

Cañada College  
MAY 23

2026



58<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**COMMENCEMENT**



# COMMENCEMENT

## *Class of 2026*

**MAY 23, 2026**

Cañada College welcomes you — the Class of 2026 — into the ranks of the proud alumni of Cañada College.

We also welcome your families and friends to this 58th Commencement celebration, mindful and appreciative of their contribution to your achievement through their support, sacrifice and encouragement.



## *President's Welcome*

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Welcome to the 58th Commencement Ceremony of Cañada College.

Today, we gather to honor the remarkable achievements of our students and to celebrate this meaningful milestone. This moment represents more than the completion of a degree - it reflects a journey defined by perseverance, growth and the determination to turn aspirations into reality. We are privileged to share this occasion with your families, friends and loved ones, whose support has helped make this day possible.

Commencement is also a time for reflection. We invite you to consider the friendships you have formed, the mentors who have guided you and the faculty and staff who have helped you discover your passions and shape your path forward. Each of these connections has contributed to your success and shares in the pride of this moment.

The road to this achievement has not always been easy, yet you have faced each challenge with resilience, courage and heart. As you supported one another along the way, the College has been honored to serve as a foundation for your growth and a partner in your journey.

Graduates, take a moment to pause and fully embrace this accomplishment. Look around at your peers and at the community gathered here in your honor. This is your moment — one you have truly earned.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. We look forward to all you will achieve and the meaningful impact you will make in the years ahead.

Kim Lopez  
*President, Cañada College*

## *Commencement Keynote Speaker*

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*Noelia Corzo*  
*Board President,*  
*San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*

Noelia Corzo is the daughter of Guatemalan immigrants and a proud bilingual Spanish speaker raised in North Central San Mateo. She is a proud alumni of San Mateo High School, Cañada College and San Francisco State University where she studied Sociology.

Noelia became a mother at the age of 20 and dedicated the beginning of her career to working with foster youth, community organizing, and social work serving people with disabilities. In 2017, she was elected as a board trustee for the San Mateo-Foster City School District,

where she became the youngest trustee and the second Latine trustee in the district's history. She served as President of the board during the pandemic, co-led the district Equity Task Force, and founded the district Sanctuary Task Force.

Supervisor Corzo made history as the first Latina and Indigenous person elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in 2022 and currently serves as Board President. Under her leadership, the District 2 team completed the first-ever community-driven, district-specific strategic plan in San Mateo County to guide her team's resources and work. Some highlights of their work include strengthening the County's non-collaboration with federal immigration enforcement, establishing an Action Plan for Women and Children, expanding guaranteed income programs, and leading the establishment of a Family Justice Center.

President Corzo is passionate about interrupting inequity, promoting representation and belonging, and creating lasting change that serves us all. She lives in San Mateo with her partner, her son, and their dog and cat.

# ***Program***

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∞ ***Master of Ceremonies***

Lizette Bricker, *Vice President of Student Services, Cañada College*

∞ ***Processional***

*“Pomp and Circumstance”* by Sir Edward Elgar

∞ ***President’s Party***

Faculty Processional led by Grand Marshal Alicia Aguirre

Student Processional led by President Student Leadership Award recipient

Nathan Tam and Student Speaker Roberto Juan (RJ) Ramirez

∞ ***Land & Labor Acknowledgment***

Read by Dr. DeVon Scott, Director of the Disability Resources Center & Personal Counseling Center, Cañada College

∞ ***National Anthem, “Star Spangled Banner”***

Performed by Monique Martinez

∞ ***Black National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice & Sing”***

Performed by Ariel Bowser

∞ ***Welcome & Introduction***

Kim Lopez, *President, Cañada College*

∞ ***Keynote Speaker***

President Noelia Corzo, *Supervisor, County of San Mateo*

∞ ***2026 President’s Student Leadership Award***

Nathan Tam

∞ ***Class of 2026 Co-Valedictorians***

Emily Rose Christman

Miku Claire Sato

Dakota Elon Doss

Nathan Tatusya Tam

Monica Michelle Gamez

Anthony Mario Tsolakis

Federico Ignacio Longhi

Hiroimi Morishita Weiner

≈ ***Student Speaker Presentation***

Roberto Juan (RJ) Ramirez

≈ ***Presentation of the Class of 2026***

Diana Tedone-Goldstone and Allison Hughes, *Co-Presidents, Academic Senate, Cañada College*

≈ ***Awarding of Associate of Arts & Science Degrees & Certificates***

Diana Tedone-Goldstone, *Co-President, Academic Senate, Cañada College*

Allison Hughes, *Co-President, Academic Senate, Cañada College*

Wayne Lee, *President, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District*

Richard Holober, *Vice President, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District*

Mike Guingona, *Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District*

Lisa Petrides, *Ph.D., Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District*

John Pimentel, *Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District*

Michael Llanell-Vararaj, *Student Trustee, San Mateo County Community College District*

Melissa Moreno, *J.D., Chancellor, San Mateo County Community College District*

Kim Lopez, *President, Cañada College*

Lizette Bricker, *Vice President of Student Services, Cañada College*

Chialin Hsieh, *Ed.D., Vice President of Instruction, Cañada College*

Ludmila Prisecar, *Vice President of Administrative Services, Cañada College*

≈ ***Salutation to the Graduates & 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***

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## ***≈ Board of Trustees***

Wayne Lee, *President*

Richard Holober, *Vice President*

Mike Guingona, *Trustee*

Lisa Petrides, *Ph.D., Trustee*

John Pimentel, *Trustee*

Michael Llanell-Vararaj, *Student Trustee*

Melissa Moreno, *J.D., Chancellor*

## ***≈ Administration***

Kim Lopez,  
*President*

Lizette Bricker,  
*Vice President of Student Services*

Chialin Hsieh, *Ed.D.,*  
*Vice President of Instruction*

Ludmila Prisecar,  
*Vice President of Administrative Services*

Wissem Bennani, *Ed.D.,*  
*Dean of Enrollment Services and Support Programs*

Karen Engel, *Ph.D.,*  
*Dean of Planning, Research & Institutional Effectiveness*

Max Hartman,  
*Dean of Counseling*

Alexander Kramer,  
*Dean of Business, Design & Workforce*

Lisa Palmer, *Ph.D.,*  
*Interim Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences*

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***

Diana Tedone-Goldstone, *Co-President*

Allison Hughes, *Co-President*

Richard Schulke, *Vice President*

Rebekah Taveau, *Secretary*

Sarah Aranyakul, *Treasurer*

Camille Kaslan, *Curriculum Committee Chair and Subcommittee Representative*

Salumeh Eslamieh, *Professional Development Committee Chair and Subcommittee Representative*

Ana Miladinova, *Senator*

Danielle Pelletier, *Ph.D., Senator*

Ellen Young, *Senator*

Althea Kippes, *Senator*

Danny Lynch, *Senator*

Ramin Ekhtiar, *Senator*

## ***≈ Classified Senate***

Maria Huning, *President*

Roslind Young, *Vice President*

Paul Gaskins, *Treasurer*

Mary Hale, *Secretary*

Robyn Ledesma, *Activities Coordinator*

## *Associate Degrees*

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### ***3D Animation & Videogame Art - A.A.***

Sarah L. Bradbury  
Benjamin Ariyeh Mayer, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Nolan Robert-Michael Neidig  
Juan Manuel Perez Jr.  
Challenson Harmon Yee, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sergio Antonio Zamudio Paleo Jr.

### ***Accounting - A.S.***

Angela Marie De Natale  
Noe Farias-Cabrera  
Oleg Gurinovich  
Jessenia M. Linares  
Yenifer Y. Menendez  
Clyde Jude Pinto  
Janelle L. Tondino  
Analyse Amaia Torres-Toliver

### ***Administrative Assistant - A.S.***

Brenda Melchor Hernandez, *Cum Laude*

### ***Allied Health - A.S.***

Jacob Alcantara, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ryan Rendo Ayers, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gioia Rae Barbera, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sofia Loren Barron  
Jackson John Beaman, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Victor Andre Beteta Jr.  
Mariah Blanco, *Cum Laude*  
Sofia Beatriz Francisco Blanco, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kylie Nicole Blevins  
Alexi Lucile Bordon, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kaitlyn Marie Botts, *Cum Laude*  
Claudia Yasmin Castillo, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Evalyne Chen, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jungsoo Choi, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kaetlin E. Clemena, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Madison Elizabeth Coc Yoc, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Graciela Delgado Arellano, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Margret Makasini Fakapelea, *Cum Laude*  
Beatriz Garcia Felipe, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Montserrat Garcia Felipe, *Cum Laude*

Alejandra Godinez Tinajero, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Andres Gonzalez Amezcua  
Michelle Daniela Gutierrez Martinez  
Aaliyah Hamilton  
Samantha Grace Hanlon  
Cindy Elizabeth Hsu, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Xiomara Maya Jarvis, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alyssa Michelle Jorgensen, *Cum Laude*  
Jacob Michael Kirrane  
Crystal Ko, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Dolma Lama, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Donnovan Joel Leon Motato, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Grace Lim  
Sean James Mahoney, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Cindy Carolina Marroquin  
Jayla Jolene Mejia Ortiz, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Maria Paula Melo Dantas  
Emily Mendoza Mora  
Kaila Jade Milanes Carnecer, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Molly Cailin Nappi, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gugulethu Ndlovu, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brigitte Anahi Ochoa Andrade, *Magna Cum Laude*  
John Michael Olson, *Cum Laude*  
Aeshia Eliana Mamuad Patague, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Rickesh Ashok Patel, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ethan James Hilario Petersen, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Fiorella Pisano Hirahoka, *Cum Laude*  
Rannier De Asis Rayos Del Sol Jr., *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ali Rismanbaf, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Alejandra Rodriguez, *Cum Laude*  
Alexis Adriana Roldan Brown, *Cum Laude*  
Kathy Ruiz Alarcon, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Dyana Deyse Sanders, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Maria-Fernanda Sarmiento  
Natalie Renata Sebastiani, *Magna Cum Laude*  
May Rafik Shuman

## ***Associate Degrees***

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Carmen J. Simpson, *Magna Cum Lauda*  
Bianca Bo Smith  
Jessa Erika Supnet  
Avantika Swaminathan, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tiffany Eva Ta, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gloria Dennys Tamayo, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jessica Kiwai Tan  
Tracey Marina Valle, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jasmine Esmeralda Villanueva, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Marilyn Nicol Villeda, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Darian White  
Nancy Zughayar, *Magna Cum Laude*

### ***Anthropology - A.A.-T.***

Christopher Abundiz Cardenas

### ***Art History - A.A.-T.***

Jessica Elise Hatfield, *Cum Laude*  
Fernanda Anais Seifert, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Eliana Lisbett Velazquez

### ***Biological Sciences - A.S.***

William Timothy Coffey, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Chen Liang, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jonathan Pedraza Barrera, *Cum Laude*

### ***Biology - A.S.-T.***

Duaa Azmi Abu Irbaleh  
Carlos Angulo, *Cum Laude*  
Helen V. Greenwood  
Victor Hernandez  
Brayan Ledesma, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jianna Noelle Nabung  
Luc Martin Ohlfs, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jonathan Pedraza Barrera, *Cum Laude*  
Evelyn Salas Perez  
Timothy Giuseppe Selway, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Fox Maximus Vasquez, *Cum Laude*

### ***Business Administration - A.S.***

Daniel Michael Boyd  
Hizabrin Alexander Chavez  
Deborah Fabricio Da Silva, *Cum Laude*  
Gregory Hirsch Henken Kamph, *Cum Laude*  
Ashley Nicole P. Kepo'O  
Fernanda Prado, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kevin Sanchez

### ***Business Administration 2.0 - A.S.-T.***

Jeff Ryan Aguilar Mendieta, *Cum Laude*  
Alejandro R. Almaguer, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Amaliya Ananskaya, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Aylin Ayar, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Michelle Bal, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kenia Jitzel Balderrama Castro, *Cum Laude*  
Sandra M. BrownSexton  
Elizabeth Cabeza  
Gavin Cao, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jessica Anahe Cardenas  
Juan M. Castillo  
Lesley Liberty Chavez Miranda, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Emily Rose Christman, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Brian Nicholas Cooke, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Nicolas J. Duran, *Cum Laude*  
Sofia Kristal Espinoza, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Luis David Evangelista  
Zurui Fang, *Cum Laude*  
Matthew Anthony Flores Rocha  
Zachariah Foster, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Nicolette Elizabeth Gualino, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Christopher Daniel Handcock, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Michelle Haro Rios  
Monica Infante-Gutierrez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Darius Ahman Jackson  
Manpreet Kaur, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ryan Taro Kinoshita, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lucia Mariel Kusnier, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gabriel S. Levine  
Yixin Liu, *Magna Cum Laude*

## *Associate Degrees*

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Sara Eunice Lopez, *Cum Laude*  
Maeve Kathleen Lynch, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Emily Piroška Maiden  
Samuel Martinez  
Joselin Bereniz Merlos  
Ezekiel Brayden Natorilla, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jeannette Nikolayenko  
Andre J. Olarte, *Cum Laude*  
Denisha Otis, *Cum Laude*  
Janet Michelle Parada, *Cum Laude*  
Viktoriaiia Alexandra Pelevina, *Cum Laude*  
Maria J. Perez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Daniel Ifraaz Peter, *Cum Laude*  
Joshua Noe Ramos Garcia  
Laura Reyna Sarinana, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Claudia Sahagun  
Monica Salto Maldonado  
Noe Sanchez  
Diana D. Santiago Gallardo  
Marlen Schleef  
Logan Zink Schloss, *Cum Laude*  
Ramchandra Shrestha  
Agustin Alejandro Suarez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brian Sanchez Tan  
Michael Taylor, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Justin Valenzuela  
Noah Payton Whittaker, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Luisa Daniela Zamora Acosta  
Meliza Stefhania Zamora Acosta, *Cum Laude*

### ***Business Management - A.S.***

Salvador Alvarez Jr.  
Aaron Michael Caramanis, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Eric C. Kong, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Otto Danilo Morales  
Fernanda Prado, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Diana D. Santiago Gallardo

### ***Chemistry - A.S.***

William Timothy Coffey, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Karen Itzel Duarte Lopez  
Kathleen Elizabeth Faher, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Julia Fernandez Giorgi, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ava Vieira Glenn, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jiselle Dior English  
Veronica J. Johnson, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ashwin Srinivas Raj, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Charles Wesley Stewart III, *Magna Cum Laude*

### ***Child & Adolescent Development - A.A.-T.***

Phoebe Aliakbar, *Cum Laude*  
Micaela Valeria Alvarez  
Karla Yareli Campos Armas  
Britney Stephanie Castillo Suarez, *Cum Laude*  
April Denise Davis  
Alessandra Garcia Zilli  
Foxyie Desirree Han  
Tiffany Nicole Johnson  
Alejandro Antonio Lemus  
Lilian Anabella Martinez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Win Thiri Moe, *Cum Laude*  
Yanira D. Piedra Maguina  
Maya Balvina Ramirez  
Vanessa Romero  
Paloma R. Sanchez, *Magna Cum Laude*

### ***Communication Studies - A.A.***

Lupita Bedolla, *Cum Laude*

### ***Communication Studies 2.0 - A.A.-T.***

Samantha Becerra  
Abra Nuvia Gray, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Mary Leora Keile, *Cum Laude*  
Anthony Joseph Stalker, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ashley Giselle Villalobos  
Yue Yu, *Magna Cum Laude*

## ***Associate Degrees***

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### ***Computer Science - A.S.-T.***

Kizzara Gedleine Alfonso, *Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Alvarado  
Christopher Wyatt Combs, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Mariela Campos  
Junqi Cui, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Edwin Dominguez  
Meng Qu, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Francisco Salvador-Rivera, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ibrahim Muti Shuman, *Cum Laude*  
Peter Maurice Tanios  
Andy Steven Vega Caranquis, *Magna Cum Laude*

### ***Dance - A.A.***

Kyle R. Elliot  
Raquel Rodriguez

### ***Digital Art & Animation - A.A.***

Ivonne Montserrat Bravo Reyes  
Isaac Cardenas, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Caesar Corona Espinosa, *Magna Cum Laude*  
James Charles Gusto  
Walter Estuardo Herrera, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sachenka N. Mezzich  
Jennifer Rosales Miranda, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Joey Neumyer  
An Nguyen  
Juan Manuel Perez Jr.  
Jocelyn Sanchez Temoche  
Shane Dominick Sargent  
Roanna J. Tsao  
Luke Williams  
Alex Joseph Woods IV, *Cum Laude*

### ***Early Childhood Education - A.S.***

Fatima Guadalupe Casillas Orozco  
Juana Darlene Costello  
Olivia Flores, *Cum Laude*  
Darlyn Cecilia Franco De Paz, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Talea Emely Jones, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Christine A. Myritzis, *Magna Cum Laude*

Jennifer Mata  
Dedra Janay Mcfarland, *Cum Laude*  
Marisol Mendoza  
Deborah Jael Morales, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Natalie Navarro, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Maria D. Nunez-Varela  
Balvina Ramirez Fajardo  
Karina Ramirez Orozco, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Anupam Sharma, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Judith A. Talavera, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Maria Isabel Valencia  
Ma. Angelica Varela Gomez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Elizabeth Villa, *Cum Laude*

### ***Early Childhood Education - A.S.-T.***

Maria Magdalena Aguilar Iraheta, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Micaela Valeria Alvarez  
Michelle Bal, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alicia Marie Bladen Rivers, *Cum Laude*  
Sarah Loreen Blumenthal, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Izabella Catalina Cervantes  
Belen Gonzalez  
Hannah Elizabeth Hope Kemist, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Deborah Jael Morales, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Stephanie Concepcion Nicolas  
Alena Marie Penirian-Maldonado, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Perla Amy Perez Toledo  
Sandra A. Powers, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Karina Ramirez Orozco, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Madison Louise Rice, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Maritess Delos Santos Samson  
Pritika Singh  
Adriana Clementina Valencia  
Ma. Angelica Varela Gomez, *Magna Cum Laude*

### ***Earth Science - A.S.***

Joseph Huro Criado

## *Associate Degrees*

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### ***Economics - A.A.***

Kyler Scott Bittner, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Daniel Michael Boyd  
Hizabrin Alexander Chavez  
Deborah Fabricio Da Silva  
Wilson Waisun Fok  
Natalia Fonseca  
Justin Tyler Gladfelter  
Kaung Set Hein  
Lucia Mariel Kusnier, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Maricela Celeste Ledezma Cruz  
Yixin Liu, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kyan Aiden Mayenkar, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Luis Miguel Mendoza  
Justin Tyler Moore  
Mateo Sebastian Rojas, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Caleb Israel Rosas Ambriz  
Omer Hakan Sukur  
Benjamin Charles Sunahara, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Nathan Tatusya Tam, *Summa Cum Laude*

### ***Economics - A.A.-T.***

Amaliya Ananskaya, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kenia Jitzel Balderrama Castro, *Cum Laude*  
Jessica Anahe Cardenas  
Lesley Liberty Chavez Miranda, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Drew Estelle Watkins, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brian Nicholas Cooke, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sofia Kristal Espinoza, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Zurui Fang, *Cum Laude*  
Darren Pdraig Finn  
Matthew Anthony Flores Rocha  
Natalia Fonseca  
Zachariah John Foster, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jacob Isaac Goldenshteyn, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Said Haziel Gonzalez Lopez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Michelle Haro Rios  
Kaung Set Hein  
Monica Infante-Gutierrez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Manpreet Kaur, *Magna Cum Laude*

Gabriel S. Levine  
Maeve Kathleen Lynch, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Samuel Martinez  
Maria J. Perez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Laura Reyna Sarinana, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Aiden Rhee, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Joseph Matthew Ruiz  
Monica Salto Maldonado  
Diana D. Santiago Gallardo  
Logan Zink Schloss, *Cum Laude*  
Jack Thomas Snyder, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brian Sanchez Tan, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Izaak Adrian Ullian  
Meliza Stefhania Zamora Acosta, *Cum Laude*

### ***Elementary Teacher Education - A.A.-T.***

Milena Andrea Chica Castro, *Cum Laude*  
Karolina Ania Macioce, *Cum Laude*

### ***Engineering - A.S.***

Natalie Barbier Barbosa, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Prasanna Bhandari  
Ariana S. Cerna, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Skyler Thomas Clark, *Magna Cum Laude*  
William Timothy Coffey, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Julia Fernandez Giorgi, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Julian Pedro Garcia Mendez  
Jose Angel Hernandez  
Matthew Raphael Honea, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Adan E. Juarez  
Christopher De Jesus Orendain, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jonathan Pedraza Barrera, *Cum Laude*  
Daniswara Arya Prasetyo, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brayton Leonardo Soldevilla Quique, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Delvin Victor Vasquez-Fuentes, *Cum Laude*

## ***Associate Degrees***

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### ***English - A.A.-T.***

Daniela Andrea Acevedo Baez, *Magna Cum Laude*

Luis Martin Avalos, *Magna Cum Laude*

Leon Miles Thomas Bowles, *Cum Laude*

Lena Aurelia Hofstrom, *Magna Cum Laude*

Kimberly A. Leyva

Gina Angelica Skowronski

Pamela Halina Velarde, *Cum Laude*

### ***Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management - A.A.***

Salvador Alvarez Jr.

Marielos Yamileth Gomez Flores

### ***Fashion Design: Custom Dressmaking/ Small Business Oriented - A.S.***

Eva Cristina Carrijo Garcia Campana, *Magna Cum Laude*

Daron J. Session, *Magna Cum Laude*

Lakeisha Shantelle Webb, *Magna Cum Laude*

### ***Fashion Design: Technical Apparel Industry Oriented - A.S.***

Eva Cristina Carrijo Garcia Campana, *Magna Cum Laude*

Lilli Joy Haggard

Lakeisha Shantelle Webb, *Magna Cum Laude*

### ***Fashion Design: Theater Costuming - A.S.***

Jennifer Acevedo Delgado

Emily Sahar Krayn, *Magna Cum Laude*

Alice Xavier Nascimento, *Magna Cum Laude*

### ***Fashion Design: Merchandising - A.S.***

Eva Cristina Carrijo Garcia Campana, *Magna Cum Laude*

Eduardo Soto Sierra, *Magna Cum Laude*

### ***Geography - A.A.-T.***

John Baptiste Corbett, *Magna Cum Laude*

### ***History - A.A.***

Wilson Waisun Fok

### ***History - A.A.-T.***

Jennifer Acevedo Delgado

Thomas Patrick Boland

Joaquin Gabriel Jack

Nicolas Lautz

Allison Carolina Orellana

### ***Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Arts & Humanities - A.A.***

Sebastian Gonzalez

Isaac D. Navarrete II

Ethan James Payne

### ***Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Arts & Humanities CSU - A.A.***

Soren Tony Starstruck

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

Kizzara Gedleine Alfonso, *Cum Laude*

Prasanna Bhandari

Alexi Lucile Bordon, *Summa Cum Laude*

Jose Emmanuel Ramos Briones

Evalyne Chen, *Magna Cum Laude*

Madison Elizabeth Coc Yoc, *Magna Cum Laude*

Julia Fernandez Giorgi, *Magna Cum Laude*

Jose Angel Hernandez

Yixin Liu, *Magna Cum Laude*

Kyan Aiden Mayenkar, *Magna Cum Laude*

Ryan Sean O'Grady

Haolin Pang, *Magna Cum Laude*

Jonathan Pedraza Barrera, *Cum Laude*

Meng Qu, *Magna Cum Laude*

Sofia Melina Raiti, *Cum Laude*

Dyana Deyse Sanders, *Magna Cum Laude*

Joseph G. Silva-Sazo

Charles Wesley Stewart III, *Magna Cum Laude*

De'Eris Lee Washington

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

Joice Ann Crisologo, *Cum Laude*  
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## *Class of 2026 Co-Valedictorians*

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These graduates were acknowledged as Cañada College's top students for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. This includes summer and fall 2025 and spring 2026. We are proud to recognize these top students as Co-Valedictorians for the Class of 2026.



### *Emily Rose Christman*

Emily is graduating with a degree in Business Administration and plans to continue her studies with a concentration in finance. Her favorite memory at Cañada College was playing on the Women's Soccer Team. She wishes to thank her amazing professors, family, teammates and coaches who supported her on and off the field.



### *Monica Michelle Gamez*

Monica is a first-generation student whose primary motivation stems from her loving family and friends. Grateful for the unwavering and invaluable support she has received on and off campus, she plans to transfer to a four-year university to pursue her passion for Sociology.

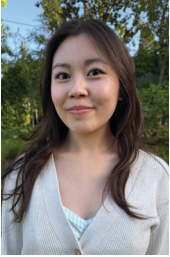


### *Federico Ignacio Longhi*

Federico is an international student from Argentina graduating from Cañada College, where he serves as a Writing Tutor and Outreach Ambassador. After transferring next fall, he intends to build upon the personal and academic growth he experienced within this community. Federico's long-term goal is to utilize his writing to challenge injustice and advocate for meaningful social change.

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## *≈ Miku Claire Sato*

Miku discovered a welcoming Cañada College community through her roles as a Math Tutor, Interest Areas Peer Mentor, STAR Program Intern, MESA Facilitator and Math Club Leader. She is grateful for the professors, staff and friends who inspired and supported her journey. Miku is transferring to UC Berkeley to study Mathematics, with the long-term goal of becoming a community college math professor.



## *≈ Nathan Tatusya Tam*

Nathan, Co-Valedictorian of Cañada College and recipient of the President's Student Leadership Award, is graduating with seven associate degrees and Summa Cum Laude honors. An Honors Transfer Program Ambassador and published researcher on COVID-19's impact on older Asian adults, he is passionate about mentorship and community. Nathan will continue his studies at Harvard University this fall.



## *≈ Hiromi Morishita Weiner*

After two decades building businesses, leading creative teams and co-owning a cult streetwear brand, Hiromi came back to her first love: interior design. Cañada College didn't just teach her — it transformed her, giving her the tools, confidence, and community to reimagine her career. She approaches every space thoughtfully, creatively, and with an eye for both beauty and function.

## *President's Student Leadership Award*

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### ≈ *Nathan Tam*

Cañada College is proud to name Nathan Tam as this year's President's Student Leadership Award recipient. Nathan is graduating from Cañada College with seven associate degrees, earning Summa Cum Laude honors across Behavioral Science, Sociology, Kinesiology, Allied Health and interdisciplinary studies. His time at Cañada has been both challenging and transformative, helping him discover his academic interests and long-term goals.

As an Ambassador in the Honors Transfer Program (HTP), Nathan supported and connected with students exploring the program. He found it especially meaningful to witness his peers successfully transfer to prestigious institutions such as UC Berkeley, UCLA,

Stanford and Columbia - an experience that strengthened his passion for mentorship and community.

Through the HTP, Nathan conducted research on the effects of COVID-19 on older Asian adults in San Francisco's Tenderloin District. He later presented and published this work at the Western Regional Honors Council and Bay Honors Consortium conferences.

Nathan is deeply grateful for the mentorship and support he received throughout his journey. This fall, he will continue his education at Harvard University. He hopes to build on the foundation he developed at Cañada College by exploring the intersection of science, community and human well-being, while continuing to create opportunities that support and uplift others.

## *Class of 2026 Student Speaker*

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### ≈ *Roberto Juan (RJ) Ramirez*

Roberto Juan (RJ) Ramirez is a second-generation Latino American who followed in his mother's footsteps by attending and graduating from college. From a young age, he knew what he wanted to do; with a strong sense of justice and activism he developed along the way, he set his sights on becoming a lawyer, recognizing that becoming a paralegal would be an important first step toward achieving his dreams.

RJ was deeply committed to this goal, which began with the need to enroll in an accredited paralegal program. The closest program was more than three hours away by public transportation so RJ traveled by ferry, BART, Caltrain and SamTrans bus for two years to attend classes. At the same time, his plans to transfer

to a university were delayed as he cared for his ill mother, who nevertheless encouraged and supported him every step of the way.

Alongside his physical journey, RJ joined the Honors Transfer Program and Phi Theta Kappa at Cañada College, maintaining a rigorous academic course load. These experiences became some of his most meaningful and rewarding classes, guided by exceptional faculty. With the support of teachers, peers and family, RJ has been unstoppable. He will be working as a paralegal while saving money in preparation for his transfer to a university.

## *Academic Regalia*

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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, Licentiate 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 is 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 olive wood 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*

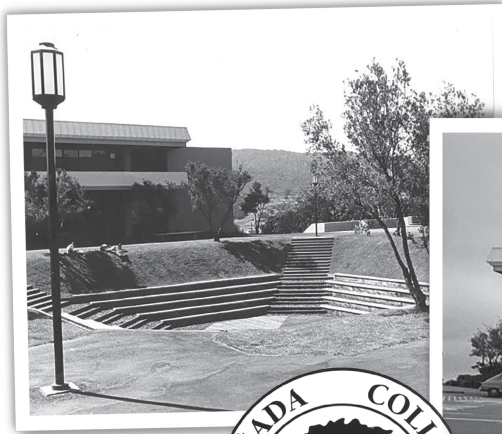
Veterinary Science – *Gray*

### *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*

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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 College 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, Digital Art & Animation, Business, Accounting, Economics, Early Childhood Education, Paralegal, Medical Assisting and Work Experience Education.

The Class of 2026 honors the memory of three members of our Cañada community. They are in our hearts today.

≈ *David Clay*

David Clay joined the Cañada College community in 2002 as a dedicated educator, teaching both English and Music courses. He inspired students and colleagues alike with his passion for literature, the arts and the joy of learning. Known for his warmth, talent and sense of humor, he touched the lives of many both inside and outside the classroom. David retired from Cañada College as Faculty Emeritus in 2019. David was a much-loved husband and father and his absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

≈ *Dylan Taylor*

At the time of his passing, Dylan Taylor was taking classes at Cañada College with the goal of earning a degree in Behavioral Health to further his work in schools. A product of the local community, Dylan served as a paraeducator in middle schools and coached local basketball and football teams. Cañada Faculty who taught him shared that he had a passion for teaching. His empathy and sense of humor made him a valued member of the evening student community, where he was known for encouraging and supporting his classmates.

≈ *Christopher Weidman*

With more than 24 years of dedicated service (2001–2025), Chris Weidman championed student accessibility across the San Mateo County Community College District, serving at Cañada, Skyline and the College of San Mateo. Beyond his professional roles as a Web Accessibility Programmer and Disability Resources Center specialist, Chris was a cornerstone of CSEA Chapter 33. He tirelessly advocated for classified employees, offering retirement guidance and supporting union causes. Known for his kindness and helping hand, Chris's legacy of heart and service leaves a lasting impact. He will be deeply missed by the many colleagues and students he inspired.



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*Notes & Well-Wishes*

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