

FOOTHILL TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL



COLLEGE, CAREER, & MEDIA CENTER (CCMC) NEWS

NEW LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER OFFICE ASSISTANT

Greetings, Foothill students, families, and staff! I'm glad to be joining the Dragon family this year as your new Library Media Office Assistant in the College, Career, & Media Center! I am a native of California; however, I am a new transplant to Ventura three years ago, and I love it here. Prior to transferring to Foothill, I was an Administrator in the Healthcare field; Covid gave me the opportunity to begin working towards my Master's in Education as well as my teaching credentials to pursue a career with young people and to help advocate for their future. This job comes with the tremendous bonus of being surrounded by one of the things I love most: Books! I have a daughter and a five year old granddaughter that are my biggest Joys in life. I am an avid reader, and I enjoy cooking and music as well as spending time with family and friends. I look forward to meeting and getting to know you this year and in the years to come!

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COMMUNITY SERVICE: IMPORTANT UPDATES!

A recent message from our school Principal, Mr. Russell Gibbs (October 15, 2021):

Good Afternoon Foothill Families,

I want to keep you informed of some very recent changes that we have made to our student community service participation. In pre-COVID years, student community service was advertised as a requirement to participate in graduation. This is no longer the case. All students who have met the graduation requirements of VUSD can participate in graduation with or without community service hours. However, Foothill Technology has a long tradition of students serving the community in many aspects, and we plan on continuing that tradition. Performing community service is not only beneficial to the community and to the students, but it is often required for (or strongly encouraged on) college, scholarship, internship, and job applications.

We will continue to offer community service recognition and awards at Senior Awards Night, and students will still be rewarded with a community service pin that they may wear at graduation. We are still offering the same awards categories and recognition that we have always had, and from here on out, all award categories will be the same for all students, regardless of the pandemic and of their years at Foothill. **The deadline for seniors in the class of 2022 to submit hours in order to earn community service awards is Friday, April 1st, 2022 by 3pm (the end of 3rd quarter).**

The award categories are as follows:

Award Category:	Hours Required:	Award Recognition:
Silver	75-99	Recipients of all awards will be recognized at Senior Awards Night and given a certificate detailing the award along with an award-specific pin to wear at graduation. Recipients of all awards may also list their awards as achievements on college, scholarship, internship, and job applications.
Gold	100-124	
Platinum	125-199	
Ruby	200+	

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT FTHS

Mr. Jordan is the Student Assistance Program Counselor at FTHS, with an office in "The Cavern," H-103. Mr. Jordan works at Foothill on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursday mornings. He is across the street at El Camino on the other days of the week, and is never too far away. (It is I, Mr. Jordan

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who is writing this blurb, and I confess that I feel odd writing about myself in the 3rd person..). In any event, Mr. Jordan is a wonderful counselor who truly enjoys helping students navigate the various challenges that students face. Sometimes, he can help directly and sometimes further assistance is required outside of school. Either way, Mr. Jordan can help you get connected to the support for which you are looking. Mr. Jordan has been assisting students individually since the start of this school year, and will continue to do so throughout the year, and he is also planning to begin small group support after Fall Break. Small group offerings will focus on supporting management with Stress and an Alateen group to support those affected by Substance Abuse - either personally and/or by family and friends. To connect with Mr. Jordan, please click on the QR Code below and you will be connected to a survey form where you can indicate your interest in group and/or individual support. You can also email Mr. Jordan at gregory.jordan@venturaedu.org anytime, if you're needing assistance with personal matters that are affecting you at school.



FOOTHILL TECH ZOOM MATH TUTORING STARTING

A recent message from our school Principal, Mr. Russell Gibbs (October 15, 2021):

Hello Foothill Families,

Good news! **We have our after school math tutoring via Zoom starting.** If your child is in need of any math help at any level of math, please have them come by on either day, or both! They can drop in for as long as they need to! Tutoring will not occur during any district scheduled breaks (fall, winter). Please let us know if you have questions or concerns!

Wednesday 6pm to 8pm with Mr. Powers

Topic: Wednesday Tutoring

Time: Oct 13, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Wed, until Nov 17, 2021, 6 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly:<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZYrf-GorTgqG9evAXqClqWKxpRqhDNTBudh/ics?icsToKen=98tyKuGqqDMiGteWsBiErpwQBtIggWfTztnZffipYij7dEgNfczTdLylwI7pbPuzv>

Join Zoom Meeting

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82688033013?pwd=dHdUTHRZTigwSmZQR1packZmZnlyUT09>

Meeting ID: 826 8803 3013

Passcode: math

Thursday 4pm to 6pm with Mr. Villano

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908473405?pwd=eWE3UlgzTjNqQUs4dUxmUGdyd1RnUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 0847 3405

Passcode: 039287

2021-2022 FT HS YEARBOOK - SENIOR AD ORDERS!

All SENIOR Parents, Families & Friends!!!

Personal Displays of Affection

You can share your pride in your Senior student's accomplishments by purchasing **DEDICATED** space for your student in the upcoming year's *Eye of the Dragon* yearbook.

Our yearbook staff can transform your family photos & text messages from friends and/or family members into a colorful memorial for your student in their high school yearbook.



*Space is **LIMITED** - How to Order*

1. Use the Order Form below to pay for reserved space now before it sells out!
2. Select a layout from the back of this form # _____
3. Choose photos (1-3 for smaller spaces; 3-8 for larger spaces) and write full student name on each!
4. Type, then print out the text message(s) you wish to have included in your display (use a simple, plain font) – Errors will NOT be corrected, please edit and revise your message before submitting!
5. Place your photos and text message(s) with your order form in an envelope & include self-addressed stamped envelope for items you want returned to you.
6. Address your envelope as follows: _____

Includes Student Store Early and Regular Pricing

Senior Ad Built by FT HS: [Order Form](#)

Early Bird Pricing by October 22, 2021

Senior Ad Built by YOU : [Order Form](#) (early pricing)

Regular Pricing by November 27, 2021

Senior Ad Built by YOU: [Order Form](#) (regular pricing)

All ads must be built online by Dec. 9

OR

Materials must be turned in by November 27 to D105

FINANCIAL AID



Senior Students & Families: The [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and [Dream Act](#) Applications opened on 10/1! - [Click here to view the Financial Aid Workshops happening this month!](#)

VENTURA COUNTY LIBRARIES



There are a lot of resources and opportunities available to our students and their families through the [Ventura County Library system!](#)

Phillip Yocham, Librarian Specialist, Children & Teen Services, visited FTHS on October 14th, 2021 to talk to students about the wide array of physical and digital resources available for free to all students and families (there is even free online tutoring available through Brainfuse with a library ecard!) If you missed this opportunity, or if you'd like to learn more about the resources available through the VC Libraries, you can contact Phillip Yocham at (805) 648-2716 or Phillip.Yocham@ventura.org.

Additionally, the Ventura County Libraries are still looking for great student [volunteers](#) (think: awesome community service opportunities!)

OPTIMIST ESSAY CONTEST



2021-2022

Sunrise and East Ventura Optimist Essay Contest

**“How Does an Optimistic
Mindset Change My
Tomorrow?”**

[Click here for the flyer for the 2021-22 Optimist Essay Contest](#)

[Click here for the application form.](#)

The topic this year is “How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?”

Essays and completed [Application Forms](#) are due by or before December 15, 2021. Essays may be sent to Louise Hewitt via email (hewittfamily@hotmail.com), turned in to Ms. Fergus in the FTHS Media Center, or delivered to the listed address on the application form. Judging will take place early in January 2022, and all winners will be notified of the results by early February. Please contact Mrs.

Hewitt (hewittfamily@hotmail.com) or Ms. Fergus (dianne.fergus@venturausd.org) with any questions you might have.

Last year, high school students throughout Ventura received in total \$3,700 in cash and scholarships in essay prize money from the Optimist Clubs. All FTHS students are strongly encouraged to submit essays!

SENIORS: COLLEGE APPLICATIONS & NAVIANCE



NAVIANCE

College Connection for High School Students

It is college application season for seniors! Many students signed up and attended the Common App, CSU, and UC Application workshops in the media center in early October! We still have an upcoming

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workshop, on November 5th, 2021, for any students planning to attend Ventura College next year

Please use [this link](#) to sign up.

Also, seniors, don't forget to log into Naviance and add your active applications, or places you plan to apply to this Fall so your counselor can help you navigate deadlines and other important requirements (you are already signed in to Naviance when you are logged into your Ventura Google account- just find the Naviance logo in your [Google](#) Apps menu).

Finally, the counselors also sent out the [senior monthly calendar](#), just to help senior students to keep track of all the important milestones of senior year.

As always, please stop or schedule an appointment to visit your school counselor if you need any help or support along the way.

SCHOLARSHIPS



It is never too early to begin thinking about scholarships to help pay for higher education! Students and families can view our [current scholarship list here](#). Another great tool for finding the right scholarships for you is the U.S. Department of Labor's [FREE scholarship search tool](#)
<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships>

Additionally, stay tuned for more information about the upcoming VCCF Scholarships - the application opens on October 20, 2021!

VENTURA COLLEGE DUAL ENROLLMENT

If you're interested in learning more about taking dual enrollment classes at Ventura College while you are still in high school, you should attend one of the upcoming VC Dual Enrollment Workshops.

The Ventura College Spring 2022 class schedule has been posted to the VC website and is available for immediate review. [Check it out here: Class Schedule Search \(vcccd.edu\)](#) Students can review VC's helpful [How to Read the Schedule of Classes tutorial video](#) so they can learn how to discover courses and filter their search based on course availability, subject matter, Instructor preference, class location, mode of delivery, etc.

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Additionally, students, staff, and families can view the '[Steps to Enroll](#)' [guide here](#). Please remember there is still time for new or returning Dual Enrollment students to complete these steps for the upcoming Spring 2022 semester so they are prepared for their fast-approaching registration date of November 18th, 2021.



[Click here for the flyer with more information](#)

VENTURA COLLEGE OUTREACH: "ZOOM INTO VC"

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ZOOM INTO VC

VC OUTREACH IS AVAILABLE ONLINE TO GUIDE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH:

- VENTURA COLLEGE APPLICATION
- OPENCCC ASSISTANCE
- PORTAL SET UP
- ONLINE ORIENTATION
- CONNECTING STUDENTS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS & SERVICES

DROP-IN HOURS
MONDAYS FROM 5:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

REGISTER HERE AT WWW.VENTURACOLLEGE.EDU/OUTREACH



VC Outreach is available via Zoom every Monday to help students with all things Ventura College!

[Click here for the flyer in English.](#)

[Click here for the flyer in Spanish.](#)

VC UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT ACTION WEEK: 10/18-10/22



The Ventura College UndocuAlly Taskforce and ASVC invites students, staff, and families to participate in the 5th annual [Undocumented Student Action Week, October 18 – October 22, 2021](#). [This year's events are across the District, with events hosted by Ventura College, Moorpark College, and Oxnard College.](#) Throughout the week, events include webinars by California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and Immigrants Rising, FAFSA aid California Dream Act Application assistance, workshops, and other great activities. We welcome you, your students, and their families to join us and learn about the allies, services, and community resources available for our undocumented students.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES



Many college representatives have signed up for virtual and in-person visits. Most visits take place during FIRE/lunch (or 6th period on Mondays). Students of all grades who are interested are welcome to join! Please [check out the scheduled college speakers here](#) - or view them on our [media center calendar](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page) if you prefer a calendar view. Anyone can join the virtual visits, but please [sign up using this form](#) if you need a pass from class or if you are signing up for an in-person visit. We are consistently adding more visits - and students can attend by using the links provided in the spreadsheet or in the notes on the calendar.

[Here's a link to the college reps and college workshops portion of our website.](#)

JOBS / INTERNSHIPS / WORK PERMITS

We have added documents on which we plan to maintain lists of current “Work/Job Opportunities for FTHS Students” and “Job Shadowing / Unpaid Internship Opportunities” for FTHS Students. They are located on the [“Jobs, Job Shadowing, & Work Permits”](#) portion of our website. If anyone would like to advertise or offer any opportunities for FTHS students in these areas, please email them to me at dianne.fergus@venturausd.org.

Any student who secures a job also needs a work permit! Please see the [Work Permits](#) portion of our website for more information.

VUSD DISTRICT INFORMATION NIGHT: 10/21/21!



The VUSD District Information Night is coming up this week on **Thursday the 21st of October from 6pm to 8pm at Buena's football stadium**. Please spread the word to friends and family who are interested in learning more about all of our fine schools! For more information, [click here for the flyer in English](#) and [click here for the flyer in Spanish](#).

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20TH CENTURY ONYX CLUB, INC: 2022 DEBUTANTE PRESENTATION



20th Century Onyx Club Inc. P.O. Box 933 Oxnard, CA 93032 ~
www.20thcenturyonyxclub.com

'2022 DEBUTANTE PRESENTATION'

The 20th Century Onyx Club, Inc. is making preparations for its virtual "**2022 Debutante Presentation**". This opportunity is open to young ladies of African American heritage.

[Interested students and families can click here to read a letter with more information.](#)

VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT: NEW EXPLORER PROGRAM

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Ventura Police News Release

For Immediate Release
October 14, 2021
Contact: Commander Sam Arroyo
saarroyo@cityofventura.ca.gov



The Ventura Police Department launches new Explorer Program

Are you interested in possibly pursuing a career in law enforcement? If so, you may want to consider applying for the new Ventura Police Department Explorer Program!

[Click here for more information in English.](#)

[Click here for more information in Spanish.](#)

USC SUMMER PROGRAMS

USC Summer Programs

The University of Southern California offers summer programs for high school students.

[Click here for more information.](#)

31ST ANNUAL YOUTH STAMP FAIR

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The Ventura County Philatelic Society's 31st Annual Youth Stamp Fair will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 10am-3pm at the Dudley House Museum in Ventura. [Click here for more information.](#) FTHS students may also stop by the media center to pick up a card that will allow them to receive an extra prize at the stamp fair! The cards are first come, first served.

WATCH OUT AND LISTEN FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
DATES TO COME IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS, IN THE SCHOOL
BULLETIN, AND ON OUR WEBSITE!

