

## Ongoing Exhibitions on Campus

### Christina Velazquez: *Issues that Face Women*

Mixed media artist Christina Velazquez creates striking sculptures that focus on the issues that face women. She incorporates society's expectations of women, from the physical to the spiritual, into her art. Virginity, chastity, and the value placed on a woman's purity all inform her art. In pieces such as "La Mujer Tiene Que Limpiar La Casa/Women Must Clean the House," a dress with a skirt made of dirty rags, and "La Mujer Tiene Que Tener Los Hijos/Women Must Give Birth to Children," a dress covered in stuffed dolls, the artist addresses these expectations with strong visual statements. These two pieces are part of a series of 10 dresses, each depicting a social expectation—from beauty to cooking to hygiene.

**Time:** Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Exhibit will be on display throughout the month of March.

**Location:** Semans Library

## Ongoing Exhibitions in the Community

### *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces*

The veiling of women, men and sacred places has existed in countless cultures and religions throughout history. This exhibition features a diverse group of contemporary artists who explore the veil and the practice of veiling in its broadest and most universal contexts. Through their work, these artists investigate issues ranging from modesty and oppression to spirituality and freedom of expression.

**Time:** Through March 11

**Location:** Santa Clara University, de Saisset Museum

[www.scu.edu/desaisset](http://www.scu.edu/desaisset)

Free Admission

## Foothill College 2011 Women's History Month is dedicated to Linda Thor, Ed.D.

Linda M. Thor, Ed.D., is chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, one of the most prominent community college districts in the nation, serving more than 45,000 students in Silicon Valley with a total budget of approximately \$335 million. A nationally recognized innovator in education, Dr. Thor is the sixth chancellor since the district's founding in 1957. She succeeds Martha J. Kanter, Ed.D. who now serves as undersecretary of education in the U.S. Department of Education in the administration of President Barack Obama.

Last fall, Dr. Thor was among the nation's higher education leaders who attended the White House Summit on Community Colleges. President Barack Obama and Jill Biden, who chaired the event, invited education, business and philanthropy leaders to join federal and state policymakers at the first-ever summit on the role of community colleges in meeting America's work force and educational goals.

Recently, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan appointed Thor to serve as one of 15 higher education leaders on the newly formed Committee on Measures of Student Success. The committee was created under the Higher Education Opportunity Act to develop recommendations for two-year degree-granting institutions on how to comply with new federal provisions for disclosing college graduation and completion rates. A frequent speaker and author, she who holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Pepperdine University, master of public administration degree from California State University, Los Angeles, and doctor of education degree in community college administration from Pepperdine University. She has served as adjunct faculty for the UCLA School of Education, Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology Rio Salado College and Northern Arizona University. As a native Californian, she is gratified to again have the opportunity to serve the people of her home state.



## Foothill College 2011 Women's History Month Planning Committee

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Foothill College Sister-to-Sister Organization  
Foothill College Transfer Center  
Middle College Program  
Christina Velazquez, Artist

## Learn More about Women's History Month

National Women's History Month Project at <http://www.nwhp.org>

National Women's History Month Museum at <http://www.nwhm.org>

## Mini Grants Available

The Santa Clara County Office of Women's Policy, Commission on the Status of Women is currently awarding funds to women- and girls-focused programs or activities through mini grants. For more information, call or e-mail Rebecca Urrutia-Lopez at [UrrutiaLopezBeckie@foothill.edu](mailto:UrrutiaLopezBeckie@foothill.edu) or (650) 949-7205.

## Earn College Credit

Enroll in Foothill's SOSC 36 course and earn one unit of transferable credit. For requirement and registration information, call (650) 949-7218 or e-mail [SmallDaphne@foothill.edu](mailto:SmallDaphne@foothill.edu). PAA and PGA available for faculty and staff participation.

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Come In: Student Activities Office (Room 2009)

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# Her Story... Her Strength



## Women's History Month 2011

## Tuesday, March 1 Lecture Series I: Foothill-De Anza Chancellor Linda Thor's Story of Leadership & Education

Join female student leaders from the Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC) and Sister to Sister, as we welcome Linda Thor, Ed.D., Chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District. A nationally recognized innovator in education, Dr. Thor is the sixth chancellor since the district's founding in 1957.

**Time: 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.**  
**Location: Hearthside Lounge (Room 2313)**  
**Free Admission**

## Wednesday, March 2 Official Opening Ceremony: March Kickoff

This celebration will introduce Women's History month's upcoming events, in honor of today's most influential female leaders and their journey to success. Show your strength while competing with fellow students in a carnival-themed event, filled with games, food and fun. In addition, this event will introduce one of the most important advocacy events of the year; the March in March on March 14. Show your support by signing up to join thousands of California Community College students and participate in a rally and march at the state capital to protest against budget cuts.

**Time: Noon–1 p.m.**  
**Location: Campus Center Plaza**  
**Free Admission**

## Friday, March 4 Film: *Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority*

This award-winning documentary explores Mink's legacy as the first woman of color to serve in the United States Congress. Mink was a tenacious advocate of women's rights who co-authored the groundbreaking Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Often referred to simply as Title IX, but also known as the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, the law levels the field for women pursuing a public education and has been especially celebrated for its impact on women's high school and college athletics. Complimentary refreshments provided.

**Time: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
**Location: Hearthside Lounge (Room 2313)**  
**Free Admission**

## Monday, March 7 Lecture Series II: Why Attend a Woman's College?

Great question! Now learn some of the answers and participate in a fascinating discussion led by Mills College Assistant Director of Admissions Vala Burnett. Ms. Burnett will also share highlights of Mills programs, and offer guidance on paying for an education at a private university. Located in Oakland, Mills College is a nationally renowned, independent liberal arts college for women. Bring your

questions and be prepared to be inspired. Refreshments sponsored by ASFC.

**Time: Noon–1 p.m.**  
**Location: Hearthside Lounge (Room 2313)**  
**Free Admission**

## Tuesday, March 8 Lecture Series III: International Women's Day

Celebrate international women with us and hear stories of strength! International Women's Day draws women together in unity and friendship to commemorate the past achievements and highlights current social, economic and political issues that affect women and families. The worldwide one-day event provides the opportunity to develop networks and facilitate partnerships between women, organizations and the broader community. Dolores Davison, professor of history and women's studies at Foothill College, will educate you on international women of the past and present and their impacts on our world today. Refreshments sponsored by ASFC.

**Time: 12:30–1:15 p.m.**  
**Location: Hearthside Lounge (Room 2313)**  
**Free Admission**

## Wednesday, March 9 Successful Women's Luncheon Featuring Deborah Shea, President, NAWBO of Silicon Valley

Enjoy an inspiring afternoon with professional women from many backgrounds and careers, such as education, business, law, medicine, engineering, arts and many more. Join the Women's History Month Planning Committee and Foothill College President Judy Miner, Ed.D., in welcoming keynote speaker Deborah Shea, president of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) of Silicon Valley and CEO of Hellbent Marketing. Shea will share her inspiring story about becoming a successful woman entrepreneur. Enjoy lunch and discussion with women who share your career interests.

**Time: 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**  
**Location: Campus Center Dining Room**  
**Free admission with advanced reservation. To reserve your seat, you must e-mail your name and contact information to Ashley Oropeza, Women's History Month Co-Chair, by Monday, March 7 at OropezaAshley@foothill.edu**

## Thursday, March 10 *Sex Signals: Live Improvisational Comedy*

This presentation differs from traditional sexual assault prevention programs in that it incorporates improvisational comedy, education and audience interaction to provide a provocative look at dating, sex, and the core issue of consent. The 90-minute, two-person play begins by taking an irreverent and funny look at the awkwardness of dating as the actors represent each gender's perspective. Co-sponsored by Foothill College

Health Services Office and Middle College.  
ASFC-sponsored refreshments.

**Time: Noon–1:30 p.m.**  
**Location: Hearthside Lounge (Room 2313)**  
**Free Admission**

## Friday, March 11 Self-Defense Clinic

Be your own bodyguard! Learn street-proven skills to keep yourself safe by attending this hands-on self-defense workshop. In addition to hands-on techniques that you'll learn and practice immediately, you'll gain confidence, effective self-defense skills and peace of mind at this empowering clinic. All fitness and ability levels are welcome. ASFC-sponsored refreshments.

**Time: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
**Location: Room 2507 (Above the Wellness Center)**  
**Free Admission**

## Monday, March 14 March in March: Rally to Keep Community College Education Affordable

Be a part of the thousands of community college students, faculty and staff who will assemble on the lawn at the State Capitol Building, and tell lawmakers how their decisions will impact the quality of our education. This is an important event that makes the strongest statement when all students, faculty, staff and the community to join together in solidarity to advocate not just for our education, but for every individual student's access to higher education. Lunch and bus transportation are sponsored by ASFC; advance sign-up required. Those who plan to have classes participate in the March 14 event, and would like an ASFC student government representative to speak to their classes, can e-mail stephaniemcgee20@gmail.com or SmallDaphne@foothill.edu.

**Time: Busses depart Foothill College campus at 7 a.m. and return to the campus at 5 p.m.**  
**Location: Event takes place at the State Capitol Building, Sacramento**  
**Free: With advance sign-up, rally admission, transportation and lunch are complimentary; funding provided by ASFC. To sign up, visit the Student Activities Office (Room 2009) or stop by the on-campus sign-up booth prior to March 10.**

## Tuesday, March 15 Lecture Series IV: *Dragon Chica* by May-Lee Chai

Guest author May-Lee Chai will speak about her latest book, *Dragon Chica*. In the story, we meet Nea, a Chinese Cambodian teenager who has survived the Khmer Rouge only to land in poverty in Texas. Her small family struggles to get by when a miracle occurs. Wealthy and mysterious, Auntie and Uncle write to say they are alive and well, and running a Chinese restaurant in Nebraska. As Nea helps pack Hefty bags with meager belongings for a journey into the American Midwest, little does she know their miracle has a dark side. Soon family secrets, small town resentments, lies born of wartime and a forbidden love threaten to tear them apart

forever. In the tradition of Holden Caulfield and Scout Finch, Nea must fight to save her family...and herself.  
Learn more at [www.mayleechai.wordpress.com/dragon-chica](http://www.mayleechai.wordpress.com/dragon-chica).

**Time: Two sessions: 9–9:55 a.m. & 10–11 a.m.**  
**Location: Hearthside Lounge (Room 2313)**  
**Free Admission**

## Tuesday, March 22 ATHENA Award Luncheon

The Mountain View Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the 20th Annual ATHENA Award and the 2nd Annual ATHENA Young Professional Award. This award will be presented to a woman and female young professional who has attained and personifies the highest level of professional excellence in business and the community. Join the chamber and guest speaker Foothill College President Judy C. Miner Ed. D., in honoring them. The chamber will also be presenting scholarships to five deserving students through the SOAR Program.

**Time: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**  
**Location: Campus Center Dining Room**  
**Cost: \$25, chamber members; \$35, non-members**  
**RSVP at [www.chambermv.org](http://www.chambermv.org)**  
**For more information: [www.eventbrite.com/event/1327363179?ref=ecal](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/1327363179?ref=ecal)**

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