



## 🎵 'This Little Light of Mine' 🎵



Once again, Foothill students shined! The students were so nervous about interviewing Dr. **Cornel West** on stage, yet their questions were appreciated by so many audience members.

Special thanks to **Simon Pennington** who had the idea of inviting Dr. **West**, and did the lion share of the work! Thank you also to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make it an evening to remember: **Jean McCarron; Vanessa Smith; Christina ("Christy" Moore); Adiel Valasquez; Danmin Deng; Adrienne Hypolite**; Campus Ambassadors; Foundation team **Robin Latta, Leigh Howell, Lindsay West, and Dennis Cima**; and many others.

Foothill students were inspired by Dr. **West** and thanked us for this memorable experience. One of them was taking copious notes while on stage during most of the interview!

Many people have contacted me and posted on social media about how inspired they were by the students and Dr. **West**.

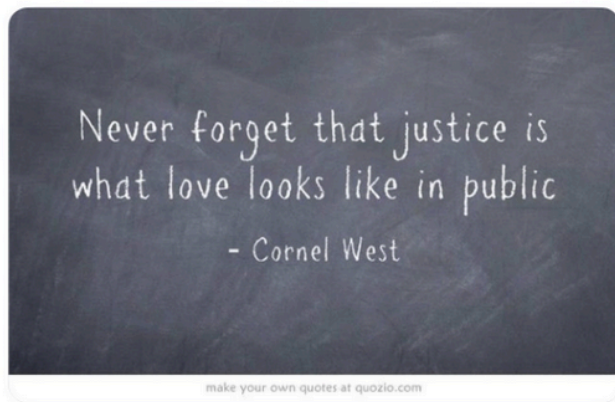
I too was deeply affected by Dr. **West's** words. He referenced my favorites: **Socrates**,

**Plato**, and **Malcolm X**; and said Dr. **King** exemplified “service leadership.” You may recall in a 6/6/19 President’s Communique I had copied a tweet that I had posted about why I committed my life to racial equity in education.



Foothill College President  
@FoothillPrez

As I listened to @ShaktiButler’s address tonight at #NCORE19, I was reminded as to why I am doing this work. This quote explains my “WHY.”  
#Love 📌 @NCOREou



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You can only imagine the pure sense of fate to then meet Dr. **West** himself a year later and for him to offer personal support to me should I ever need him. The students were not the only ones moved!



Thank you Marketing Supervisor **Vanessa Smith** for expanding *The Parliament* to be a weekly communication of announcements and events on campus, including a summary of Cabinet discussion items and personnel comings/goings. I will not have to cover so much in my communiqués now! "Parliament," as you know, means a group of owls.

As you read *The Parliament* (and I hope you do as it contains a lot of valuable information), please keep in mind this article, "[Community Building in the Community College Classroom](#)" that speaks to how faculty could help create community by doing things such as:

- **Create extra-credit opportunities for students that involve attending campus events.**

Here are some pictures of the four "Service Leadership – Teachers' Corps" students in Guatemala. They have arrived safely last week.



Each day, I am inspired by the work you all do for students. It doesn't take a **Cornel West**-esq figure to be inspired.

With his permission to post, below is an email that **Mike Sharabi** (Head Coach Men's Soccer) sent to me and others that made me teary-eyed:

*Hello Foothill Family,*

*I just wanted to thank you all for your support this Fall soccer season!*

*I meant to send this earlier, but my wife and I left for our honeymoon a couple days after our Final Four game.*

*I could not be more proud of the group we had this year. In that last game the boys showed so much heart and never gave up. Even after being down 2 goals, they fought until the end and even scored the tying goal, that was called back for offside. (Unjustly, which was shown in the game film) That made it hurt a little more, but our team handled that adversity the same way they handle everything, with class.*

*After that magical season, which brought us 1 first team All American, 4 All-Region, and 11 All Conference players (and 1 coach of the year:). Many of our players are being recruited to 4 year schools. That is one of our top goals in this program, to help give these players a path to take their skills and educational opportunities to the next level.*

*We are playing Spring games against a handful of Universities as well. A fantastic opportunity for our boys to showcase themselves and our program to 4 year coaches.*

*We truly had a special team. By far one of the most diverse in the State. As I sat in the room at the Final Four banquet, I looked around at all the other teams and noticed that we had so much more diversity in our squad than them. Between those 3 teams, they had 10 State Championships in the past 13 years! We were in great company and represented our school well! What made us so different from the rest? Well for starters, we are the only team in the state with a 39 year old on our team, who has 2 kids, one of which our back up goalie actually coaches in youth soccer! Our goalkeeper, who was the best in the State, has had cancer twice and defied the odds to beat it and get back to playing the sport he loves. We had players from Japan, Italy, and Sweden. And then players from so many different socio-economic backgrounds. From living in Hillsborough to living in East Palo Alto and sleeping on his families couch and working til 3am to help pay his families rent. To see all these young men from so many different backgrounds come together and become a family is my favorite part about coaching. They sent me a picture of 10 of them up in Lake Tahoe in the snow a couple weeks back. Almost brought tears to my eyes to see that. They didn't know who each other were a few months ago, and now they are brothers. That is our program. It's truly a family!*



*Again, thank you all for the support and now it's time for me to build next years championship team!*



**Jeff Schinske**  
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Sara Cooper of @Foothillnews and Jennifer Kurushima of @OfficialEVC crushed it! So happy to be part of the team and thankful for all these Foothill College collaborators!

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@ThePhysicsShow

We rolled past 150,000 attendees with our latest batch of performances.

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Many Foothill faculty, staff, and administrators exemplify love and kindness that I am truly grateful for at our college. May our strong sense of justice continue to grow each day, especially in our equity work, to become a hallmark at our college.



**Foothill College President**  
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As we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., want to honor also my dear friend & mentor, Elihu M. Harris - then an Assemblymember whose legislation created the state holiday California's

created the state holiday. California's first #mlkjrday was celebrated in 1982. It became a national holiday in 1986.

[#MLKDay2020](#)



Happy Dr. **Martin Luther King, Jr.** Day!

Of Service,

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