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FOOTHILL-DE ANZA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

District Names New Chancellor... It's Martha

Education is both her career and her passion, Eleanor Roosevelt her hero and growing bonsai her hobby. She's Martha J. Kanter, who became chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District in July 2003, after serving for 10 years as president of De Anza College. Kanter attributes her early commitment to education to the influence of her parents—her father was a physician and her mother returned to school after rearing five children. Kanter's first foray into teaching came when, as a teenager, she tutored a group of disadvantaged third- and fourth- graders. "I can still see the light that appeared in their eyes as they learned to be good readers," Kanter says. "More than ever, I realized how important it is to help people improve their lives."

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—Martha Kanter



Foothill and De Anza students welcome new FHDA Chancellor Martha Kanter, Ed.D.

After earning a bachelor's degree in sociology at Brandeis University and a master's in education with a concentration in clinical psychology and public practice at Harvard, Kanter taught English, social studies and special education in several East Coast high schools. In 1977, she moved cross-country to implement San Jose City College's learning disabilities program. She next served as a director, dean and, ultimately, vice chancellor of policy analysis and research for the California Community College Chancellor's Office. Kanter

then returned to San Jose City College as vice president of instruction and student services, before being named president of De Anza College. Along the way, she earned a doctorate in education at the University of San Francisco. Her dissertation focused on the access underrepresented students have to the state's community colleges. Kanter's determination to help students succeed is one reason she cites former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt as a hero. "She was someone who accomplished much in her own right, but who also supported others in their successes," Kanter says.

She quotes Roosevelt in the signature line of her email messages: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." As chancellor, Kanter envisions creating new levels of opportunity and equity for students, as well as ensuring accountability and achieving sustainability for the district. "I want to make sure that Foothill-De Anza continues to be a center of academic excellence renowned in our community and beyond, for generations to come," she says. Kanter's desire to foster growth and development extends even to her hobby of tending bonsai. "You never own them," she says of the delicate, carefully cultivated plants. "You only take care of them and help them grow for as long as you're privileged to do so."

The mission of the Foothill-De Anza Community Colleges Foundation is to raise and invest funds to support the educational excellence of Foothill and De Anza colleges.

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Jan and Bob Fenwick

A Challenge Grant and More...

Bob and Jan Fenwick have been friends of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District since 1987, when they moved into their new home, one hilltop north of Foothill College. The following year, they hosted the district's first major fundraiser. "There's a real place in our community for Foothill-De Anza," says Jan, "and for the myriad educational opportunities it offers all ages and interests."

Bob, a community college alumnus who subsequently attended Purdue and Stanford universities, personifies one of the district's missions: to prepare students for transfer to a four-year college or university. And, as an entrepreneur, he understands the importance of another district mission: career-training. "Foothill-De Anza plays a key role in keeping Silicon Valley economically viable, especially in these challenging times," says Bob. The Fenwicks have contributed to two-dozen projects on both college campuses and have

given a car to the vehicle donation program. They also take part in eScrip, a program, though which participating merchants contribute a percentage of subscribers' monthly credit-card purchases.

Recently, Bob and Jan made a challenge grant to the Chancellor's Circle in an effort to stimulate philanthropy at all levels of giving. Circle members unrestricted donations are used wherever they can benefit students most. "We're glad our membership is being leveraged through our gift, and we want to thank everyone who has joined or upgraded as a result," says Jan.

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The couple also donates that most precious commodity, the gift of time. Jan has served on the foundation board of directors and is a member of the Foothill Commission; Bob is active on De Anza's Arts on Campus committee. Both are true friends to the students of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District.



Foothill graduate and attorney Janelle Wolf

A Matching Gift

On her son's first day of kindergarten, Janelle Wolf became a student herself—at Foothill College. Her ultimate goal was to become an attorney. After excelling for two years at Foothill, Wolf transferred to UC-Berkeley, where she earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy. "Foothill gave me the confidence and training I needed to succeed further," says Wolf. Following her graduation from Berkeley, she fulfilled her dream by earning a law degree at that school's Boalt Hall School of Law.

Now a lawyer at Intuit Inc., Wolf recently interviewed another Foothill graduate for a position with the company. As the two shared memories of their Foothill experiences, the job candidate mentioned that she had established a scholarship at the college. Wolf was then inspired to do the same. "It's important to me to make a difference, and this scholarship was a way to do just that," she says. Wolf then compounded the difference she made by obtaining a matching gift from the Intuit Foundation.



Just seven of many reasons to give, clockwise from bottom center: Monica Cardenas, Foothill mechanical engineering major; Robin Lyssenko, De Anza graduate who transferred to San Jose State University; David Bui, Foothill landscape architecture major; Tricia Davoren, Foothill lifelong learner; Christopher Custer, Foothill business administration major; Martin Varela, Foothill graduate who transferred to Menlo College; and Munreet Nijjar, De Anza marketing major.



De Anza alumni Tobi Giluso and her father, Greg

A Bequest

Doratha Moore, a retired machinist, lived alone near De Anza College. As she grew less able to manage her yard work, errands and personal needs on her own, several young neighbors who attended De Anza pitched in to help. A grateful Moore included the school in her estate plans; and now, proceeds from the sale of her home fund a scholarship that benefits current students.

Tobi Giluso, the first recipient of Moore's scholarship, wrote in her application, "My dad attended De Anza College in 1973, and, for him, it was a stepping stone; that is the reason he encouraged me to go there as well. As a student at De Anza, he learned that the key to success is knowledge and that you must grab this knowledge when you have the chance." "I'm chasing my dreams," she wrote. As a result, Tobi has set high educational goals. Tobi graduated from De Anza in June and, with the help of Doratha Moore's bequest, is attending UC-Santa Cruz as a literature major.

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a legacy of educational excellence for generations to come



Community member Julie Jerome

A Vehicle Donation

When Julie Jerome donated her gently used Honda to the Foothill-De Anza Foundation, it proved a win/win deal. The Jeromes were able to deduct the car's full value from their pretaxable income, and the foundation benefited from a major contribution. "It's a creative way to give to our colleges, and the foundation made it easy and hassle-free," says Julie. "All I had to do was turn over the keys and the title, and the staff did the rest."

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—Tobi Giluso

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