56th ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT
MAY 25, 2024
Cañada College welcomes you—the Class of 2024—into the ranks of the proud alumni of Cañada College.

We also welcome your families and friends to this 56th Commencement celebration, mindful and appreciative of their contribution to your achievement through their support, sacrifice and encouragement.
Welcome to the 56th Commencement Ceremony at Cañada College! We are honored to celebrate our students and the remarkable accomplishments and successes they have achieved. Our graduates, and their loved ones, joining in this celebration today will be hearing inspiring speeches about the promising future that lies ahead. Collectively, we share in the excitement of where their next journey may take them.

Commencement is also a time for our graduates to look back on their experiences. We know that this reflection is important. This is a time for our graduates to remember the friends and special connections that they have made, the faculty members and staff who have inspired them to identify their chosen fields of study and career pathways or helped to select a transfer institution in the next steps of their academic journeys.

I think it’s important for our graduates to reflect on the paths they took and the obstacles they faced to get here. I admire each of our grads for their hard work and dedication toward fulfilling their goals. Just as you have encouraged each other, the College has strived to be supportive in every way we can.

Today, I encourage our graduates to take in this moment to fully embrace and enjoy all that they have accomplished. Look around at fellow classmates, family and friends and the Cañada community, who have come together to honor you. Congratulations! I wish you the best in all of your future pursuits.

Kim Lopez,
President, Cañada College
Commencement Keynote Speaker

Anita Bailey, M.S.
Program Director, Umoja Community Education Foundation

Anita Bailey is a higher education professional and advocate for social justice and equity, with close to 20 years of professional experience and development to serve underrepresented student populations. With a specific concentration rooted in African-centered practices that optimize the development of academic resources, learning, and development in a historical context that stems from African history and culture.

Anita’s contributions to the reimagining of higher education have allowed her to develop training and learning models, jengaship, village academic support, intrusive counseling methods, and data practices that illuminate storytelling to disaggregate data. The emphasis of her pedagogy highlights an exceptionally broad background in equity initiatives and programming that she has designed, developed, and curated to foster the self-actualization of students in their quest for academic and personal excellence.

Anita is an Associate Professor, Motivational Speaker and Program Director for the Umoja Community Education Foundation. As Umoja’s Program Director, she oversees the development of Umoja programs within the states of California and Washington, which plays a critical role in the organization’s global expansion efforts. Anita is a proud graduate of the community college system at Mt. San Antonio College, then transferred to the University of Louisville on an athletic scholarship where she was a student-athlete. She is a proud alumna of Azusa Pacific University where she attained her graduate-level degree.
Program

〜 Master of Ceremonies
Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Ed.D., Vice President of Student Services

〜 Processional
“Pomp and Circumstance” by Sir Edward Elgar

〜 President’s Party
Faculty Processional led by Grand Marshal Denise Erickson
Student Processional led by President Student Leadership Award recipient Paris Nevaeh Carr and Student Speaker Arya Shadan

〜 National Anthem, “Star Spangled Banner”
Performed by Richard Hayes II

〜 Black National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
Performed by Richard Hayes II

〜 Welcome & Introduction
Kim Lopez, President, Cañada College

〜 Keynote Speaker
Anita Bailey, M.S., Umoja Community Education Foundation

〜 2024 President’s Student Leadership Award
Paris Nevaeh Carr

〜 Class of 2024 Co-Valedictorians
Jeffrey Alton Antonio Anderson
Ronald Matthew Clifford
Chloe Knott
Sierra Mitsuru Nakagawa Neuenfeldt
Delilah Oita Noor Rizqie
Arya Shadan

〜 Welcome from the Student Body and Introduction of the Student Speaker
Chloe Knott, Vice President, Associated Students of Cañada College
Program

≈ Student Speaker Presentation
Arya Shadan

≈ Presentation of the Class of 2024
David Eck, Ph.D., President, Academic Senate, Cañada College

≈ Awarding of Associate of Arts and Science Degrees and Certificates
David Eck, Ph.D., President, Academic Senate, Cañada College
John Pimentel, President, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District
Mike Guingona, Vice President, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District
Richard Holober, Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District
Wayne Lee, Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District
Lisa Petrides, Ph.D., Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District
Arthur Veloso Nepomuceno Da Silva, Student Trustee, San Mateo County Community College District
Melissa Moreno, J.D., Chancellor, San Mateo County Community College District
Kim Lopez, President, Cañada College
Chialin Hsieh, Ed.D., Vice President Instruction, Cañada College
Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Ed.D., Vice President Student Services, Cañada College
Ludmila Prisecar, Vice President Administrative Services, Cañada College

≈ Salutation to the Graduates and Closing Remarks
Kim Lopez, President, Cañada College

≈ Recessional
The Graduates and their guests are invited to the reception on the campus lower lawn immediately following the Commencement Ceremony.
Academic Leadership

〜 Board of Trustees
John Pimentel, Board President
Mike Guingona, Board Vice President
Richard Holober, Trustee
Wayne Lee, Trustee
Lisa Petrides, Ph.D., Trustee
Arthur Veloso Nepomuceno Da Silva, Student Trustee
Melissa Moreno, J.D., Chancellor

〜 Administration
Kim Lopez, President
Chialin Hsieh, Ed.D., Vice President of Instruction
Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Ed.D., Vice President of Student Services
Ludmila Prisecar, MBA, Vice President of Administrative Services
Wissem Bennani, Ed.D., Dean of Enrollment Services and Support Programs
James Carranza, Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences
Karen Engel, Ph.D., Dean of Planning, Research & Institutional Effectiveness
Max Hartman, Dean of Counseling
Hyla Lacefield, Dean of Business, Design & Workforce
Anniqua Rana, Ed.D, Dean of Academic Support & Learning Technologies
Kathleen Sullivan-Torrez, Dean of Kinesiology, Athletics, and Dance
Ameer Thompson, Ph.D., Dean of Science & Technology
Megan Rodriguez Antone, Director of Community Relations & Marketing

〜 Academic Senate
David Eck, Ph.D., President
Gampi Shankar, Vice President
Monica Malamud, Ph.D., Secretary
Gerardo Pacheco, Treasurer
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Salumeh Eslamieh, Professional Development Committee Chair and Subcommittee Representative
Ana Miladinova and Vera Quijano, Co-Senators
Katie Schertle, Senator
Sumathi Shankar, Senator
Leonor Cabrera, Senator
Aricka Bueno, Senator
Diana Tedone-Goldstone, Senator
Ricard Schulke, Senator

〜 Classified Senate
Alex Claxton, President
Maria Huning, Vice President
Paul Gaskins, Treasurer
Olivia Cortez-Figueroa, Secretary
Nimsi Garcia, Activities Co-Coordinator
Roslind Young, Activities Co-Coordinator
Peter Tam, Photography
3D Animation & Videogame Art - A.A.
Reagan Brook Childress (T), Magna Cum Laude
Ivan Molina

Accounting - A.S.
Yerania Castrejon, Magna Cum Laude
Maria E. Chavez
Simone Gervé Cherry
Ronald Matthew Clifford
Beatriz Cornejo
Natalie Marie Harden
Zhaorui Liu
Khang Nguyen Phong, Magna Cum Laude
Gloria Quezada, Magna Cum Laude
Laura Yvette Ramos
Michelle J. Terra
Nathalie Cristina Vargas

Allied Health - A.S.
Yadira Lizbeth Aguilar
Tala Atef Albattat
Michael David Anderson
Sophie Michela Barger
Savannah Patrice Basanez *, Magna Cum Laude
Mariah Blanco, Cum Laude
Shereen Rose Broder
Asante Kiana Buckner
Kimberly Lilet Camarena
Larissa Carvalho Ferreira
Ariana Kiyani Cavaness
Jennifer Jazmin Ceja, Cum Laude
Derrick Choi
Viet Quoc Cong
Andraws Dawood, Cum Laude
Venezia Ariel De Los Santos
Katherine G. Espinoza
Danielle Lorraine Giovando, Cum Laude
Erin Goldstein (T), Cum Laude
Francheska Gonzalez
Hanen Gundogdu, Magna Cum Laude

Anneth Arleny Hernandez Jimenez, Magna Cum Laude
Liam Alexander Hood
Griselda Judith Huggins, Cum Laude
Jessica N. Hurtado
Nicholas Matsumoto Kwong
Damian Cole Lapuz (T), Magna Cum Laude
Stefanie Mataflorida Leyva, Cum Laude
Daisy Loreto
Mia Dayanara Martinez
Mia Rose Mccann, Magna Cum Laude
Justin T. Mcgee, Magna Cum Laude
Leonardo Abner Moreno *
Monserrath Munoz, Magna Cum Laude
Sergio J. Oseguera, Magna Cum Laude
Salvador Pacheco, Magna Cum Laude
Rene Pena-Luna (T)
Michelle M. Peters
Upashana Ashinka Prakash, Magna Cum Laude
Victoria Celine Preciado Haro, Magna Cum Laude
Emily Ramos *, Magna Cum Laude
Samia Shakwi Rochell
Benjamin Joseph Schembri, Magna Cum Laude
Vickie Marine Schott-Sweezy, Magna Cum Laude
Mikaela-Rae Celones Sendino, Summa Cum Laude
Courtney Simons
Lauren Turcios
Priyanka Verma, Magna Cum Laude
Katie Xiong
Maile Akemi Yan, Magna Cum Laude
Sophia Mariya Zygarewicz (T), Magna Cum Laude

Anthropology - A.A.
Asante Kiana Buckner

Class of 2024 | *Denotes Scholarship Recipient | (T) Denotes Transfer Student
Associate Degrees

**Anthropology - A.A.-T**
Graziella Claire Debattista (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Anayely Elizabeth Magana Verdin (T), *Summa Cum Laude*
Catalina Victoria Pesso (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Nisa Serena Rosales (T), *Magna Cum Laude*

**Biology - A.S.-T**
Pui Kak Chung (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Paul Noel Flores Espiritu, *Cum Laude*
Oliver Xavier Estrada (T)
Marina Park Gasparini (T)*, *Magna Cum Laude*
Noah Louis Hood (T)*, *Magna Cum Laude*
Mark Lester Napao Trujillo, *Magna Cum Laude*
Vanessa Jo Velasquez (T)
Dan Wang, *Magna Cum Laude*

**Business Administration - A.S.**
Ronald Matthew Clifford, *Summa Cum Laude*
Emmanuel Lazo (T)

**Business Administration - A.S.-T**
Sonia Arteaga (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Mallak Ismael Asfour
Elizabeth Zamora Batres, *Magna Cum Laude*
Dinah Carmencita Campos
Daniela Cortez (T)
Roberta Dos Santos Godinho
Rosalyn Harkola, *Magna Cum Laude*
Gladys E. Jimenez Pelaez
Tara Lyn Kanturek
Myint Myat Kyaw (T)
Trevor Ray Leon
Jake Matteo Mcguigan
Kian Yukio Ohira (T)
Dylan James O’Reilly (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Mark Anthony V. Orellana, *Magna Cum Laude*
Lalanie Ann Blas Robins, *Magna Cum Laude*
Brandon Bogar Sandoval, *Cum Laude*
Jose Aaron Zambrano
Thamires Ramos Zoepfl, *Magna Cum Laude*

**Business Administration 2.0 - A.S.-T**
Kylie Rue Abe (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Sara S. Awad (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Abraham Barbosa Puga
Michael E. Caviglia (T)
Thawanrat Cheevakasemkoon (T)
Michelle Nicole Delgadillo (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Nicole Hope Faircloth (T)*, *Magna Cum Laude*
Sebastian Fuchen Cuadras, *Cum Laude*
Shelby Marie Gadth, *Cum Laude*
Brady Greene (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Tyler Kai Ho (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Paul Edward Langston (T)
Emmanuel Lazo (T)
Denisse Lopez Rios, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jessica J. Magdaleno (T)
Daniel A Mascorro (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Bimara Del Pilar Mendez Ramos (T)
Asa Imhotep Mobley
Gwen Jay Felipe Morales
Ian Akira Naritomi-Makay (T), *Cum Laude*
Luis David Nieves-Zamora
Khang Nguyen Phong, *Magna Cum Laude*
Agali Yamile Razo (T)
Cristhian Josue Rendon (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Sophia L. Rodriguez
Chalom Jacob Rosenberg (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Marvin Varela (T)
Sandra Noemi Vega (T), *Magna Cum Laude*

**Business Assistant - A.S.**
Tara Lyn Kanturek

**Business Management - A.S.**
Ronald Matthew Clifford, *Summa Cum Laude*
Gabriela Santana dos Santos, *Magna Cum Laude*
Chemistry - A.S.
Tiffany Rebecca Chen
Kathleen Soliel Stockbridge-Souza, Magna Cum Laude

Child & Adolescent Development - A.A.-T
Natalie Kate Barnett
Jose Barragan (T)*, Magna Cum Laude
Ashley Jane Avila Cuevas (T)*, Magna Cum Laude
Larissa Carvalho Ferreira
Camille Ahl Silvestre Garcia (T)
Mika Hiraishi *, Magna Cum Laude
Wan Liu, Magna Cum Laude
Lihua Liu *, Magna Cum Laude
Adonai Martinez (T)
Diana Custodio Taylor, Magna Cum Laude
Rebecca Nicole Gonzalez Vasquez (T)
Lorena L. Ventura, Cum Laude

Communication Studies - A.A.
Sean Patrick Conklin
Felix Tomio Miyago, Cum Laude
Michelle A. Usher

Communication Studies - A.A.-T
Daniel Alexander Benjamin (T)
Gianvito Carrilgio (T), Magna Cum Laude
Sergio Gustavo Chiquete Castro (T)
Samuel Reynaga Cazares (T)*
Tania Sabrina Ortega Gonzalez (T)
Tyler Shaun Harris-Firpo (T), Magna Cum Laude
Zoe Noelle Guevara (T), Cum Laude
Mary Antoinette Hale (T)*, Magna Cum Laude
Ryan James Lapuyade (T), Magna Cum Laude
Julia Ann Minkstein
Frank Louis Pellegrini
Frida Sofia Puga (T)
Siosiua Vea
Brianna Nicole Wraa

Communication Studies 2.0 - A.A.-T
Zoe Noelle Guevara (T), Cum Laude

Computer Science - A.S.-T
Josue Eduardo Aguilar Mejia (T)*, Cum Laude
Joel M. Bravo (T), Magna Cum Laude
Abraham C. Cardenas (T)
Jeremiah Ezekiel Foster, Magna Cum Laude
Emma Alejandra Mayoral, Magna Cum Laude
Galo Jesus Reyes (T)
Brandon Sanchez (T)
Adrian Xander Spinali, Magna Cum Laude
Buddhi Man Tamang

Digital Art & Animation - A.A.
Hannah J. Burnham, Magna Cum Laude
Mateo Federico Campos, Cum Laude
Tracy Nicole Garcia, Cum Laude
Uliana Iotchenko, Magna Cum Laude
Griselda Ontiveros
Ana Laura Rios *, Magna Cum Laude
Samantha Suarez (T)*, Magna Cum Laude

Early Childhood Education - A.S.
Yuridia Eneida Aquino
Arminda Araoz-Penaloza
Susana Arias Escalona
Rebeca A. Castro *, Cum Laude
Ines Emely Flores
Cody K. Franzen
Asia Keleta Grant
Virginia Cristal Ramirez Ayala
Sevim Akondo Sahin, Magna Cum Laude
Taneshia M. Smith
Kimberly Erin Stump, Magna Cum Laude
Lorena Taylor, Magna Cum Laude

Early Childhood Education - A.S.-T
Madison Leigh Barmore
Megan Barstad (T), Magna Cum Laude
Rebeca A. Castro *, Cum Laude
Susie X. Contreras
**Associate Degrees**

Lihua Liu *, Magna Cum Laude  
Wan Liu, Magna Cum Laude  
Alyssa Kaitlin Mitchel, Magna Cum Laude  
Yuli Azucena Perez (T)  
Jennifer Preciado, Magna Cum Laude  
Virginia Cristal Ramirez Ayala  
Yiting Wang (T), Magna Cum Laude  
Grace Anne Woll (T)  

**Economics - A.A.**  
Zachary Michael Ames  
Elizabeth Zamora Batres, Magna Cum Laude  
Dinah Carmencita Campos  
Ronald Matthew Clifford, Summa Cum Laude  
James Isaiah Courshon, Magna Cum Laude  
Tara Lyn Kanturek  
Jessica J. Magdaleno (T)  
Mark Anthony V. Orellana, Magna Cum Laude  
Liu Zhaourui  

**Economics - A.A.-T**  
Kylie Rue Abe (T), Magna Cum Laude  
Sara S. Awad (T), Magna Cum Laude  
Michael E. Caviglia (T)  
Thawanrat Cheevakasemkoon (T)  
Michelle Nicole Delgadillo (T), Magna Cum Laude  
Nickolas Wright Dulmage-Bekker  
Nicole Hope Faircloth (T)*, Magna Cum Laude  
Ryan V. Fernandez (T)*, Magna Cum Laude  
Shelby Marie Gadth, Cum Laude  
Brady Greene (T), Magna Cum Laude  
Cuautemoc Maximo Guillen (T), Cum Laude  
Tyler Kai Ho (T), Magna Cum Laude  
Tara Lyn Kanturek  
Chandan Alexander Kushler (T), Magna Cum Laude  
Myint Myat Kyaw (T)  
Paul Edward Langston (T)  
Denisse Lopez Rios, Magna Cum Laude  

Jessica J. Magdaleno (T)  
Luis David Nieves-Zamora  
Vannessa Julia Patton  
Angelina Marie Rosales (T), Magna Cum Laude  
Chalom Jacob Rosenberg (T), Magna Cum Laude  
Matias Marcelo Tineo Rojas (T)*, Magna Cum Laude  
Marvin Varela (T)  
 Jiabin Wang (T), Magna Cum Laude

**Engineering - A.S.**  
Jay Plopinio Jorge (T)*, Magna Cum Laude  
Ricardo Manzanares Diaz (T), Magna Cum Laude  

**English - A.A.-T**  
Spencer Jackson Graham (T), Cum Laude  
Luis Pablo Romero, Cum Laude  

**Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management - A.S.**  
Dahlia Isabel Bahamondes, Cum Laude  
Rebecca Kay Dickey, Magna Cum Laude  
Tandenico Jones  
Kevin Merin Marroquin Majano, Magna Cum Laude  

**Environmental Science - A.S.-T**  
Elan Shaorui Xu (T), Cum Laude  

**Fashion Design: Custom Dressmaking-Small Business Oriented - A.S.**  
Yanet Carrillo Napoles *, Magna Cum Laude  
Beatriz Hernandez  
Jessica Hozanovic, Magna Cum Laude  

**Fashion Merchandising - A.S.**  
Nervani Dhrumlingum, Magna Cum Laude  
Beatriz Hernandez  

**History - A.A.**  
Sheridan Karis Stewart, Magna Cum Laude
**History - A.A.-T**
Jonathan Michael Birdwell, *Magna Cum Laude*
Alexander R. Dominguez Godinez (T)
Robert John Isom, *Cum Laude*
David Gregory Tayeri

**Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Arts & Humanities - A.A.**
Anderson Edgardo Asencio Granados

**Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Arts & Humanities - A.A.**
Jonathan Michael Birdwell, *Magna Cum Laude*
Alexander R. Dominguez Godinez (T)
Robert John Isom, *Cum Laude*

**Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Arts & Humanities - A.A.**
Anderson Edgardo Asencio Granados

**Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Arts & Humanities - A.A.**
Sergio Aguilar (T)
Ana Laura Rios *, *Magna Cum Laude*

**Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Arts & Humanities - A.A.**
Zoe Noelle Dufner (T), *Cum Laude*
Robert Anthony Ennis (T), *Magna Cum Laude*

**Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Natural Science & Mathematics - A.A.**
Yadira Lizbeth Aguilar
Josue Eduardo Aguilar Mejia (T)*, *Cum Laude*
Tala Atef Albattat
Bryan Y. Alcazar
Sophie Michela Barger
Savannah Patrice Basanez *, *Magna Cum Laude*
Anthony Giovanni Cortese (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Jay Plopino Jorge (T)*, *Magna Cum Laude*
Damian Cole Lapuz (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Monserrath Munoz, *Magna Cum Laude*
Salvador Pacheco, *Magna Cum Laude*
Samia Shakwi Rochell
Connor Thomas Uter *, *Magna Cum Laude*

**Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Natural Science & Mathematics CSU - A.A.**
Sergio Aguilar (T)
Ana Laura Rios *, *Magna Cum Laude*

**Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Natural Science & Mathematics UC - A.A.**
Sergio Aguilar (T)
Ana Laura Rios *, *Magna Cum Laude*

**Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Social & Behavioral Sciences - A.A.**
Jasmine Alicia Acosta-Govea
Tala Atef Albattat
Sophie Michela Barger
Elizabeth Zamora Batres, *Magna Cum Laude*
Dinah Carmencita Campos
Mariela S. Cuevas *
Joshua Calvin Huey, *Magna Cum Laude*
Mariana Audrey Kloak (T)
Cynthia Patrice Mena *
Nicole M. Morales, *Magna Cum Laude*
Monserrath Munoz, *Magna Cum Laude*
Ruth Beatriz Ponce
Maria Elia Rodriguez Plancarte (T) *
Maria De Los Angeles Saenz
Sheridan Karis Stewart, *Magna Cum Laude*
Mabel Sum, *Cum Laude*
Jose Elizardo Turcios Hernandez, *Magna Cum Laude*
Belinda Vargas Ruiz
Brianna Nicole Wraa
**Associate Degrees**

**Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Social & Behavioral Sciences CSU- A.A.**
Lisa Louise Abarr
Rachel Adinah Alesna, *Magna Cum Laude*
Paris Nevaeh Carr (T)*, *Magna Cum Laude*
Michael E. Caviglia (T)
Thawanrat Cheevakasemkoon (T)
Ching-Kai Chen (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Sergio Gustavo Chiquete Castro (T)
Shelby Marie Gadth, *Cum Laude*
Ignacio Morales Jr. (T)*, *Magna Cum Laude*
Delicia Onika Pennix
Karen Guadalupe Rico (T)
Maria De Los Angeles Saenz
Emily J. Scannell
Max David Stines
Eduardo Vazquez-Juarez

**Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Social & Behavioral Sciences UC- A.A.**
Ashley Jane Avila Cuevas (T)*, *Magna Cum Laude*
Lexi Marie Calloway *
Robert Anthony Ennis (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Cuautemoc Maximo Guillen (T), *Cum Laude*
Sierra Mitsuru Nakagawa Neuenfeldt (T)*, *Summa Cum Laude*

**Interior Design - A.S.**
Jeffrey Alton Antonio Anderson, *Summa Cum Laude*
Susana Batres
Sadiqah Byrd
Rayssa Nonato Espada
Jiana Marie Girouard
Megan J. Montero *
Nuray Karabiyikoglu, *Magna Cum Laude*
Chelsea Osnaya Gonzalez
Pablo Armando Pena
Jessica Leigh Phillips, *Magna Cum Laude*
Marcia Lee Rapozo-Hilo, *Cum Laude*
Teri Lynn Sage, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jessica Juliette Silva Reyes, *Cum Laude*
Monica Yvette Tello, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jocelyn Evita Villa

**Kinesiology - A.A.**
Gilberto Lopez (T)
Rachel Grace Mull (T), *Magna Cum Laude*

**Kinesiology - A.A.-T**
Jovan Coca Abregana (T), *Cum Laude*
Carlos Baltierra (T), *Cum Laude*
Micah Cruz Calvillo (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Gabriela Maria Castro
Mario Luis Duran, *Magna Cum Laude*
Daylen Scott Fleming (T)
Ivan Herrera (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Jack Singh Johal (T)
Angelina Hannah Kwan, *Magna Cum Laude*
Damian Cole Lapuz (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Bryanna Karyn Moose, *Magna Cum Laude*
Rachel Grace Mull (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Felgion Gemil Peralta (T)
Mason Robert Picone, *Magna Cum Laude*
Daniela Solis, *Magna Cum Laude*

**Law, Public Policy & Society - A.A.-T**
Karen Guadalupe Rico (T)

**Latin American & Latino(a) Studies - A.A.**
Annarosa Castaneda Saucedo
Sheridan Karis Stewart, *Magna Cum Laude*

**Marketing - A.A.**
William Floyd Browning
Emily Morgan Cochran

**Mathematics - A.S.-T**
Kylie Rue Abe (T), *Magna Cum Laude*
Mathew Jay Chow (T)
Pablo Andres Gonzales Villagran, *Magna Cum Laude*
Said Haziel Gonzalez Lopez (T)*, magna cum laude
Christopher Robin Nielsen (T)
Janice M. Rincon Rodriguez (T), cum laude
Bayaan Ali Shehadeh (T), magna cum laude
James E. Tokunaga (T), magna cum laude

Medical Assisting - A.S.
Susana Arias Escalona
Leticia Y. Becerra
Erika Lizbeth Camacho Mojica
Crystal Ko, cum laude
Sandra Ortega
Cecilia Ruiz-Cardenas

Medical Billing Specialist - A.S.
Alejandra Farfan, magna cum laude
Marla Latrice Jones, cum laude
Jenna-Vieve Chariss Pineda
Daisy Vanessa Quispe
Ryan M. Thacker

Nutrition and Dietetics - A.S.-T
Bryan Anthony Garcia (T)
Salvador Pacheco, magna cum laude

Paralegal - A.S.
Juan Diego Camader, summa cum laude
Vanessa Chosa, cum laude
Carmel Franco *
Margarita M. Lopez
Gregory Munn, cum laude
Marina Pereira Marques Silva, magna cum laude

Philosophy - A.A.T.
Vincent James Fumagalli (T)
Ivan Landeros (T)
Erin Elizabeth K. Nixon
Austin Michael Rolfe (T)*, magna cum laude

Physics - A.S.-T
Pablo Andres Gonzales Villagran, magna cum laude

Political Science - A.A.
Tara Lyn Kanturek

Political Science - A.A.-T.
Areg Dikran Horoupian (T)
Tara Lyn Kanturek
Christian Lucas Raymond Klostermann
Arya Shadan (T)*, summa cum laude

Psychology - A.A.
Savannah Patrice Basanez *, magna cum laude
Lourdes Carolina Cabigon (T), magna cum laude
Cynthia Patrice Mena *
Ignacio Morales Jr. (T)*, magna cum laude
Bennet Edward Palomares
Delicia Onika Pennix
Ruth Beatriz Ponce
Maria De Los Angeles Saenz
Mabel Sum, cum laude
Belinda Vargas Ruiz

Psychology - A.A.-T
Emely Elizabeth Aleman (T), cum laude
Rachel Adinah Alesna, magna cum laude
John Paul Lucca Avila (T), magna cum laude
Ashley Jane Avila Cuevas (T)*, magna cum laude
Noelle Barganier (T), magna cum laude
Jose Barragan (T)*, magna cum laude
Kimberly Benitez Mancillas (T)*, magna cum laude
Lourdes Carolina Cabigon (T), magna cum laude
Lexi Marie Calloway *
Paris Nevach Carr (T)*, magna cum laude
Ching-Kai Chen (T), magna cum laude
Brittanie Morgan Dunbar
Joshua Anthony Fuqua
### Associate Degrees

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Claudia Martinez

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Sheenal Shalini Naicker

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Digital Art & Animation
Hannah J. Burnham
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James Charles Gusto
Uliana Iotchenko
Kenyi Gregory Lopez Medrano
Ana Laura Rios *
Samantha Suarez (T)*

Early Childhood Education
Arminda Araoz-Penaloza
Michelle Bal
Jayita Banerjee
Blanca Gloria Stella Barajas Anzola
Cesia Celena Barrera-Berrios
Camille Ahl Silvestre Garcia (T)
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Alicia Ivelich Ledwith
Lihua Liu *
Lourdes L. Lopez
Dwn S. Minor
Alyssa Kaitlin Mitchel
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Antara Pramanik
Sara Mabeli Tobar

Engineering
Kyle Adam Tennison

Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management
Sunil Kumar Gautam

Entry Level Bookkeeper
Argelia Carmona
Maria E. Chavez
Corina Antonia Romero

Fashion Design: Custom Dressmaking/Small Business Oriented
Jennifer Betty Filart Lo
Jin Yu

Fashion Design: Merchandising
Nervani Dhrumlingum
Yunhoe Kim
Jin Yu

Fashion Design: Technical (Apparel Industry Oriented)
Jennifer Betty Filart Lo

Fashion Design: Theater Costuming
Jennifer Betty Filart Lo

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Liliana Beatriz Leni
Mariko Yamamoto

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Teresa Monica Franco
Patricia Grewell
Brizyda Esmeralda Lopez
Sanjana Sringari Nataraju
Marcia Lee Rapozo-Hilo
Sara Romano Kably
Monica Yvette Tello
Jocelyn Evita Villa

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Zoe Ellsworth Groff
Natalie Marie Harden

**Inclusion Support**
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Susana Arias Escalona
Rebeca A. Castro *
Miryam Stella Gregor-Navarro
Mika Hiraishi *
Tiffany Nicole Johnson
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Miriam Grossinger
Shawna Marie McCormick
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Jessica Leigh Phillips
Marcia Lee Rapozo-Hilo
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Chauntelle Lea Zschokke Trefz

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Patricia Grewell
Bettina Zeong Ok Lee
Tamara Faye Mitchell
Megan J. Montero *
Marcia Lee Rapozo-Hilo
Teri Lynn Sage
Angelika Regina Tesch
Erica Rae Vairora
Sergii Zhorzholiani

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Alejandra Farfan
Jenna-Vieve Chariss Pineda

**Medical Coding Specialist**
Oras Abdelamir Aljanabi
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Heather A. Chisholm
Pedro Cornelio Garcia
Hazel Ann Luzentes Ismael
Yong Xin Lin
Margarita M. Lopez
Leslie Dalton Obiri
Raelene D. Papakostas

Pathways to Student Success
Sandy Marie Contreras
Celeste A. Perez

Payroll Specialist
Maria E. Chavez
Miriam Graciela Vasquez-Carranza

Preparation for Academic Scholarship and Success (PASS)
Teresa Aviles
Alicia Sarai Cortes Adame
Arman Eshraghi
Maria Soledad Fernandez Valdivia
Flor De Maria Flores Gonzales *
Maria Gonzales *
Maria Belen Granados Espino
Jose Elias Hernandez Armenta *
Nahyun Kim *
Yesenia Landaverde
Edwin Francisco Leiva
Moises Lopez *
Yanci Mariela Lopez
Eddy Marroquin
Carlos Alejandro Martinez *
Maria Bernardina Reyes Ortiz *
Ara Cindi Rivas *
Arlen Salas Medina *

Silvia Macias Silva
Tamae Tominaga
Magdalena Velazquez
Jaime Arturo Zepe
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University Transfer: CSU GE
Lisa Louise Abarr
Edwyn Miguel Abraham Damian (T)*
Yadira Lizbeth Aguilar
Tala Atef Albattat
Rachel Adinah Alesna
Mallak Ismael Asfour
Noelle Barganier (T)
Michael E. Caviglia (T)
Ching-Kai Chen (T)
Reagan Brook Childress (T)
Sergio Gustavo Chiquete Castro (T)
Pui Kak Chung (T)
Shelby Marie Gadth
Johanna Garibay
Hunter Alexander Gremich
Mariana Audrey Kloak (T)
Lihua Liu *
Josselin Manjarrez
Liliana Mendoza
Ignacio Morales Jr. (T)*
Monserrath Munoz
Luis David Nieves-Zamora
Kian Yukio Ohira (T)
Salvador Pacheco
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Ruth Beatriz Ponce
Jennifer Preciado
Virginia Cristal Ramirez Ayala
Karen Guadalupe Rico (T)
Maria Elia Rodriguez Plancarte (T)*
Luis Pablo Romero *
Jessica Juliette Silva Reyes
Emily Joy Spurlock
Samantha Suarez (T)*
Mabel Sum
Sela Renee Urbina Castellanos (T)
Belinda Vargas Ruiz
Jenna Layne Vath
Jose Aaron Zambrano

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Grace Jade Alatta Vargas *
Rachel Adinah Alesna
Anderson Edgardo Asencio Granados
Noelle Barganier (T)
Jose Barragan (T)*
Rebeca A. Castro *
Ching-Kai Chen (T)
Michelle Nicole Delgadillo (T)
Vincent James Fumagalli (T)
Johanna Garibay
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Jiabin Wang (T)

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Josue Eduardo Aguilar Mejia (T)*
Elizabeth Zamora Batres
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Oliver Xavier Estrada (T)
Brisa Esmeralda Garnica

Pablo Andres Gonzales Villagran
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Ysabella Danielle Lucero (T)
Jacqueline Joy Peacock (T)
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Jiabin Wang (T)
Isobel Rose Williams (T)
Brianna Nicole Wraa

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Angel Ricardo Lionel Camarena
Luis Mario Cruz-Alfaro
Cassidy Eric Nelson

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These graduates were acknowledged as Cañada College’s top students for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. This includes summer and fall 2023 and spring 2024. We are proud to recognize these top students as Co-Valedictorians for the Class of 2024.

〜 Jeffrey Alton Antonio Anderson

As Jeffrey embarks on his journey beyond Cañada’s walls as an interior designer, he envisions himself curating spaces that inspire and delight the mind. His experience at Cañada has been a transformative journey and he is grateful for all the knowledge, relationships, and bonds formed. Jeffrey looks forward to using the skills gained to make a meaningful impact in the world of design.

〜 Ronald Matthew Clifford

As a software engineer of 25 years, Ronald realized that to advance further in his career, he needed to learn new skills. The business management program at Cañada has given Ronald both the skills he needs to succeed and the confidence to realize that he can achieve his goals.

〜 Chloe Knott

Chloe plans to transfer to San Jose State University in the fall where she will be majoring in Computer Science. Cañada has been her home for the last two years and Chloe said she is grateful for the supportive staff and amazing professors who have inspired her to achieve her goals. Cañada has provided Chloe with lifelong knowledge and skills that she will carry with her throughout her educational journey.
Sierra Mitsuru Nakagawa Neuenfeldt

After graduating, Sierra plans to attend UCLA. She said her time at Cañada College has taught her what an inclusive, loving, and supportive campus looks like, and has inspired her to pursue a career where she can help others. She may even return to Cañada as a transfer counselor! Sierra is deeply grateful for the amazing faculty and students that she has met during her time here, who have all played a significant role in her educational journey.

Delilah Oita Noor Rizqie

As an international student from Indonesia, Cañada College feels like a second home to Delilah. She was able to have an amazing academic journey because she received help and support from her instructors, counselor, friends, and campus staff and services. After graduation, Delilah is planning to transfer to San Jose State University to study art and animation.

Arya Shadan

Throughout his educational journey, Arya said that Cañada College has become his home away from home. Here, he discovered the essence of belonging to a community that embraces equity and inclusivity, which inspired his authentic voice to take its shape. Post-graduation, Arya is transferring to UCLA and will attend law school.
President's Student Leadership Award

〜 Paris Nevaeh Carr

Cañada College is proud to name Paris Nevaeh Carr as this year’s President’s Student Leadership Award recipient. Paris was born in Hayward, Calif. and raised in Redwood City. After graduating from Sequoia High School, she enrolled at Cañada College in the fall of 2022 and will be earning three Associate for Transfer Degrees in Sociology, Psychology, and Interdisciplinary Studies: Social & Behavioral Sciences. She will be transferring to UC Berkeley to pursue a degree in Social Welfare in fall 2024.

During her time at Cañada College, Paris has been involved in many organizations, programs, and learning communities including the Promise Scholars Program and the Umoja Community. Paris has served as President of the Black Student Union (BSU) since the fall of 2023. Through organizing and hosting events at Cañada College, Paris has helped to create safe spaces for Black student voices to be heard, represented, and celebrated within the college community. Paris led campus events throughout Black History Month, encouraging all students to learn and celebrate Black History. One impactful event that was established under her leadership included a Poetry Slam where students used their talents to tap into their cultural, intellectual, and artistic voices through creative expression.

Outside of campus, Paris worked with the Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula. In this role, she assisted high school students in reaching their academic goals by supporting them through homework help. In the future, she hopes to be an agent of change either as a social worker, a lawyer, or a professor.
Arya Shadan was born and raised in the Bay Area. He began his journey at Cañada College during the fall 2022 semester, pursuing his goal of transferring to a four-year university.

Throughout his life, Arya has consistently dedicated himself to serving others, which has assisted in shaping his values and character. As a scout, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, collaborating with his community to develop into a servant leader devoted to empowering progress and leadership. On day one at Cañada College, Arya embraced his passion for leadership by becoming involved with the Associated Students of Cañada College. Here, he learned the nuances of fostering representation for student voices through service, leadership, and engagement. As a student senator, Arya led Cañada’s first-ever National Coming Out Day, inviting the LGBTQIA+ community to reflect upon their lived experiences in society. Arya also worked with the district Student Trustee to write policy that established equitable pay for student participation on community college campuses. By the end of his first year, Arya campaigned and became the Commissioner of Finances of the Associated Students, ensuring financial support for student and campus programming.

In addition to being a student leader on campus, Arya has an avid passion for learning. During his first year, he became involved in the Honors Transfer Program, which provided him the opportunity to delve deeper into course material. The honors community inspired Arya to examine layers of coursework through research. His research journey culminated after presenting on comparative literature and the Women Life Freedom Movement of Iran in the Bay Honors Consortium at Stanford University. To this day, Arya continues to build upon his passion for research through political advocacy. Arya is transferring to UCLA and will attend law school.

Arya is grateful for the support and guidance of the staff, faculty, and peers within the Cañada community. Throughout his educational journey, Arya has always felt that Cañada College has become his home away from home. Here, he discovered the essence of belonging to a community that embraces us for who we are, which inspired his voice to take its shape.
Academic Regalia

The colorful attire worn by the graduates, the faculty and officers of the College on the occasion of Commencement has historic roots in medieval times. A statute in 1321 required that all “Doctors, Licentiates and Bachelors” of the University of Coimbra wear gowns. Academic attire began to appear on United States campuses in the late 1890s. A conference was held in May of 1895 at Columbia University with college representatives to establish a code of regalia for American colleges and universities. Since then there have been a few revisions, but what remains in a tradition of colors found in gowns, hoods and caps.

The faculty Grand Marshal will carry an academic mace at today’s ceremony. The academic mace, first used in the 14th century, is descended from the club of Hercules. The scepter on the mace stands for lawful power and regal authority, and was carried by Zeus, the Greek God of moral law and order. Cañada’s mace is made primarily of red oak with olivewood embellishments. These are two trees which are abundant on the Cañada College campus.

Bachelor’s and Master’s gowns show pointed sleeves, open yokes and no trimmings. Doctoral gowns have bell shaped sleeves and velvet trimming. Hoods are worn over the gown to designate bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degrees. Hoods are not worn for associate degrees. Inside all hoods are the colors of the college or university granting the degree. The colored velvet binding or edging of the hood is determined by the degree subject awarded.

Agriculture – Maize
Arts, Letters & Humanities – White
Commerce, Accountancy & Business – Drab
Dentistry – Lilac
Economics – Copper
Education – Light Blue
Engineering – Orange
Fine Arts, including Architecture – Brown
Forestry – Russet
Journalism – Crimson
Law – Purple
Library Science – Lemon
Medicine – Green

Music – Pink
Nursing – Apricot
Oratory/Speech – Silver Gray
Pharmacy – Olive Green
Philosophy – Dark Blue
Physical Education – Sage Green
Public Administration – Peacock Blue
Public Health – Salmon Pink
Science – Golden Yellow
Social Work – Citron
Theology – Scarlet
Veterinary Science – Gray

Cañada Honors Sashes

Students graduating with honors designations are awarded sashes which signify their level of academic achievement. Students who are graduating with Summa Cum Laude designation (4.0 cumulative GPA) receive a gold sash; students graduating with Magna Cum Laude designation (3.5 and above cumulative GPA) receive a silver sash, students graduating with Cum Laude designation (3.3 and above cumulative GPA) receive a bronze sash. Students who are eligible for Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society receive a gold PTK sash.
History of Cañada College

Cañada College opened in 1968 as part of the three-school San Mateo County Community College District. Cañada offers hundreds of academic, transfer and career classes during the day, in the evening and on weekends. Cañada is recognized as one of the top community colleges in northern California for successful transfer rates and degree completion. As a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution, Cañada College provides a rich and diverse environment for students of all ages and backgrounds. The primary service area for the college is the southern portion of San Mateo County, Redwood City, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, San Carlos, Atherton, Portola Valley, La Honda, Woodside, Half Moon Bay, and Pescadero.

Cañada College is one of the smallest community colleges in the Bay Area enabling it to meet its mission of ensuring that students from diverse backgrounds achieve their educational goals by providing quality instruction in transfer and general education classes, workforce programs, and basic skills. The college has historically been rated as one of the best community colleges in Northern California in transferring students to four-year colleges and universities. Students find excellent educational programs and a highly respected two-year general education program as well as workforce training in an array of fields including, computer information systems, radiologic technology, fashion design, interior design, business, engineering, multimedia, technology, paralegal, human services, medical assisting and business/office technology.
The Class of 2024 honors the memory of a member of our Cañada family. He is in our hearts today.

∞ Mychael Urban

Mychael Urban was born in San Francisco and grew up in Redwood City. He graduated from Woodside High School in 1987, attended Cañada College from 1988-1989 and then transferred to the University of San Francisco (USF). He played basketball and baseball at Cañada College and was the only student athlete to play for two championship teams in the same year, which was in 1989. From Cañada College, he was awarded a scholarship as a left-handed pitcher to play baseball on the varsity team at University of San Francisco (USF) where he graduated with a degree in Journalism.

Affectionately known as Big Urb, Mychael's career was in sports media as a writer, TV commentator and radio host covering mostly with the Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants. At different times, he worked for MLB.com, NBC Sports Bay Area, KNBR Sports, 95.7 The Game, San Francisco Examiner, NBC Winter Olympics and The Athletic.

Mychael will be remembered for his creativity, work ethic, friendliness, hugs, sense of humor, unselfishness, generosity, helping others and having a big heart. He was predeceased by his mom Marcia and is survived by his former wife Kelli, daughters Jackie and Natalie, dad Hal, brothers Dan and Mark and stepmom Cathy.
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