



Bright Sun Dispatch

From the Faculty Senate to You. May this newsletter bring you information, joy, quips, humor, tips, and tricks of the trade!

Rocks painted by Marina Whitchurch. Rock painting class offered on March 1st from 4-5pm as part of the Stress Management Series. Contact mwhitchurch@roquecc.edu for more information on the rock painting class or Amy Durst adurst@roquecc.edu for information on the series courses offered this term.

The Agenda

By Tracy Redd, Shaylee Graham, & Amy Durst, math, counseling, asst. to vpi

The agenda for our final meeting of the winter term is as follows:

First, we need to approve the minutes of the last meeting so make sure you look those over...please and thank you!

Second, we slide over to short topics and say hello to guest speaker April Hamlin, Interim Director of Advising, Compliance & Deputy Title IX Coordinator for some Q&A time. Then some of our FS reps will report out from various subcommittees.



Third, it's teaching and learning time with a great discussion from Student Huddle and a look ahead the Faculty Senate Awards & Luncheon...hmmm? Intriguing...

Finally, we'll bring it home (are you sensing a baseball theme...spring training baby!) with some Shared Governance and a little AP & Syllabus chatter.

So let's do it! Be there... Friday, February 26 10 am to 12 Noon

<https://rogecc.zoom.us/j/95759993083>

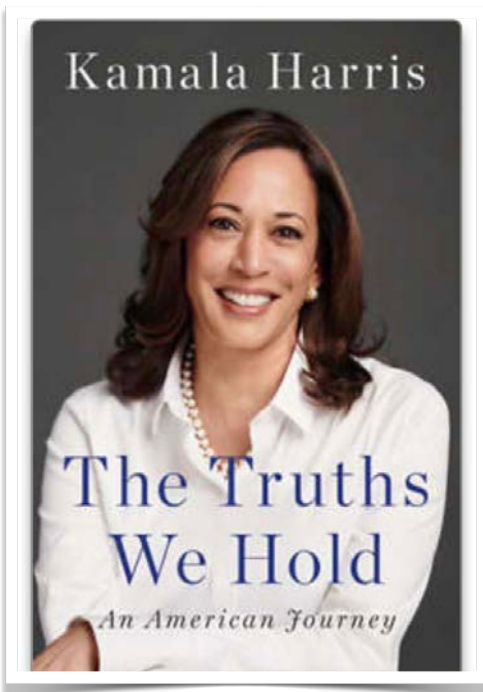
Book Review

By Deborah Murphy, early childhood ed.

Kamala Harris' story, *The Truths We Hold: An American Journey* is truly an American story. She is the daughter of immigrants; her mother is from India, father was born in Jamaica. They met at a civil rights rally in the 1960's. Both of those cultures formed who she has become. Growing up in Berkeley she was very much a part of the community there. Her mother, a cancer research scientist, was a strong model for her and her sister.

Vice President Harris is a graduate of Howard University. She married Doug Emhoff and is known as Momala to her step-children. Those are some of the basic facts we may all know about Kamala Harris. But beyond that... How did she become a prosecutor? What was her personal path to the Senate and then to the White House? She holds the title of "The First" in several categories. She is the first woman Vice President, the first African American, and the first Asian American to serve in this capacity.

Beyond these facts there is a deeper story that is shared in this memoir. Yes, it is a political one written just before her run for the Presidency. It does, however, reveal who she is and what she believes about family, career and country. I enjoyed it more than I thought I would. I found her to be an



interesting, smart person who will have a larger role beyond these historic “firsts”. I look forward to a sequel.

An Experiment In Voice-to-Text Communication.

By Marina Whitchurch,
public speaking

**Author's Note: The following should be read with humor's tone and inflection, rate and style. Should you have any questions, please contact mwhitchurch@rogucecc.edu Thanks for playing along! And don't go getting out your red pen... you'll just make yourself crazy...*

So for this next part I thought I would try a little something different I'm using voice to text so forgive me if there are any glaring mistakes. I'm going to try my

best to avoid them and go back and fix them but for the most part I'd like to try to do this completely 100% voice to text I don't know if it'll turn out and now I find myself rambling hoe Marina get to interesting so it shuts off after a certain number of words and now I find myself laughing at myself OK if you're still reading thank you

Oh wow I did it.! Oh I did that too I'm learning all sorts of new things I guess that's the point of this is that we can really teach ourselves to do new things when we take the time to do it and right now I'm taking the time to do this so I guess I pause too long OK

I wanted to take the time to tell you backspace nope remind you about the **stress management series** that we have for faculty I know I've got the next one coming up with the rock painting on March 1 Monday from 4 to 5 PM I'm not sure if there are any after that or what is scheduled for spring but



Amy Durst is your gal for that news hey Durst at rogue CC
ha ha ha ha ha ha hey Durst! OK that was funny



I was also going to take the time to put some **interesting articles** that I found in here so I may go back and do that I'll leave some space next paragraph oh I wanted to hey next paragraph

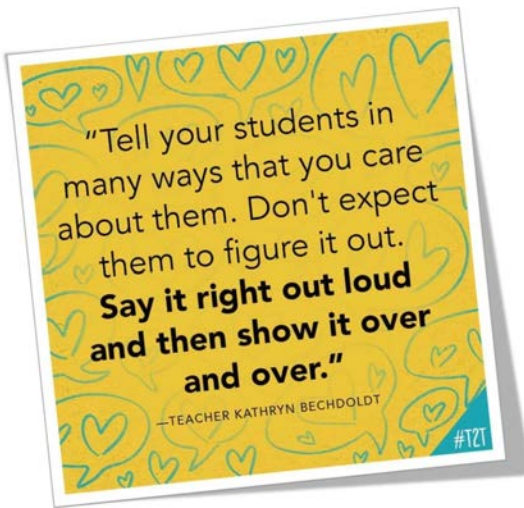
I come across some crazy stuff in my news feed...this was one such article!

**From Town & Country, February 23, 2021: Elite Universities Are in an Amenities Arms Race ... this article will blow your socks off.*

I've been having a lot of fun with the student clubs on campus and I just wanted to take some time to remind everyone that we two as faculty can take some time to join **faculty clubs and committees and teams** and get involved in campus on our end so if you not involved in something take some time and look through well when it gets back up look through our Internet for our clubs and committees and such

**That should read Intranet and I have no doubt it will be back up soon!*

OK I definitely want to leave space here to give you the link to the **student newsletter** if you haven't seen this you must see it they have done some amazing work and should be applauded for it please go and check it out there I learned some things just looking through it so please do do the due diligence do do do do do Doobie Doobie Doo Ha Ha Ha Ha funny X paragraph the last thing I want to remind everyone is OK



RCC Student Bulletin

Here we go the light The last thing I want to remind everyone about is the **rogue app** if you don't have this on your phone or on your computer I would highly recommend it there's lotta great stuff that goes on there and it's also a



great way to keep in contact with the school if for some reason we can't get into our email or we can't get on blackboard or or some thing else goes wrong so check that out to

**See your app store for the free Rogue Community College App*

Actually I guess there is one more thing that I want to say in doing this little experiment I would have reminded myself about my own mini lecture for Mike Droppers last night I talked about elocution and reading aloud and this little experiment has taught me that my own elocution has dropped a little bit I've noticed that my own annunciation and diction have waned and I need to keep in mind that we have a job to do as educators to get our message across to our students and that starts with communication and we have a job in communicating with one another everything begins with communication and that communication is can only be Beathard by our elocution and clearly I have some work to do

**Beathard?!?! bettered. I knew that was a word. Come on, autocorrect!*

Thanks for playing along everyone. I hope this was... enlightening. Also, it's Mic Droppers. I'm not dropping Mike. I don't think he would like that very much.