



Counselor's Corner



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Who is your Foothill Counselor?

Mr. Steve Boyd (Last Names A – F): Our veteran counselor, Mr. Boyd, has been at Foothill since the beginning and is considered one of the founding fathers of Foothill Tech. If the other counselors don't know the answer to your questions, trust in the fact that Mr. Boyd will! This year Mr. Boyd has the added bonus of being the counselor for his own son and daughter who are in their junior and freshman years respectively.

Ms. Debbie Freeman (Last Names G – N): Beginning her second year at Foothill, Ms. Freeman comes with many years of counseling experience at the middle school

level and has known many of her current students since before they were teenagers! She loves working with groups and in crisis counseling situations. Ms. Freeman is always there if you need a shoulder to cry on.

Mrs. Natasha Hillis (Last Names O – Z): Brand new to Foothill is Mrs. Hillis who replaced Dr. Cheryl Meyers. While she knows she has big shoes to fill, she is very excited about being at such a wonderful school and about her new position! She comes to Foothill from the Oxnard Union High School District where she worked prior to taking time off to raise her two boys.

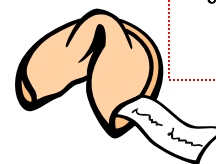
Other people you should know:

Mrs. Linda Kapala is our Career Media Specialist and works closely with the counselors and students to coordinate scholarship and career information.

Ms. Kris Nordin is the school registrar and is the point person for all transcript related issues and Cal Grant submissions.

Ms. Myra Nunley assists in the Media Center coordinating college visitors and helping students with college and financial aid application forms.

*Our greatest glory is
not in never falling
but in rising every
time we fall.
Confucius*



What the Counselors Are Up To...

College application season is nearing quickly! The application filing period for **UC's and CSU's is November 1st through November 30th**. In order to provide you with the most accurate and up-to-date information for completing your application, the counselors have been attending this year's UC and CSU conferences as well as meeting with admissions officers from private colleges and universities.

In addition, counselors have been scrutinizing senior transcripts to make sure that all seniors are on track for

graduation... it will be here before we know it! Ms. Nordin has given all seniors an official transcript request form to have signed by parents in order to have transcripts sent to colleges and universities. This form is **BLUE** and is due back by **October 1st**.

At the end of October and early November the counselors will be holding workshops designed to help students with all aspects of completing their college application forms. See reverse for specific dates and times.

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*Go confidently in the
direction of your dreams. Live
the life you have imagined.
Henry David Thoreau*



Grade 9 Counseling:

On September 10th and 11th counselors visited Grade 9 students during Health class to present a four-year plan and review college admissions requirements. Students began a four-year plan worksheet and will continue to work on this in their Education in a Digital Age (EDA) classes. 9th grade students should be setting their goals high and working hard to get good grades!

Grade 11 Counseling:

Juniors should register to take the PSAT on October 20th. The test costs \$17 and students can register at the student store beginning on September 21st. This preparatory SAT test will help students gauge their performance on the actual SAT which they should take for the first time next spring. College GPA's are calculated on grades from Grades 10 and 11 so juniors need to keep their grades up, continue to take challenging coursework, and work on community service hours.

Grade 10 Counseling:

In October the counselors will be meeting with sophomores in small groups to review transcripts and to begin discussing post high school plans. It is important for sophomores to start identifying what they want to do upon completion of high school and working seriously towards those goals. Beginning on October 8th, sophomores should also register to take the PLAN test (the pre-ACT). The cost is \$15 and the test will be held on Nov. 17th.

Grade 12 Counseling:

Counselors and teachers will be working closely with seniors on all aspects of applying to college including the personal statement, submitting online applications, and letters of recommendation. Counselors require requests for letters of recommendation to be submitted at least TWO WEEKS before the actual application deadline. Last year 60% of graduating seniors went on to 4 year colleges and universities and this year we hope to send even more!!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 21st: Juniors can register for the PSAT at the Student Store.

October 6th: SAT Reasoning and Subjects tests

October 8th: Sophomores can register for the PLAN at the Student Store.

October 15th: Counselors will visit senior English classes regarding graduation and college admissions.

October 17th: Senior Parent Night

October 20th: PSAT test for juniors

October 27th: ACT Test (Registration deadline: Sept. 21st)

October 30th: Cal State University Application Workshop, 2:00 pm, Media Center

November 1st – 30th: Application filing dates for UC's and CSU's

November 1st: UC Application Workshop, 2:00 pm, Media Center

November 3rd: SAT Reasoning and Subject tests (Registration deadline: Oct. 2nd)

November 8th: Private Colleges/Univ Application Workshop, 2:00 pm, Media Center

November 17th: PLAN test for sophomores

Mr. Boyd's rule of thumb:

*Have all UC/CSU applications submitted before Thanksgiving so you
can enjoy a relaxing Turkey Day!*