

# JOIN THE CONVERSATION

# Our Vision for Education

Spring 2018



# What is Our Track Record?

---

- For more than 60 years, the Foothill-De Anza Community College District has provided excellent, innovative academic programs to a diverse population of local students.
- We serve approximately 63,000 students a year.
- The district wants to continue building on its academic successes and high graduation rates.



# What is the Challenge for Local Families?

---

- California's public university systems cost **at least four times** that of attending a local community college like Foothill or De Anza.
- Local students rely on our colleges to save tens of thousands of dollars.
- Local students need more opportunities to earn college credits, certifications and job skills at a reasonable price.



# Our Colleges' Affordability

---

Annual Tuition & Fees 2017-18

UC System\*

\$13,900

Cal State System\*

\$7,229

Foothill-DeAnza

\$1,515

\* system average

# Why are Foothill and De Anza Colleges Top Performers in California?

---

➤ We give our students access to an excellent, well-rounded education in many career fields.

✓ **Science**

✓ **Technology**

✓ **Arts**

✓ **Vocational opportunities**

✓ **Mathematics**



We want to expand opportunities for local students to effectively transfer to four-year universities if that is their goal.

# Job Training Programs

---

- Foothill and De Anza colleges provide essential job training and workforce preparation for students of all ages and backgrounds, including veterans.
- We want more students to be able to learn new skills and find better paying jobs in high-demand fields.

- ✓ **Business**

- ✓ **Technology**

- ✓ **Nursing**

- ✓ **Early Childhood Education**

- ✓ **Other high-demand careers**



# Services for ALL the Community

---

- Our colleges serve hundreds of **military veterans**, many of whom face challenges including PTSD and disability.
- We offer classes for **life-long learning**, programs for **local seniors** and opportunities for **professional development**.
- As a leader in **online education**, our groundbreaking programs allow working students to continue their studies even when they are not on campus.



# What are Our Educational Priorities?

---

- Aging classrooms, labs and college facilities need upgrades to meet current technology and teaching and learning needs.
- A 2017 community survey identified top priorities:
  - ✓ Preparing students for **transfer** to four-year colleges and universities.
  - ✓ Better preparing students for **good-paying jobs**.
  - ✓ Upgrading **classrooms** and **labs**.
  - ✓ Expanding resources for **veterans** and accessibility for **students with disabilities**.

# Repairing and Upgrading College Classrooms, Labs and Facilities

---

- Buildings, classrooms, science labs and job training equipment need to be updated
- The district must continue to address basic repairs such as ensuring earthquake safety, fixing roofs, and upgrading electrical wiring, gas and sewer lines.
- Other needs identified by the district and public:
  - ✓ Improving vocational classrooms and labs for auto repair, healthcare, early childhood education, technology training
  - ✓ Upgrading classrooms and labs for science, technology, engineering, and math
  - ✓ Making repairs to aging plumbing systems to prevent flooding and water damage

# How YOU Can Help

---

- The most important input into this process comes from **YOU!** Let us know your priorities.
- Do you belong to other organizations that need this information? Let us know!

Offer your feedback and stay informed at  
[www.fhda.edu/JoinTheConversation](http://www.fhda.edu/JoinTheConversation)

JOIN THE  
CONVERSATION!



