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International Student Program End of the Year Celebration

On Wednesday, December 12, international students took a break from their studies to join Cañada College faculty and staff to celebrate the end of the year.

The first five lucky international students won a door prize, including an Education USA 1GB flash drive, a giant tin of popcorn, a \$10 gift card from Pacific Dining and a Cañada College hoodie and t-shirt donated by the Bookstore.

The following international students were congratulated for their achievement and expressed their gratitude for all the help they received at Cañada:

Doo Young "Dennis" Jung has been accepted and will transfer to the USF Nursing program.

Abdullah Alkhamis has been accepted and will transfer to the University of Oregon.

Meiyi "Cassie" Gong has completed 60 units in three semesters and is applying to UCs.

On behalf of all Cañada College faculty and staff, we want to congratulate all international students for successfully completing another semester and wish you a wonderful holiday season and success in the coming new year.



Important Dates

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Cañada College

December 15: Online scholarship application open until February 16, 2013 at <https://starsonline.smccd.edu/Stars>.

December 13-19: Final Exams

December 22-January 1: Cañada College Closed

January 3-4: International Student Orientation

January 7: TUITION PAYMENT DUE

January 14: Classes begin for Spring Semester

Are you jamming? Get ready for the semester with Math, Physics or Word Jam

Math, Physics and Word Jams are free, one week programs that run from January 7-11 from 9:00am-3:00pm.

Math Jam: Prepares students for their math class or for the Math assessment test. Interested students should fill out an online application at: www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1059466/2013-Winter-Mini-Math-Jam-Application-Form.

Physics Jam: Prepares students to take physics and is recommended for STEM majors. Interested students should fill out an online application at: www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1059414/2013-Mini-Physics-Jam-Application.

Word Jam: Prepare for your English, Reading or ESL class by practicing reading and writing strategies and learn about all the resources on campus. Interested students should email Julie Wilson at wilsonj@smccd.edu.

Immigration Tips on Traveling during the Winter Break



If you are planning on traveling overseas during the winter break, here a few things to remember to make sure you are able to re-enter the U.S.

1. Make sure that the **travel signature** on the bottom of the last page of your I-20 is signed and dated within the last 6 months by Mario or Supinda.
2. Make sure that your **F-1 visa stamp** in your passport is valid. If it is expired or you do not have an F-1 visa stamp in your passport, you must schedule a visa appointment at the U.S. embassy in your home country to apply for an F-1 visa. You must bring your I-20, official Cañada College transcript and financial documents showing funds for your stay in the U.S.
3. If you are not traveling to your home country and visiting another country overseas, make sure you have a **tourist visa** from that country, if needed.

Volunteer at the International Student Orientation



New International Student Orientation is on January 3rd and 4th. All new students and students who have never attended an international student orientation are welcome to participate. For a detailed schedule, please email

Supinda at sirihkaphongs@smccd.edu.

We are looking for current students to help us welcome new students on campus. Volunteers will participate in a welcome lunch and campus tour on January 3 at 12pm and a tour and a movie/mini-golf/mall in Redwood City on January 4 at 3pm.

Volunteers will receive free lunch and all expenses will be paid for. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Supinda at sirihkaphongs@smccd.edu by Friday, December 21.

What was CIUS staff's greatest achievement this semester?

"I try to keep active and healthy throughout the year by doing yoga and hiking but my greatest athletic achievement this semester is completing the Warrior Dash. The obstacles were really hard like crawling through a mud pit and climbing a waterfall of mud but it was really fun and I got a medal for finishing the race."

-Supinda Sirihekaphong



"My greatest achievement this semester was helping my wife become a U.S. citizen. My wife is from Mexico. She came to the U.S. on a fiancée visa, then became a permanent resident, and is now a U.S. citizen. It was a seven year long process, but through hard work, some good luck, and a lot of studying she earned her citizenship!"

-Mario Mihelcic



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International Communication Club is Looking for New Student Leaders

This semester the International Communication Club held many activities and events thanks to the following club officers:

- Meiyi "Cassie" Gong, President
- Yanni Chen, Secretary
- Ruixuan "Cherry" Zhang, Co-treasurer
- Areeb Allehyani, Co-treasurer
- Doo Young "Dennis" Jung, ASCC Liaison
- Michael Shimono, Publicity Officer
- Alex Sotelo, Publicity Officer

International Communication Club members participated in the St. Thomas More International Food Festival, three International Film Nights and learned how to say basic phrases in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, and other languages in our new program, LEXIS: Language Exchange with International Students.

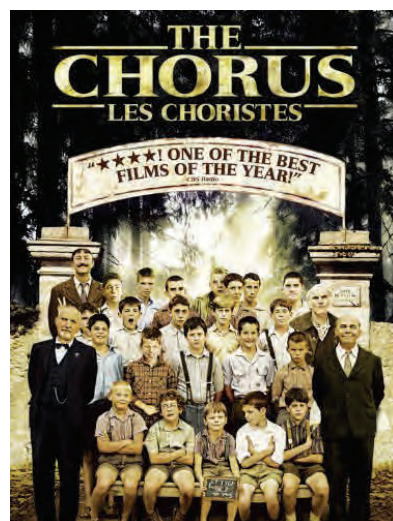
We hope to continue this success next semester. If you are interested in sharing your culture and learning about other cultures, the International Communication Club is the club for you. If you are interested in becoming a student leader by serving as

a club officer, please email sirihekaphongs@smccd.edu.



Events @ Cañada College

Thu, Dec 6, 4:00-6:00pm, Building 6-111
International Film Night featuring French food and film "The Chorus." Sponsored by ASCC and the International Communication Club.



Transfer Center

Mon, Dec 3, 11:00am-2:00pm, Learning Ctr
CSU-East Bay Visit
Tue, Dec 4, 4:30pm-6:30pm, Learning Ctr
Notre Dame de Namur University Visit
Wed, Dec 12, 10:00am-2:00pm, Learning Ctr
Notre Dame de Namur University Visit

Financial Aid/Scholarship Office

Wed, Dec 5, 11:30am-12:30pm, Building 6-257
Financial Resources Workshop
Sat, Dec 15
Online scholarship application open until
February 16, 2013 at
<https://starsonline.smccd.edu/Stars>.

Theater Arts

Sat, Dec 1, 8pm & Sun, Dec 2, 2pm, Flex Theater
EmergenciPhone!, written and directed by
Cañada College Theater Arts Professor Anna
Budd, was sold-out at the 2012 San Francisco
Fringe Festival. This play is a hilarious and
disturbing exploration of law enforcement in
a futuristic "free" market!

How do you celebrate the end of the year holidays?

1. Spend time with family
2. Fireworks
3. Go to the beach
4. Party



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“What is your greatest achievement this semester?”



ASCC is Looking for a Student Assistant (Club Focus)

Reporting to Victoria Worch, Coordinator of Student Activities in the Center for Student Life & Leadership Development, Building 5-354

We are seeking a dependable, responsible, and customer oriented student employee to assist with general office duties.

Summary of essential job functions:

- Coordinate student club and organizations paperwork and meeting times.
- Assist with ASCC events, end of the year club awards and College Commencement.
- Complete monthly activities calendar and end of the year report.
- Perform basic office tasks: photocopying, answering phones, email, filing, data entry, and faxing.
- Develop various forms of correspondence (e.g. memos, letters, flyers, etc.)
- Schedule vendor reservations.
- Maintain housing board.
- Post flyers and banners and also take down old flyers and posters.
- Take Student ID pictures when needed.
- All other duties as assigned.

Minimum requirements

- Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, Publisher, Power Point)
- Outstanding organization and time management skills
- Excellent typing and note taking skills
- High attention to detail
- Ability to work independently while being a team player
- Great personality
- Strong work ethic
- Can carry up to 60 pounds.



Hourly Wage: The position pays \$8.50 per hour. 15 hours a week.

Start date: Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Hired by semester.

Eligibility:

1) Complete Job Application and attach Resume. Return both to our office in Building 5 Rm 354 by Friday, Dec. 7, Noon. You can also email your application and resume to Victoria Worch, worchv@smccd.edu. If hired, you will have to show SSN card and photo ID.

2) Must have completed 6 units at Cañada College and be currently enrolled in 6 units at Cañada College and carry at 2.0 GPA throughout the term of employment.

3) Start January 2, must be able to work Mondays and Wednesdays 9am-4:30pm and anytime on Thursdays.

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Election 2012 from an Arabic Point of View

By Noof A. from the United Arab Emirates

When I recall my Arabic childhood days, my mother used to enlighten my siblings and I with mythical stories of unfolding wisdom and knowledge. I dreamt about the Phoenix many times, putting myself together and embarking into the world full of life and power. Since the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, the U.S. represented the Phoenix of the world, building itself from within itself to become the greatest democracy of our time.

2008 definitely made history with the election of a Black President. It was a revelation as I call it, in which anyone even from the most humble circumstances can build their way up to take on the greatest responsibilities of the U.S. Today the entire world, especially the Arab world, watches closely a tough competition between the odds; the Black President Barak Obama and the Mormon Governor Mitt Romney.

Citizens of the U.S. are on edge and on the other half of the world, we are also looking deeply into this election, as we do every four

years. With the recent Arab Spring revolution, we worry about the democratic country that led us to revolt passionately in the first place.

After World War II, we cared about who lived in the White House. During that time our relationship with the British was falling apart and we needed a new friend (non-European) supporting our position in negotiations. This interest in the U.S. doubled after the Palestinian 'Nakba' and the emergence of Jewish internal political power within the U.S. and of course, during the Arab Spring revolution that swept over the Middle East.

The Arab world is worried not only because the U.S. is moving from being the greatest power to a great power, but also because the new administration will shape new foreign policy. The new administration has to deal with "Islamic" governments--a Middle East that is not like the one from the past decades.



Events @ Cañada College

Transfer Center

Tue, Nov 13, 10:am-1:00pm, Learning Ctr
National Hispanic University Visit
Wed, Nov 14, 10:00am-3:00pm, Learning Ctr
Notre Dame de Namur University Visit
Thu, Nov 15, 11:00am-2:00pm, Learning Ctr
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Thu, Nov 15, 1:00-2:00pm, Room 9-106
CSU-UC Common Application Workshop
Wed, Nov 21, 12:30-1:30pm, Room 9-106
CSU-UC Common Application Workshop
Wed, Nov 28, 10:00am-2:00pm, Learning Ctr
Notre Dame de Namur University Visit

Go Colts!

Fri, Nov 9, 3:00pm

Men's Soccer vs. Chabot College

Career Center

Tue, Nov 13, 1:00-2:00pm, Room 9-106

Interviewing Essentials Workshop

Priority Registration

Tue, Nov 6

International students with an updated SEP can start registering for classes on WebSmart.

Scholarship Office

Thu, Nov 15

The online Cañada Scholarship Application opens until February 16, 2013 at <https://starsonline.smccd.edu/Stars>.



The season's weather changes...

...can effect your health but with a little precaution, you'll be able to weather the season's changes.

The Cañada College Health Center located in Building 5-303 provides FREE flu shots. Wash your hands frequently to prevent the spread of germs. If you do get sick, the Health Center has free cold medicines but stay home and get plenty of rest.

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We'd like to know...

"How do you celebrate the end of the year holidays?"

Mexico's Day of the Dead Tradition

From <http://latino.si.edu/dayofthedead/>

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a festival celebrated on November 2nd by people in Mexico, parts of Central and South America, and increasingly throughout the U.S.

Day of the Dead is not a sad or scary occasion, but a spirited holiday when people remember and honor family members who have died. All of this is part of the



philosophy that death is not something to be feared.

People celebrate in their homes, by creating altars (called *ofrendas* in Spanish) that display portraits, favorite foods, and special possessions of their loved ones. Altars are also decorated with candles and marigolds—the light of the candle and scent of the flowers (called *cempasuchitl*) are said to attract the souls of the deceased and draw them back for a short time to take part in the pleasures they once enjoyed in life.

Families also visit the graves of their loved ones, cleaning the headstones, decorating with flowers, and bringing food and music.

Many of the symbols and practices are derived from the Mayans and Aztecs. Images of skeletons dancing or doing other comical things are common.

Thanksgiving: An American Holiday

From www.history.com

In 1621, colonists and Native American Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgivings. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual states. It wasn't until 1863, during the Civil War, that President Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day.

In many American households, Thanksgiving now centers on sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends. Turkey, a Thanksgiving staple has become all but synonymous with the holiday. Other traditional foods include stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Volunteering is a common Thanksgiving Day activity, and food drives and free dinners are usually provided for the less fortunate.

Parades have also become a part of the holiday. Since 1924, Macy's department store has hosted New York City's Thanksgiving Day parade, which attracts 2 to 3 million spectators along its 2.5-mile route. It typically features marching bands and giant balloons shaped like cartoons.

Spirit Thursday

November 15, 2012

Upper Quad

12:15-1:30 & 5:30-6:30

Thanksgiving Dinner for the first 150 students with a student ID or wearing Cañada gear

Can Food Drive
Second Harvest



Help feed the hungry by dropping off can food at the Center for Student Life & Leadership, Financial Aid, Learning Center, The Grove and the Bookstore.

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“O’zapft is!”: the Truth About Oktoberfest

By Rosa Erhardt from Germany

All Germans love beer and sauerkraut and wait all year for October, when they make their way to Munich to drink as much beer as they can stand. Sound familiar? I have heard different versions of this, none of which come close to reality. So what’s the truth about Oktoberfest?

Oktoberfest is a traditional festival celebrated annually in the southern part of Germany, more specifically in Bavaria. It is a tradition in Munich and has grown into a huge event and known all over the world. The first Oktoberfest was held in 1810 to celebrate the wedding of Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese, but even before then it was common in Munich to organize fairs at the end of September to empty last season’s beer storage and make room for the new draft beer. These fairs offered food, entertainment, and of course beer.

Over the years the festivities have grown in size and popularity. Today more than 6 million people from all over the world attend Oktoberfest in Munich. On the first day at noon, the mayor taps the first barrel of beer starting the festivities with the words “o’zapft

is” (the beer is tapped). It is not tradition, but still very popular to wear “tracht” (dirndl or lederhosen). Contrary to popular belief “tracht” is a costume in Bavaria only, different regions have different traditional costumes. These days this old tradition, and originally happy occasion, gets quite a bit of negative press. Of the millions of attendees, many consume alcohol excessively, causing tempers to rise, and then need medical assistance.

In conclusion, Oktoberfest looks back on a long history and promises to grow bigger each year. It attracts millions of people and brings together many different nationalities. I myself have never been to Oktoberfest and the same is true for many Germans. Yet no matter how much negative press accompanies Oktoberfest, it is a huge gathering of people, who come together to enjoy life, feast like a prince, and, yes, drink beer.



Events @ Cañada College

Transfer Center

Mon, Oct 29, 10:00am-2:00pm, Learning Ctr
Notre Dame de Namur University Visit
Thu, Nov 1, 11:00am-12:00pm, Room 9-106
CSU/UC Common Application Workshop
Mon, Nov 5, 10:00am-2:30pm, Transfer Ctr
UC Berkeley Visit
Wed, Nov 7, 12:30pm-1:30pm, Room 9-106
CSU/UC Common Application Workshop
Thu, Nov 8, 12:30pm-1:30pm, Room 9-106
Am I Ready to Transfer? Workshop

Career Center

Tue, Nov 6, 1:00-2:00pm, Room 9-206
Resume Workshop

Go Colts!

Tue, Oct 30, 4:00pm
Women’s Soccer vs. Las Positas College
Tue, Oct 30, 1:30pm
Men’s Soccer vs. Skyline College
Fri, Nov 2, 1:30pm
Women’s Soccer vs. Chabot College
Fri, Nov 2, 4:00pm
Men’s Soccer vs. Monterey Peninsula College
Tue, Nov. 6, 3:00pm
Women’s Soccer vs. Ohlone College
Wed, Nov 7, 6:30pm
Women’s Volleyball vs. City College SF
Fri, Nov 9, 3:00pm
Men’s Soccer vs. Chabot College

What will you dress up as for Halloween?



Psy "Gangnam Style"

Sailor Jupiter

Disney's Mulan

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We'd like to know...

"How many seasons does your country have?"

Employment Workshop for F-1 International Students

Our office collaborated with Bob Haick in the Career Center and Prof. Anne Nicholls, coordinator of Cooperative Education, to help international students understand employment options and U.S. business etiquette. If you were unable to attend, here's what you missed.

International students on F-1 immigration status are eligible to work within strict immigration limitations as listed below. All employment is limited to 20 hours per week during the semester (students may work more than 20 hours per week during semester breaks):

On-campus employment: International students are eligible to work on campus but are not eligible for student worker positions that are funded by the U.S. government. Only positions funded by Cañada or SMCCCD are open to all students regardless of immigration status. Students can work for any Cañada College office, department, division, or auxiliary services including the bookstore and dining services. Students can also work at any San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) office.

Curricular Practical Training (CPT): After completing two semesters, students may apply for employment authorization for a paid internship under CPT. Students must have an employment offer within their field of study, register for Cooperative Education credits, and submit copies of Cooperative Education paperwork to our office. Students cannot start working until they receive an updated I-20 with CPT employment authorization.

Optional Practical Training (OPT): After completing an associate's degree, international students are eligible to request employment authorization under OPT for up to 12 months from USCIS. Our office can help you submit an application which includes a \$380 fee. If you are in your final semester, please contact our office for details about the application process. Employment must be within your field of study and the application takes up to 90 days.

Severe Economic Hardship: If you are facing severe economic hardship, you may apply for off-campus employment authorization for up to 12 months from USCIS. The application takes up to 90 days and has a \$380 fee.

You must be able to document unforeseen economic hardship, such as natural disaster, change of sponsor's income, and currency devaluation. Please contact our office for assistance with the application process.

The **Career Center** is now located in The Grove and offers a wide range of resources such as resume building software, internship listings, and career exploration guides. Bob Haick also has a schedule of resume-building, cover letter, and internship workshops throughout the semester.

Attend next semester's Employment Workshop to learn more about U.S. business culture so that you are prepared for your first day of work in the U.S.

MONOPOLY

Official **MONOPOLY** game tournament
Hosted by Cañada College

Players needed!
Test your skills, win prizes,
help our students

To sign up to play, contact Leonor M. Cabrera: cabrera@smccd.edu

Calling all **MONOPOLY** fans!

 Saturday, October 27, 2012 at "The Grove,"
Cañada College Building 5
Sign-in begins at 10:00 am
Tournament begins at 10:30 am

\$10
For students & seniors
\$15 general admission

All proceeds benefit the Cañada College Accounting Scholarship Program

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ICC Members Taste the World

By Auralyn "Lyn" Ancheta from the Philippines

On Saturday, September 29th, members of the International Communication Club attended the 6th annual St. Thomas More Church International Food Festival held in South San Francisco. After driving through sunny San Mateo County, we were met with chilly and foggy weather. We thought that there would be more selections of different food stands but we still enjoyed the food. Some students had a gyro, a burrito-like food from the Mediterranean. We also had a dessert from Greece called baklava that was filled with nuts and honey. We also bought a sweet and crunchy fruit called jujube (nope, it's not the one you see in cosmetic products, that one is called 'jojoba'). Supinda, the club advisor had a yummy deep-fried pastel stuffed with cheese and beef from Brazil. We also had Filipino food including shanghai spring rolls, beef kebabs, and my favorite Filipino dessert, halo halo.



Events @ Cañada College

Transfer Center

Tue, Oct 16, 12:30-1:30pm, Room 9-106

Project ASSIST Workshop

Tue, Oct 16, 10:00am-12:00pm, Learning Ctr

National Hispanic University Visit

Thu, Oct 18, 12:30-1:30pm, Room 9-106

CSU/UC Common Application Workshop

Tue, Oct 23, 10:00am-1:30pm, Learning Ctr

Transfer Day

Thu, Oct 25, 1:00-2:00pm, Room 9-106

CSU/UC Common Application Workshop

Thu, Oct 25, 1:00-2:30pm, Transfer Center

UC Berkeley Visit

Career Center

Mon, Oct 15, 1:00-2:00pm, Room 9-106

Interviewing Essentials

Wed, Oct 17, 2:30-4:00pm, Room 5-223

Employment Workshop for F-1 Students

Tue, Oct 23, 1:00-2:00pm, Room 9-206

Cover Letter Workshop

Special Event

Wed, Oct 17, 7:30-9:00pm, Main Theater

An Evening with Robert Reich: Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy at UC Berkeley and former Secretary of Labor in the Clinton Administration talks about "The 2012 Election, the Lousy Economy, Jobs and Everything Else You Want to Know About the Future." \$10 student admission benefits scholarships.

Go Colts!

Tue, Oct 16, 4:00-6:00pm

Women's Soccer vs. De Anza College

Wed, Oct 17, 6:30-8:00pm

Women's Volleyball vs. Monterey Peninsula

Fri, Oct 19, 6:30-8:00pm

Women's Volleyball vs. Cabrillo College

Tue, Oct 23, 4:00-5:00pm

Men's Soccer vs. De Anza College

Wed, Oct 24, 2:00-4:00pm

Women's Soccer vs. West Hills College

Wed, Oct 24, 6:30-8:00pm

Women's Volleyball vs. De Anza College

How do you spend your weekends?

Don't have any plans this weekend? Here are some suggestions. For more information, log onto www.redwoodcity.org/calendar/.

Sundays, 9am-1pm, Cañada College, Lot 7, **West Coast Farmers Market**
Saturdays, 8am-12pm, Sequoia Station, **Redwood City Kiwanis Farmers Market**
Oct. 12-21, Redwood City Main Library, **Zoppé Italian Family Circus**
Saturday, Oct. 20, 10am-1pm, Edgewood Park, **Spiders! Free Nature Hike**

“Mix Mix” Filipino Dessert

By Auralyn “Lyn” Ancheti

My favorite Filipino dessert is halo-halo, which literally means ‘mix-mix’. It is similar to *patbingsu* from South Korea, *ais kacang* from Malaysia, and *es campur* from Indonesia.

Ingredients:

2 tbsp palm nuts

2 tbsp coconut jelly

2 tbsp grated cantaloupe

2 tbsp caramelized plantains

2 tbsp jackfruit

Shaved ice

Evaporated milk

Optional Ingredients:

1 *tbsp purple yam*

1 *tbsp sweetened red beans*

some diced mango

custard(flan)

ube (purple yam) ice cream



1. In a glass bowl, layer the ingredients and top it with shaved ice.
2. Pour the evaporated milk on top. Add the optional ingredients on top of the shaved ice.
3. Before you eat halo-halo, mix well (halo-halo) and enjoy!

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We'd like to know...

“What will you dress up as for Halloween?”

Employment Workshop

For F-1 International Students

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- What U.S. employers value
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- U.S. business etiquette

Sponsored and presented by: Career Center, Center for International & University Studies, and Cooperative Education

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

2:30-4:00pm

Building 5, Room 223



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Mid-Autumn Festival of China

Important Date
Oct. 31: Deadline for Petition for Degree Completion

China's Mid-Autumn Festival & Moon Cake

By Meiyi "Cassie" Gong, President of the International Communication Club

On Wednesday, September 26, the I made a presentation about China's Mid-Autumn Festival and Confucius in honor of his birthday on September 28th. Confucius is perhaps the most famous Chinese in the world. In Confucius philosophy, there are five principles on how to conduct oneself well and how nations should act, as well. These five doctrines are Ren (compassion & benevolence), Yi (righteousness & brotherhood), Li (manners & rules), Zhi (wisdom & intelligence) and Xin (honesty & trust). People should be honest, trust each other, care about each other, and accumulate knowledge to build better character and a more cohesive country within a set of appropriate rules and manners.

Members of the club learned how to write the five principles in Chinese characters and their writings are displayed in the International Student Lounge in Building 5, Room 228.

I also explained that September 30th is the Mid-Autumn Festival, one of the most significant and traditional festivals in Chinese culture. Chinese people celebrate this special day in memory of a kind and beautiful woman named Chang E who

sacrificed herself to save her countrymen from evil thousands of years ago. The Mid-Autumn Festival is celebrated during a full moon. It is a tradition for family members to get together for dinner, usually at a round table, just like the full moon. Members of the club also had a taste of traditional moon cake with red bean, pineapple, and chestnut stuffing.

Events @ Cañada College

Career Center

Tue, Oct 9, 1-2pm, Room 9-106
Resume Writing Workshop

Transfer Center

Tue, Oct 2, 10am-2pm, Learning Center
Notre Dame de Namur University
Wed, Oct 3, 11am-12pm, Room 9-257A
CSU-UC Common Application
Tue, Oct 9, 10am-2:30pm, Transfer Center
UC Berkeley Visit

Thu, Oct 11, 4:30-6:30pm, Learning Center
Notre Dame De Namur Visit

Artistry in Fashion & Fashion Department

Open House
Sat, Sep 29, 10am-4pm

Health Center

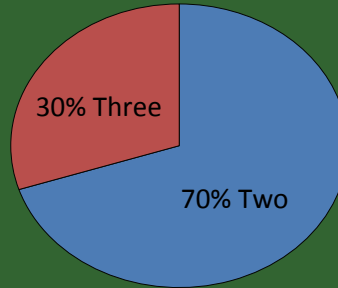
Thu, Oct 4, 12-1pm, Room 9-206
Kurzweil Workshop (see ad on next page)

Go Colts!

Tue, Oct 2, 4-7pm
Men's Soccer vs. West Valley College
Fri, Oct 5, 1:30-3:30pm
Women's Soccer vs. Mission College
Fri, Oct 5, 4-7pm
Men's Soccer vs. Gavilan College
Fri, Oct 5, 6:30-8pm
Women's Volleyball vs. San Jose City College
Tue, Oct 9, 4-6pm
Women's Soccer vs. Hartnell College

Survey Results

Thank you for participating in the *The Olive Branch* survey by answering "How many languages do you speak?" Here are the results, with students speaking Afrikaans, Arabic, Chinese, German, Italian, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Zulu.



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"How do you spend your weekends?"

Croatia's BBQ: Kotlovina

By Mario Mihelcic

Kotlovina is a specialty dish from areas surrounding the capital city of Zagreb. My uncle makes it whenever we have a family gathering. It's our version of an American BBQ. It is prepared in a special pan with a wide rim around the outer edge and a concave center to contain the juices. Here is the recipe, which takes about 35 minutes to cook.

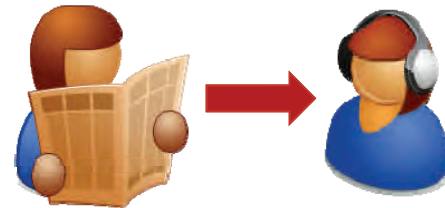


- 10 (1/2-inch) boneless pork loin chops or 10 chicken breast halves
- 1 chopped onion
- 2 sliced carrots
- 1 sliced celery rib
- 3-4 cloves chopped garlic
- 4 red and green sliced peppers
- 1 (28-ounce) can undrained diced tomatoes

- 3 cups dry white wine
- Salt and pepper
- Oil for cooking

1. In a kotlovina pan or large wok, add oil and allow to get hot. Brown meat and then push it to edge of the pan.
2. While meat continues to cook on the edge, add onions, carrots, celery and garlic to center of the pan. When the onions are translucent, but not fully cooked, place the meat on the vegetables, add 1 cup wine and cook for about 15 minutes, adding a little water as necessary.
3. While that is cooking, put the red and green peppers on the rim of the pan and allow to soften slightly. Then, push the meat mixture to the rim of the pan and move the peppers to the center with the rest of the vegetables.
4. Now add the parboiled potatoes to the center of pan along with the peppers. Add another cup of wine and about 1 cup water to the center. Stir carefully and cook for about 10 minutes, until the potatoes are softened. Add diced tomatoes, salt and pepper to taste. Bring the meat into the center and cook for another 10 minutes.
5. Just before serving, add the last cup of wine and allow to heat for about 3 minutes. To serve, place vegetables on a large serving dish and place the meat on top.

KURZWEIL 3000



Thursday, Oct 4, 12-1pm, Room 9-206
Come learn about this assistive learning technology that changes text files into audio files and improve your learning and study habits by listening to your textbook and lecture notes. Install K3000 right onto your laptop!

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Share Your Culture with the International Communication Club



Do you want to meet new friends from all over the world? Do you want to learn a new language or share your culture with the Cañada College community? Look no further, joining the International Communication Club is a great way to explore new cultures and you don't even have to leave the US!

The International Communication Club **meetings are every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30pm in the ASCC Meeting Room in Building 5, Room 350 (across from The Grove)**. Upcoming meetings are Sept. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, Nov. 21, and Dec. 5.

The International Communication Club will continue **International Film Nights** and hopes to show three films this semester. International Film Night features a foreign film (with subtitles) selected by club members. Free food from the country featured in the film will also be served. This semester, the International Communication

Club is introducing a new program, **LEXIS: Language Exchange with International Students**. Come join us to learn a new language or practice with native speakers of Arabic, Chinese, and Spanish! LEXIS takes place from 1:00-1:30pm after the International Communication Club meeting.

Club members are also welcome to share their culture by hosting a **cultural presentation**.

Upcoming presentations include:

- Wed., Sept. 26, 1-2pm, Building 6, Room 111
China: Mid-Autumn Festival
- Thurs., Nov. 1, Time & Venue: TBA
Mexico: Day of the Dead

If you have a suggestion for a foreign film or would like to do a cultural presentation, please email sirihekaphongs@smccd.edu. We hope you'll join the International Communication Club to learn about and share the diverse cultures of Cañada College.

Important Dates

TRANSFER CENTER EVENTS

Tue, 9/18, 10:00am-12:00pm, Bldg, 9, Rm 142

UC Santa Cruz Visit

Tue, 9/18, 4:30-6:30pm, Learning Center

Notre Dame De Namur University Visit

Wed, 9/19, 10:00am-1:00pm, Learning Center

National Hispanic University Visit

Wed, 9/26, 10am-2:30pm, Bldg 9, Transfer Center

UC Berkeley Visit

Wed, 9/19, 12:00pm-1:00pm, Bldg 9, Rm 257A

Transfer Agreement Workshop

Tue, 9/25, 12-1pm, Bldg 9, Rm 106

Transfer Agreement Workshop

CAREER CENTER EVENTS

Tue, 9/18, 1-2pm, Bldg 9, Rm 106

Interviewing Essentials

Thu, 9/27, 1-2pm, Bldg 9, Rm 106

Cover Letter Workshop

GO COLTS!

Friday, 9/21, 4-6pm

Women's Soccer vs. City College of SF

Tue, 9/25, 4-7pm

Men's Soccer vs. Las Positas College

Wed, 9/26, 6:30-8:00pm

Women's Soccer vs. Chabot College

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100% International
Communication Club

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"How many languages do you speak?"

Traditional Folk Costumes of Jalisco, Mexico

By Laura Guadarrama, Fashion Design Major from Mexico

Traditional folk costumes from around the world turn into runway and street trends periodically in the fashion world. Since Cañada College's "Artistry in Fashion" event is coming up, I would like to share a simple description of the traditional folkloric costumes of Guadalajara, Jalisco, affectionately called "Perla Tapatia."

First, we begin with the women's costume, which is commonly a one-piece dress. Underneath, an ankle-length white petticoat helps provide volume. The dress is composed of a voluminously pleated long skirt in bright colors; the bottom is adorned with ribbons also in bright colors that contrast with the main fabric. The bottom is meant to open and flare up impressively with the vigorous twirls and turns of the traditional danza folklorica. The outfit is usually long-sleeved with a high neck. The neck and wrists of the dress are decorated with a white lacey fabric and colorful ribbons. All together these elements highlight the beauty of the gorgeous women of Jalisco.

The men's beautiful Charro apparel, avowed all over the world as the Mariachi outfit, is much more than just that; it is a staple of the endearing culture of Mexico's Occidental Pearl. This 2-3 piece suit, with its intricate



embroidery patterns and heavy studs, is related to strong and manly men.

I hope that these two beautiful and contrasting outfits inspire you and remind us that fashion is more than just trends, is a vehicle of cultural expression.



LEXIS

Language Exchange with International Students

Are you learning a new language and want to practice?

Join the **International Communication Club** and meet native speakers of Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, and more.

Wednesday, September 19, 12:30-1:30pm
ASCC Meeting Room, 5-350 (across from The Grove)

Saturday, September 29, 2012



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Clothing
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Patt Walter Wells



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President James Keller's Address at the Inaugural Convocation Ceremony

Good Afternoon.

I am honored to welcome the board of trustees, the chancellor, vice chancellors, community leaders, and visitors.

Welcome Cañada faculty and staff.
Welcome incoming Cañada students.

This convocation marks the beginning of Cañada's 45th academic year. For Cañada students, it is a beginning of your life of academic pursuits in higher education. It is a time to make a serious commitment to academic excellence.

Commit to achieving a purposeful academic goal: to completing a technical certificate, a degree, or the course of study necessary to transfer to a four-year institution.

You have made the important decision to seek your academic goals at Cañada College. I know you will make the commitment to excellence. Cañada College is your resource to reach your goals. Take the time to explore and learn about the abundant resources that are here at Cañada and in the communities that the college serves to assist you in your academic pursuits.

Aim high, reach far, explore and develop high expectations for yourself. Use the human, physical, and technical resources

of Cañada well and often. Faculty, staff, counselors, tutors, and fellow students are ready and anxious to commit to your continued success as a Cañada student. There will be few times and places in your life when and where you will find in one place so many who can help you along your academic journey.

I know that many of you have traveled across some incredible life paths to get here. Your story of that passage is an important one. That journey and the one you create at Cañada will contribute to your personal legacy of achievement.

As you progress in your studies, not only take time for classes and programs to propel you through life, to make good grades; take time to REFLECT along your academic journey on what the experience of each milestone means to you, to your future, and to others. REFLECT, then:

Write it down. Keep it near you. Look at it periodically through life. Share it with others.

Your personal story of achievement will be rewarding to you, your family, your friends, and will be an inspiration to others.

You are a Cañada College student. It is the time to:

COMMIT to academic excellence.

CREATE a legacy of achievement.

REFLECT along your academic journey.

SHARE your thoughts and experience with others.

Thank you and welcome to Cañada College.

Important Dates

Transfer Center Events

Wed, Sept. 5, 11am-12pm, Building 9-257A

Transfer Agreement Workshops

Thu, Sept. 6, 11am-2pm, Learning Center

CSU East Bay Visit

Tue, Sept. 11, 10am-2pm, Learning Center

Notre Dame de Namur University Visit

Tue, Sept. 11, 1-2pm, Building 9, Room 106

CSU-UC Common Application Workshop

Wed, Sept. 5, 1-2pm, Building 5, Room 350

First International Communications Club Meeting

Help build the club and elect your future officers.

Go Colts!

Sat, Sept. 1, 5-8pm

Men's Soccer vs. Evergreen Valley College

Tue, Sept. 4, 4-7pm

Men's Soccer vs. Foothill College

Tue, Sept. 11, 4-7pm

Men's Soccer vs. Fresno City College

Academic Calendar

Tue, Sept. 9

Last day to drop a semester length course without a "W"

Wed, Sept. 10

Last day to declare P/NP option for semester length classes



From left to right: Janet Stringer, Dean of Science & Technology; Linda Hayes, VP of Instruction; Robin Richards, VP of Student Services; David Johnson, Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences; James Keller, President

International Students @ Cañada College



Welcome Back Week Fall 2012

CLUB RUSH

Tuesday & Wednesday, Sept. 4-5
11:00am-1:00pm, Upper Quad

Spirit Thursday

Thursday, Sept. 6
12:15-1:30pm, Upper Quad

Welcome Back Dance

Thursday, Sept. 6
7:00-10:00pm, The "New" Grove

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CITIZENSHIP		MAJOR OF STUDY	
Saudi Arabia	6	Accounting	2
China	5	Art	1
Mexico	4	Biology	2
South Korea	4	Business Administration	8
Canada	3	Communications	1
Philippines	2	Computer Science	3
Japan	2	Early Childhood Edu	5
United Arab Emirates	2	Economics	2
Vietnam	2	Engineering	2
Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, El Salvador, Germany, Great Britain Great Britain, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Israel, Montenegro, Morocco, Poland, Serbia, South Africa, Sri Lanka	17	English	1
		Fashion Design	1
		Health/Human Services	3
		Humanities	1
		Interior Design	6
		Kinesiology	1
Total countries	26	Life Science	1
		Multimedia Art & Tech	2
Female	24	Philosophy	1
Male	23	Political Science	3
Total international students	47	Psychology	1

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Start Your Semester Off Right

Welcome from the CIUS Director

Dear international students,

Congratulations on choosing to come to or return to Cañada College to continue your studies. Cañada provides a rich and supportive environment in which to meet your academic goals. And we at the Center for International and University Studies (CIUS) are here to support you in reaching those goals.

We have had the chance to meet most of you already face-to-face, and look forward to meeting the rest of you soon. Please be sure to contact us by phone or email or just stop by the office in building 5, room 229, if we can do anything to help you get settled in.

I know you will be busy at the start of the semester adjusting to your new classes and learning environment. But also try to participate in extracurricular activities here. The campus offers many opportunities to meet other students and to engage in meaningful projects outside of class. We have an awesome International Communications Club that I hope you will join. In future newsletters, we will share more news about that club and other activities at the college.

But for now I just want to extend to you another warm welcome from all of us at Cañada's CIUS, and to remind you that our doors are open. Come by and see us if you need anything or just to say hello and tell us how you are doing.

Lucy Salcido Carter

Start Your Semester Off Right

1. Don't forget to submit the Check In Form, Health Insurance Enrollment Verification, and any updated immigration documents by the end of the ADD deadline, Aug. 31.
2. You must enroll full-time (at least 12 credits). If you are taking online classes, you must enroll in at least 9 credits on campus. Classes that are dropped do not count towards full-time enrollment. If you are below full-time, make sure you request authorization for a Reduced Course Load (RCL) on your I-20.
3. If you are waitlisted for a class, make sure you check your MySMCCCD email account or forward your emails to your personal email account for updates on your waitlist status. You must register for class within 24 hours of notification of your spot in the class or you will be dropped from class.
4. If you have moved, update your address in WebSmart and email your new address to caninternational@smccd.edu.
5. If you changed your major or need to extend your I-20, request an updated I-20 before it expires by submitting a copy of your Student Education Plan (SEP).

Important Dates

Last day to ADD class and Drop a class with partial refund

Friday, August 31

Convocation Ceremony

Wed, Aug 29, 12:30-1:30pm, Main Theater Faculty, administrators & staff join together to welcome you to Cañada College.

Check In Form Deadline Friday, August 31

Please submit your check in form to caninternational@smccd.edu. If you traveled outside of the U.S., submit copies of your new I-94 card and other updated immigration documents.

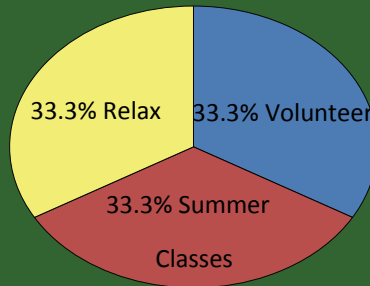
Transfer Agreement Workshops

Thursday, August 28, 1-2pm, Bldg. 9-106

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Survey Results

Thank you for participating in the *The Olive Branch* survey by answering "What are your plans for the summer break?" Here are the results...



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Cañada College Welcomes New International Students from All Across the Globe



Cañada College welcomes 28 new international students on campus this semester, with 48 international students from 26 countries in total.

The 3-day International Student Orientation kicked off with a Welcome Luncheon on Tuesday, July 24. President Jim Keller welcomed students as did CIUS staff, Carla Stoner-Brito from the Counseling Center, and Meiyi "Cassie" Gong, the president of the International Communications Club. The students also played Get-to-know-you Bingo and won gift cards from Yoppi Yogurt.

The next day, students were busy meeting counselors to discuss classes and toured the Learning Center and the library. Mario also gave an informative WebSmart and My.SMCCCD workshop.

The last day of orientation included presentations from ESL Professor Jeanne Gross about the U.S. educational system. Supinda and Mario discussed international student rights

and responsibilities and finally, Cynthia Frias-Baisch, Krystal Johnson, Regina Blok, and Maria Olearczyk talked about staying healthy and dealing with culture shock.

The orientation ended with a tour of downtown Redwood City where some students had a burrito for the first time at Chipotle and watched *The Amazing Spiderman*.

Dominique Chaine from South Africa said, "I was moved and engaged by the stories and information given to us. It is great to know that there is assistance and support from all sides at Cañada College. I got the opportunity to meet many new students from around the world. It was very exciting for me to get to know the new students I will embark on this new journey with."

The CIUS staff would like to thank everyone who participated in welcoming our students and our student ambassadors, Dennis Jung, Guido Casoy, Marina Andrijevic, and Cassie Gong.



EZ Rental Textbook Program

Rent your books for \$25 per unit.

Bring your class schedule to the Bookstore.

Refund will only be issued with proof of withdrawal before Aug. 31.

International Student Orientation Fall 2012



Jeanne Gross, ESL instructor talks about the U.S. educational system.



From left to right: Fahad, Saad, and Marwan from Saudi Arabia.

From left to right: Masako from Japan, Tianqi from China, Dennis (Student Ambassador) from South Korea, and Dylaney from Canada.

