found out that a couple of his students were homeless while in his class. A group of students inquired with me last year about their idea to invent a mattress that could be used by their homeless classmates when they sleep in their cars. There is so much work to support homeless students (and students in general) to secure affordable housing in the area. I hope we can support students in their advocacy for affordable housing these upcoming years. Let me know if you are interested.

A community member once asked me whether Service Leadership is an attempt to bring Rotary to Foothill College. Actually, Rotary is already at Foothill College!

Last Wednesday, our college had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Veterans

Plaza after several years of fundraising by the Los Altos Rotary Club – that is, in addition to the \$350,000+ the club has raised for scholarships and supplies for student veterans at Foothill. As I noted during the ceremony (besides my memory lapse that attendees got to witness), what was special about the ceremony was not a dedication of a building, plaza, or mural wall; it was about the incredible heart that the community is giving to our students and the moving words by the parents of the late Captain **Matthew Manoukian**.

“Service Above Self” is a Rotary motto, and it is an apt title for the plaza as it reflects not only the spirit of local Rotarians who helped make this happen, but also the selfless service of student veterans to our country! The latest data shows more than 650 Foothill students in 2016-17 were veterans or on active duty.



Chancellor **Judy Miner** capturing the view of the Veterans Plaza ceremony with the wording for the plaza plaque.



During the ceremony, **Ron Labetich** – the key organizer (a veteran and Rotarian) suggested people come back and visit the plaza at 9 at night. That very evening at 9 pm, our awesome AVP of Finance and Administration **Elias Regalado** sent pictures of the plaza. Stunning!

When the new school year starts, we look forward to holding a ceremony for the Veterans Mural, which was designed for and by student veterans under the guidance of **Oscar Lopez** (designer for the DREAMers Mural) and Professor **Jordan Fong**.

Speaking of veterans, my family and I went to see Foothill Music Theatre's "The Sound of Music" last weekend and I'm still humming **Captain Van Trapp**'s "Edelweiss". As you know, the book/movie/play is based on a true story where the **Van Trapp** family ultimately fled to the United States. The

play ends with the scene of **Maria** and **Captain Van Trapp** with their 7 children heading to the mountains to cross the border. What would we do if we had to face a similar dilemma that the Captain had to face?

You can still get tickets to see the remaining 4 shows this Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. <https://foothill.edu/theatre/productions/soundofmusic.html>



Foothill's 'Sound of Music' as big and boisterous as original classic

“With all that going for it, **Melissa Carey**’s direction is very nearly perfect as is her choice of fine actors for the key roles.”

Professors **Melissa Carey** and **Tom Gough** (with “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”) have directed outstanding plays this year, as my children can testify. Congrats to both, the theater team, and Prof. **Bruce McLeod** for such encore productions.

*“So long, farewell
Auf Weidersehen, goodbye”*

Of Service,



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