



Preparing Students for University Transfer, Jobs & Career Pathways

Q: What is the district's mission?

A: Foothill and De Anza colleges provide affordable education to about 60,000 students a year. Our colleges are recognized as educational leaders in California and the nation. The cost to attend California's public universities is almost five times that of attending a local community college like Foothill or De Anza. More local students and their families than ever rely on our colleges to save tens of thousands of dollars. The district must continue to increase opportunities for local students to transfer to four-year universities and earn college credits, certifications and job skills at a reasonable price.

Q: How are Foothill and De Anza colleges preparing students for university transfer or jobs?

A: Our colleges are top performers and provide an excellent, well-rounded education. The district's outstanding job training and workforce preparation programs serve students of all ages and backgrounds, including veterans. To maintain this momentum, we must upgrade classrooms, facilities and technology and expand access to training programs that help students learn new skills and find better paying jobs in business, technology, nursing, manufacturing, public safety (first responders) and other high-demand careers.

Q: What are the district's educational needs and priorities?

A: We must ensure that local colleges can continue offering the broad science, technology, arts and vocational opportunities that students need to prepare for careers and transfer to four-year universities. The community recently identified these priorities:

- Keeping quality education affordable
- Providing essential job training and workforce preparation for students
- Preparing students for transfer to 4-year universities
- Supporting students facing food insecurity and hunger
- Supporting students experiencing homelessness

Q: What do you need from me?

A: Please share your perspectives by visiting www.fhda.edu/JoinTheConversation and complete a [community survey](#) online today. We also are visiting community organizations to solicit feedback. If you belong to an organization the district can present to, please contact Chancellor Judy Miner at chancellor@fhda.edu.