



Preparing Students for University Transfer, Jobs & Career Pathways

Q: What is the district's mission?

A: The Foothill-De Anza Community College District provides excellence and innovation for about 63,000 students a year and is a recognized educational leader in California and the nation. The cost to attend California's public universities is at least four times that of attending a local community college like Foothill or De Anza. As a result, more local students and their families 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 continue to provide the science, technology, arts and vocational opportunities and upgraded learning environments that prepare students for four-year universities and today's high-demand jobs and careers.

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

A: In today's fast-paced environment, it is essential that the district continue upgrading classrooms, labs and educational facilities to keep pace with current technology and teaching and learning needs. The district recently conducted a community survey to ask the public what these priorities should be. The community's priorities included:

- ✓ Continuing to prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities
- ✓ Better prepare students and workers for good-paying jobs
- ✓ Upgrade classrooms and labs in science, technology, engineering, math, healthcare, early childhood education, and auto repair/technology training programs
- ✓ Expand resources for veterans and accessibility for students with disabilities

Q: What do you need from me?

A: The district has launched a Join the Conversation outreach effort to engage the public around these needs. 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.