



COMMENCEMENT

Class of 2024

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.



President's Welcome



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

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

~ 2024 President's Student Leadership Award

Paris Nevaeh Carr

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

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

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~ 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 Lisa Palmer, Ph.D., Curriculum Committee Chair and Subcommittee Representative 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

~ Classified Senate

Ricard Schulke, Senator

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 Corneio

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

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*

Biological Sciences - A.S.

Katherine Tessa Stoneham ^(T), *Cum Laude* Mark Lester Napao Trujillo, *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 Ismaeel 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

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.

Natalie Kate Barnett

Tiffany Rebecca Chen Kathleen Soliel Stockbridge-Souza, *Magna Cum Laude*

Child & Adolescent Development -A.A.-T

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)

Communication Studies - A.A.

Sean Patrick Conklin Felix Tomio Miyago, *Cum Laude* Michelle A. Usher

Daniel Alexander Benjamin (T)

Lorena L. Ventura, Cum Laude

Communication Studies - A.A.-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

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

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Kylie Rue Abe (T), Magna Cum Laude

Sara S. Awad (T), Magna Cum Laude

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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)

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 CSU - A.A.

Sergio Aguilar (T)

Ana Laura Rios *, Magna Cum Laude

Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Arts & Humanities UC - 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 Plopinio 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.

Micah Cruz Calvillo ^(T), *Magna Cum Laude* Griselda Judith Huggins, *Cum Laude*

Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Natural Science & Mathematics UC - A.A.

Mariah Blanco, Cum Laude

Mathew Jay Chow (T)

Oliver Xavier Estrada (T)

Noah Louis Hood (T)*, Magna Cum Laude

Chloe Knott (T)*, Summa Cum Laude

Angelina Hannah Kwan, 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

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

Sadigah Byrd

Rayssa Nonato Espada

Jiana Marie Girouard

Megan J. Montero *

Nuray Karabiyikoglu, Magna Cum Laude

Chelsea Osnava 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.

Vanessa Chosa, *Cum Laude*Carmel Franco *
Margarita M. Lopez
Gregory Munn, *Cum Laude*Marina Pereira Marques Silva, *Magna Cum Laude*

Juan Diego Camader, Summa 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 (17), 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*

Lourdes Carolina Cabigon (T), Magna Cum Laude

Lexi Marie Calloway *

Paris Nevaeh Carr (T)*, Magna Cum Laude

Ching-Kai Chen (T), Magna Cum Laude

Brittanie Morgan Dunbar

Joshua Anthony Fuqua

Johanna Garibay, Magna Cum Laude Chloe Rose Graves (T), Magna Cum Laude Zoe Noelle Guevara (T), Cum Laude Elizabeth Ruth Hallmark, Magna Cum Laude Lucas Herrera, Magna Cum Laude Brooklyn Althea Jones (T) Adaora Ifeatu Kanu (T)* Iessica Janet Hernandez Landa (T) Suzzy Anna Landeros (T) Oscar Leonardo Leyte Natalie Rose Mandolado (T), Magna Cum Cynthia Patrice Mena * Michell Jackeline Mendoza Angel Alberto Merlos Ignacio Morales Jr. (T)*, Magna Cum Laude Lillian Nasser Nasrah (T) Sierra Mitsuru Nakagawa Neuenfeldt (T)*, Summa Cum Laude Danielle Christine Neves, Cum Laude Claudia Reis Pacheco (T), Cum Laude Delicia Onika Pennix Catalina Victoria Pesso (T), Magna Cum Laude Ruth Beatriz Ponce Alissa Feliz Rodriguez (T), Magna Cum Laude Maria Elia Rodriguez Plancarte (T)* Cristina Romero Gutierrez (T) Maria De Los Angeles Saenz Mabel Sum, Cum Laude Sofia Tapia (T), Magna Cum Laude Belinda Vargas Ruiz Marika Weickert (T), Magna Cum Laude Jaylin Zamora Duarte (T)

Radiologic Technology - A.S.

Maria Jose Zamora Estrada (T)*

Kei-Lani Malabed Calixto, *Cum Laude*Brittany Rochelle Felix, *Magna Cum Laude*Nelly M. Husary, *Magna Cum Laude*Caroline Amanda Kambic
Xibo Kuang, *Magna Cum Laude*

Lata 'Ia Lovely Romo Laiseni, Cum Laude
Heather A. Lo Duca, Magna Cum Laude
Leslie Maria Martinez, Cum Laude
Vanessa Sara Mora, Cum Laude
Phuong Thi-Kim Nguyen, Magna Cum Laude
Janine Mai Ngoc Nguyen, Magna Cum Laude
Phuong N. Nguyen, Magna Cum Laude
Phuong N. Nguyen, Magna Cum Laude
Vanessa Yvonne Tellez Orellana
Amanda Irene Rael
Hayley Ibarra Ramos
Monique Samantha Salinas, Cum Laude
Bhakthima Siribua
Cheyenne D. Verlinden
Nicholas Paul Yore

Social Work & Human Services -A.A-T.

Grace Jade Alatta Vargas *

Suzzy Anna Landeros ^(T)
Maria Elia Rodriguez Plancarte ^{(T)*}
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Sociology - A.A.

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Class of 2024 Co-Valedictorians

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.

Class of 2024 Co-Valedictorians



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.



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.

Class of 2024 Student Speaker



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

 $Dentistry-{\it Lilac}$

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

Theology – Sturkt

Veterinary Science – *Gray*

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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