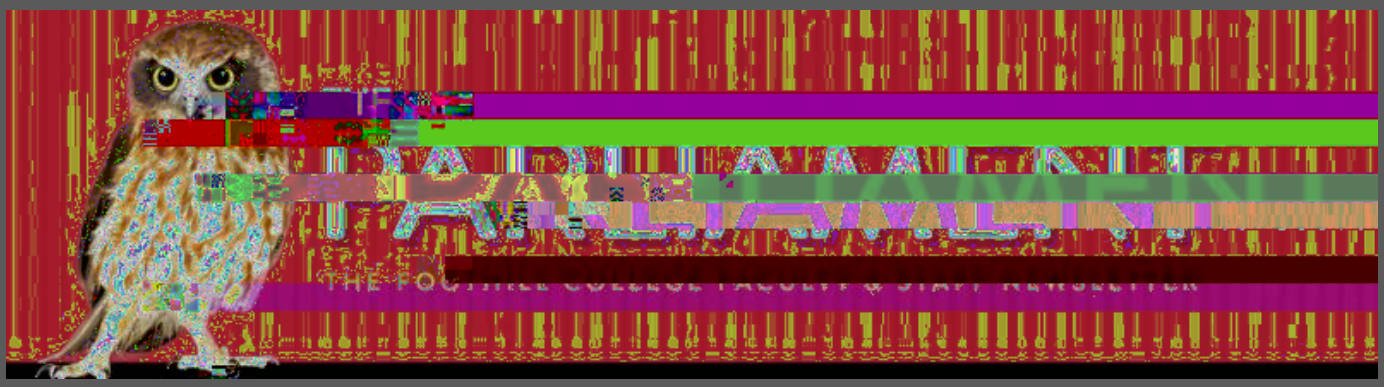

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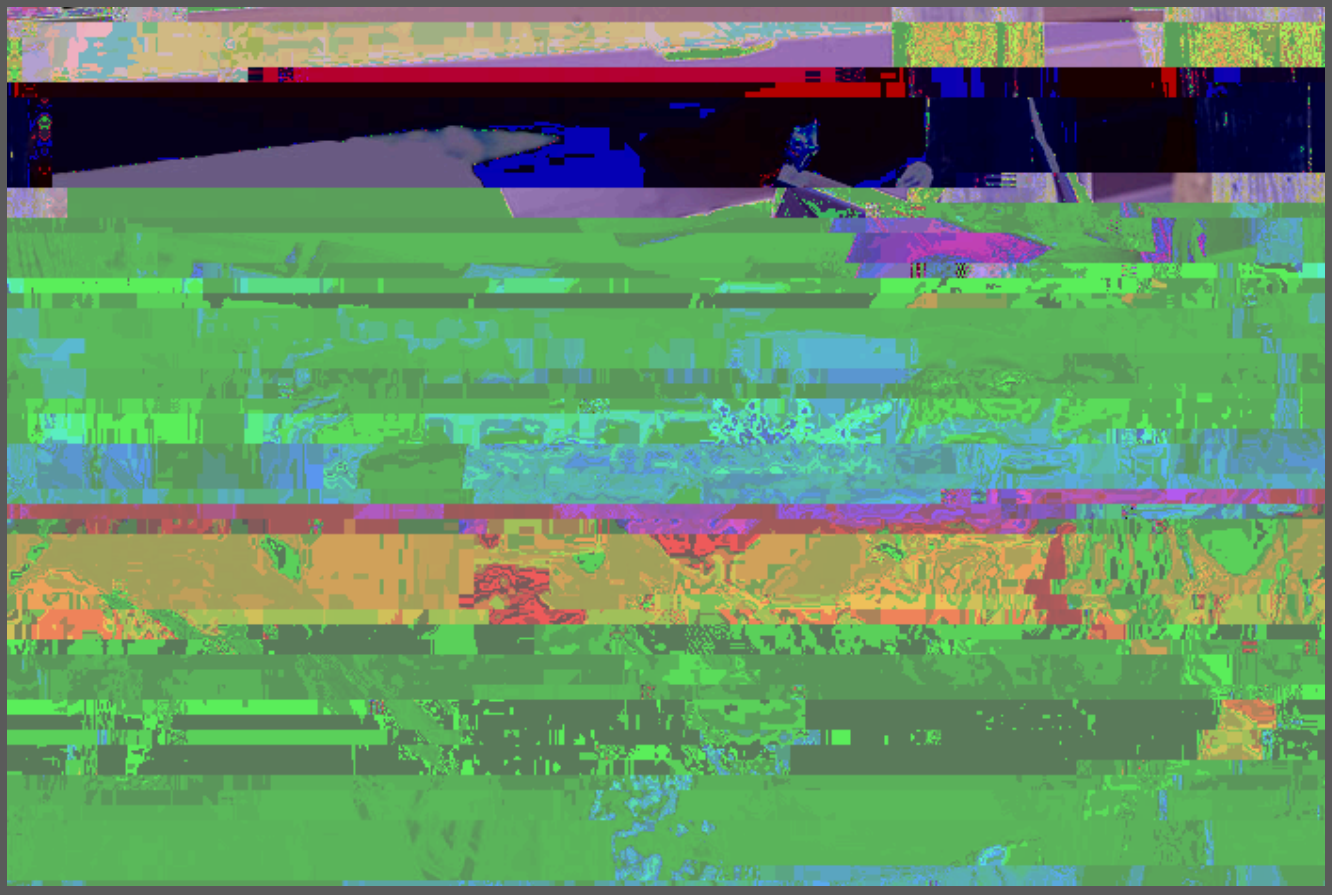
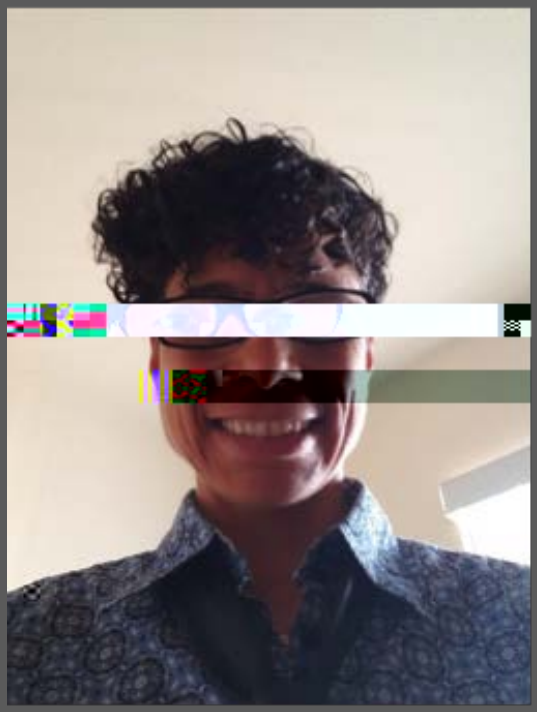


Dear Colleagues,

Graduation time is upon is and we are going to do our best to provide our students the same sense of celebration and accomplishment that we do in person. You can watch our students get recognized at one of the year-end celebrations or celebrate with us at the commencement ceremony on June 26. If you'd like to participate in a celebratory video for the graduates, please contact Vanessa Smith. If you have photos of students in classes, at events or participating in off-campus activities, you can can submit those to foothillgraduation@foothill.edu.

Foothill College has been fortunate to have professor **Sam White** as a core member of the Umoja team since the program's inception in 2016. His dedication and mentorship to students, his efforts in coordination and planning for the program's activities, and his leadership in the classroom have all contributed to the strong foundation and successful outcomes of the Umoja Program. Sadly, Sam has decided to step down from his reassignment role as co-coordinator and will be going on sabbatical for fall 2020 quarter. Sam has shared that he plans to enroll in the certificate in Teaching Post-Secondary Reading at San Francisco State University and was looking forward to being back in the classroom and engaging as a student. Through his sabbatical work, he hopes to revive the Reading Initiative at Foothill College, a program for faculty looking to help students



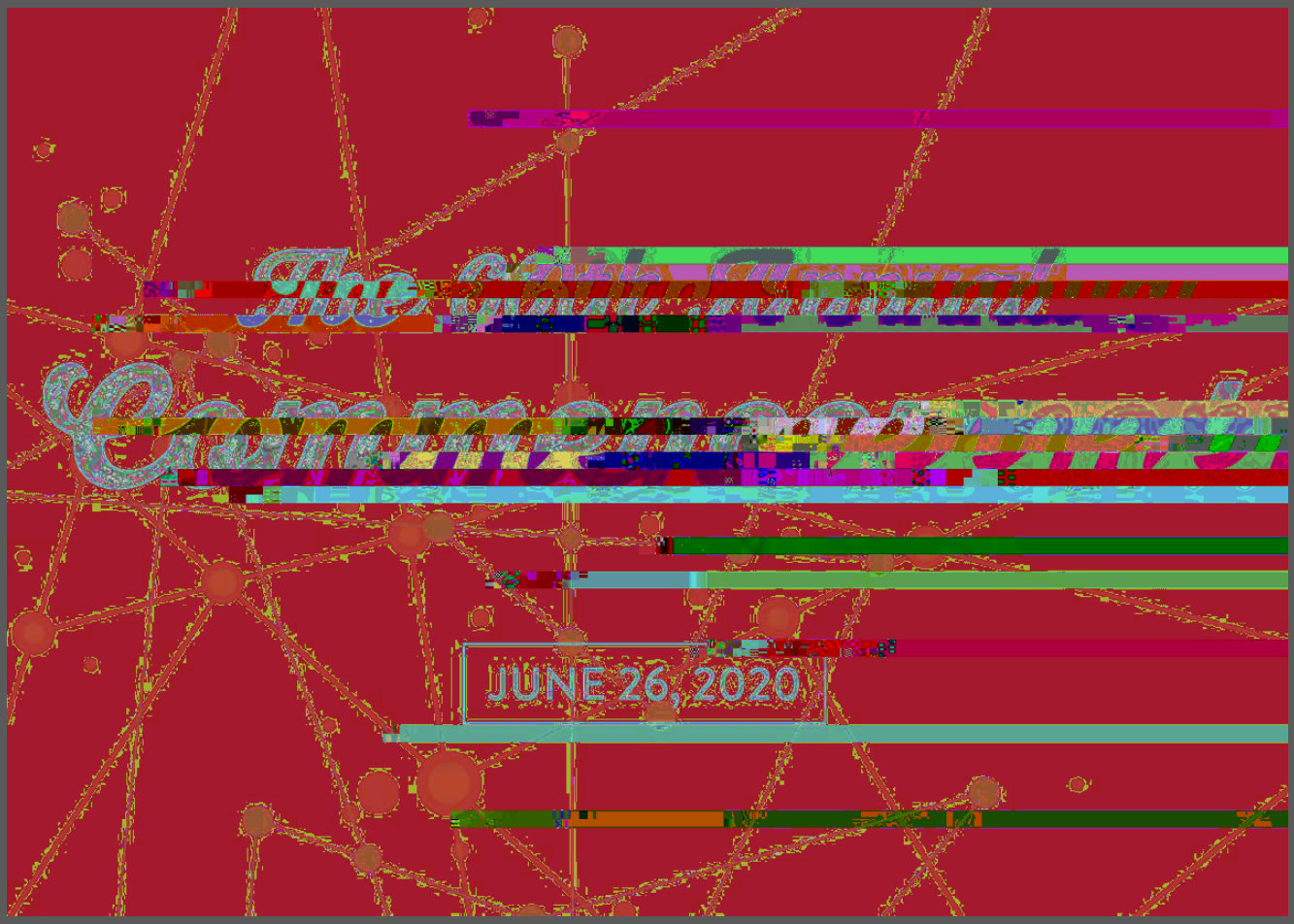
Mellon Scholar program, collaborating with Psychological Services on two mental health awareness events, and co-representing the Division of Business and Social Sciences on the College Curriculum Committee. Her commitment to equity and Umoja principles are evidenced by her ongoing engagement with the Equity Team on the Equity Strategic Plan, her professional development training in Culturally Responsive Teaching, and her participation in the Equity and Assessment Project. She is passionate about positive psychology and helping students use mindfulness and meditation skills to manage their social and emotional experiences. Her favorite shelter-in-place activity: sitting still.

While Tiffany has long been a partner and member of the extended Equity family, please help us officially welcome her to the Umoja team! Congratulations Tiffany!

Student Emergency Relief Fund

Students who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic can apply for emergency relief support from the college. Please encourage students to fill out this short application. All requests will be reviewed and we will contact students as soon as possible.

Virtual Commencement Ceremony on June 26 at 6 p.m.



IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Friday, May 29: Deadline to petition to graduate

Friday, June 12: Deadline for students to register for graduation
Monday, June 15: Deadline for students to order regalia

Math instructor **Patrick Morriss** has been selected as the faculty speaker! Additional details are on the graduation page.

Pharm Tech Students Support Local Communities

Pharm Tech program director **Angela Su** shared the following news about our students:

Given the COVID 19 situation, there has been a tremendous need for more support in the community pharmacy setting. That said, all of our PHT students have stepped up to serve the community as pharmacy technician externs at 11 various Bay Area Walgreens Pharmacies and at TruePill Pharmacy in Hayward. They have been at these sites for the past five weeks.

Dr. Clarrise Tu, the Regional District Manager of Walgreens Pharmacy raved about all our students and was delighted with the tremendous amount of positive feedback she received from individual Walgreens Pharmacists/Managers. She said it was unprecedented that EVERY Walgreens site (all 11) wanted to hire our FH extern permanently because of their exemplary performance, teamwork and patient service skills. In fact, our students have been offered permanent positions and some have accepted part-time positions. The TruePill Pharmacy administrators also echoed the same sentiments about our students.

I have been going to all the pharmacy sites to witness/observe our students in action. It is particularly gratifying to see how their education and training has prepared them for success in the

real world of pharmacy. We are so proud of our students for their courage and willingness to serve the community despite COVID 19. Read more about our pharmacy technician students on the website.

What's Happening This Week?

Monday, May 25

- Memorial Day Holiday

Wednesday, May 27

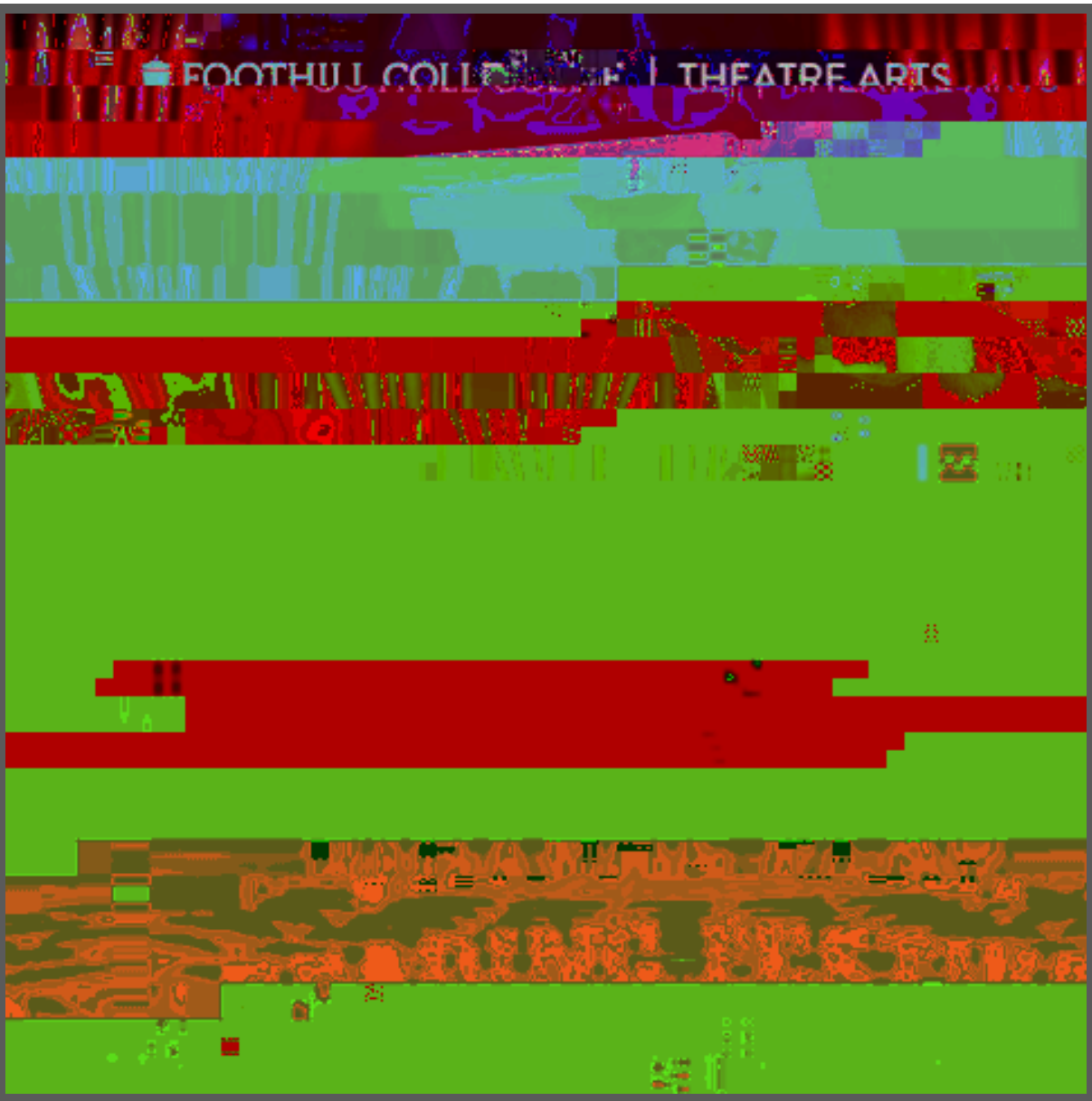
- UC Berkeley Rep Visit
- Latinx Heritage Month Closing Ceremony

Thursday, May 28

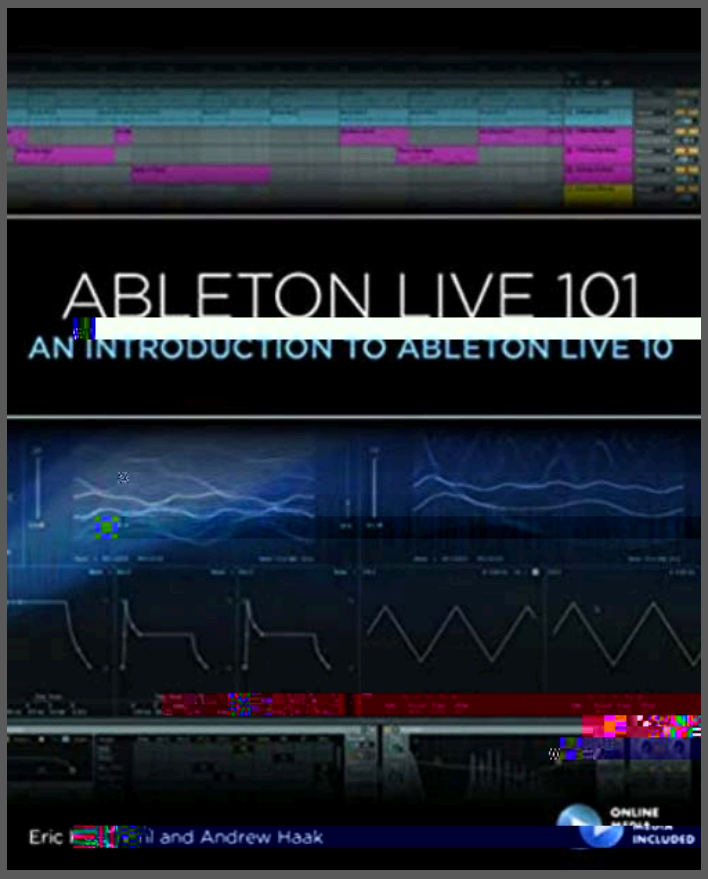
- Let's Chat With Psychological Services
- ASFC Campus Council Meeting
- 5 Short Plays From the Marketplace

Friday, May 29

- Deadline to petition to graduate
- LHM Foodie Series: Argentinean Cuisine
- 5 Short Plays of Life, Love & A Few Things In Between


THEATRE ARTS

Music tech instructor **Eric Kuehnl** released



COVID-19 PSA Winners

You've seen the Zoom video, but have you seen the other entries? View the $500 prize winners on our website.

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