



**COMMENCEMENT**  
*Class of 2018*

**MAY 26, 2018**

**10:00 AM**

**UPPER LAWN**

Cañada College welcomes you—the Class of 2018—into the ranks  
of the proud alumni of Cañada College.

We also welcome your families and friends to this 50th year 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 50th Commencement Ceremony at Cañada College! Today's Commencement is a magnificent celebration of 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 bright, promising future that lies ahead for our graduates. Collectively, we share in the excitement of where the next journey may take them. Graduates are also encouraged at the time of Commencement to look back on their experiences – to reflect on what lessons they have learned, who influenced them, and how they have grown and changed. We know that this reflection is important.

As students of Cañada College and of life, you're neither at the beginning or the end of your journey. Instead, you're somewhere in-between – in the middle you might say. You may not know what lies ahead and you can't go back and relive the past; you're simply in the moment.

Sometimes it's challenging to be in the moment; to fully inhabit, explore, and experience every moment – and to be open to what might present itself to you. While in the present moment, you might find that you can be more open to a different point of view; you might be able to quiet all the voices telling you what you should do; you might find the courage to make a difficult choice; you might find some unexpected joy. And, being in the moment almost always allows you to listen to your own inner guide and heart. And that is very important!

Finally, being in the moment allows you to more fully embrace and enjoy celebrations like this one today. So, take a moment and look around at your fellow classmates, your family and friends, and your Cañada family, who have come together to honor you. All eyes are on you and they're beaming with pride for all that you've done, and all that you are. Congratulations!

Dr. Jamillah Moore,  
*President, Cañada College*

## *Commencement Speaker*

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### ≈ *Keynote Speaker: Dr. Estela Mara Bensimon*

Estela Mara Bensimon is Dean's Professor in Educational Equity at the USC Rossier School of Education and Director of the Center for Urban Education, which she founded in 1999.

With a singular focus on increasing racial equity in higher education outcomes for students of color, she developed the Equity Scorecard—a process for using inquiry to drive changes in institutional practice and culture. Since its founding, CUE has worked with thousands of college professionals—from presidents to faculty to academic counselors, helping them take steps in their daily work to reverse the impact of the historical and structural disadvantages that prevent many students of color from excelling in higher education. The innovative Equity Scorecard process takes a strengths-based approach starting from the premise that faculty and administrators are committed to doing “the good.” CUE builds upon this premise by developing

tools and processes that empower these professionals as “researchers” into their own practices, with the ultimate goal of not just marginal changes in policy or practice, but shifts on those campuses towards cultures of inclusion and broad ownership over racial equity.

Professor Bensimon's critical action research agenda has been supported by grants from the Ford Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Lumina Foundation, Teagle Foundation, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and The James Irvine Foundation.

Dr. Bensimon has published extensively about equity, organizational learning, practitioner inquiry and change; and her articles have appeared in journals such as the *Review of Higher Education*, *Journal of Higher Education*, *Liberal Education*, and *Harvard Educational Review*. Her most recent books include *Critical Approaches to the Study of Higher Education* (co-edited with Ana Martinez-Aleman and Brian Pusser) which was selected as the 2016 Outstanding Publication by the American Education Research Association, Division of Postsecondary Education; *Engaging the Race Question: Accountability and Equity in US Higher Education* (with Alicia C. Dowd), *Confronting Equity Issues on Campus: Implementing the Equity Scorecard in Theory and Practice* (co-edited with Lindsey Malcom).

Dr. Bensimon has held the highest leadership positions in the Association for the Study of Higher Education (President, 2005-2006) and in the American Education Research Association, Division on Postsecondary Education (Vice-President, 1992-1994). She has served on the boards of the American Association for Higher Education and the Association of American Colleges and Universities. She was the Chair of AERA's Social Justice and Action Committee. In 2007, Dr. Bensimon was presented with a Distinguished Service Award in recognition of exceptional

## Commencement Speaker (cont.)

commitment to the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) and significant contribution to its success. The University of Wisconsin system awarded Dr. Bensimon with the Outstanding Women of Color in Education Award in 2010. In 2011, she was inducted as an AERA Fellow in recognition of excellence in research and received ASHE's Council on Ethnic Participation Founders Service Award. In 2013, she received the Association for the Study of Higher Education Research Achievement Award. She is a recipient of the USC Mellon Mentoring Award for faculty and Distinguished Service Award from the Association for the Study of Higher Education. In 2015, she received the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) Outstanding Latina Faculty Award for Research & Teaching, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Montclair State University's College of Education and Human Services.

In 2017, she was elected to the National Academy of Education and she was presented with the 2017 Social Justice in Education Award by the American Education Research Association. Her opinion pieces have been published in Inside HigherEd, Denver Post, Sacramento Bee, and Zocalo. In January 2018, Governor Jerry Brown appointed Dr. Bensimon to the Education Commission of the States. She is the 2018 AERA Division J Research Award recipient. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Campaign for College Opportunity.

Dr. Bensimon was associate dean of the USC Rossier School of Education from 1996-2000 and was a Fulbright Scholar to Mexico in 2002. She earned her doctorate in higher education from Teachers College, Columbia University.



# Program

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∞ *Master of Ceremonies*

Phillip King, *Interim Vice President of Student Services, Cañada College*

∞ *Processional*

“Pomp and Circumstance” Sir Edward Elgar

∞ *President’s Party*

Faculty processional led by Grand Marshal Denise Erickson

Student processional led by Associated Students of Cañada College President Luis Méndez and Student Speaker Marleny Ramos

∞ *National Anthem: Star Spangled Banner*

Performed by Monique Martinez

∞ *Welcome and Introductions*

Dr. Jamillah Moore, *President, Cañada College*

Richard Holober, *SMCCCD Board President*

∞ *Recognition of Cañada College Golden Anniversary, 1968-2018*

Tom Mohr, *SMCCCD Board Trustee and Former President of Cañada College*

∞ *Keynote Address: “How You Can Make America Just”*

Dr. Estela Mara Bensimon, *Professor in Educational Equity at the USC Rossier School of Education and Director of the Center for Urban Education*

∞ *2018 President’s Student Leadership Award*

Travis McIntosh

∞ *Class of 2018 Co-Valedictorians*

Sofya Lipkind

Isis Citlali Lemus

Romane Le Dorze

Hongli Zhao

Yafang Liu

Mijin Park

Penglu Li

∞ *Welcome from the Student Body and Introduction of Student Speaker*

Luis Méndez, *President, Associated Students of Cañada College*

## *Program (cont.)*

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### *≈ Student Speaker Presentation*

Marleny Ramos

### *≈ Presentation of the Class of 2018*

Hyla Lacefield, *President, Academic Senate, Cañada College*

### *≈ Awarding of Associate of Arts and Science Degrees and Certificates*

Hyla Lacefield, *President, Academic Senate, Cañada College*

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

Maurice Goodman, *Vice President-Clerk, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District*

Dave Mandelkern, *Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District*

Karen Schwarz, *Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District*

Tom Mohr, *Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District*

Alfredo Olguin, Jr., *Student Trustee Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District*

Ron Galatolo, *Chancellor, San Mateo County Community College District*

Dr. Jamillah Moore, *President, Cañada College*

Michelle Marquez, *Vice President Administrative Services, Cañada College*

Phillip King, *Interim Vice President Student Services, Cañada College*

### *≈ Salutation to the Graduates and Closing Remarks*

Dr. Jamillah Moore, *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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## *∞ Administrators*

Dr. Jamillah Moore, *President*

Phillip King, *Interim Vice President of Student Services*

Michelle Marquez, *Vice President of Administrative Services*

Leonor Cabrera, *Interim Dean, Business, Design & Workforce*

James Carranza, *Dean, Humanities & Social Sciences*

Max Hartman, *Dean, Counseling Services*

Tracy Huang, *Ed.D., Interim Dean of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness*

David Reed, *Interim Dean of Academic Support & Learning Technologies*

Janet L. Stringer, *M.D., Ph.D., Dean, Science & Technology*

## *∞ Academic Senate 2017-2018*

Hyla Lacefield, *President*

Diana Tedone, *Vice President*

Monica Malamund, *Secretary*

Sarah Aranyakul, *Treasurer*

Candice Nance, *Senator*

Katie Schertle, *Senator*

Denise Erickson, *Senator*

Marie Varelas, *Senator*

Daryan Chan, *Senator*

Doniella Maher, *Senator*

Lale Yurtseven, *Senator*

## *∞ Classified Senate 2017-2018*

Jeanne Stalker, *President*

Jamie Hui, *Secretary*

Hugo Enciso, *Treasurer*

Candice Johnson & Jose Romero, *Activities Coordinators*

## Academic Leadership (cont.)

### ≈ Board of Trustees



Richard Holober, *President*

Richard Holober was elected to the Board in 1997 and has served as Board President in 2002 and 2008. He is the Executive Director of the Consumer Federation of California, a non-profit advocacy organization for consumer rights. Trustee Holober also serves on California Improving Access to Educational Opportunity and is a former member and president of the Millbrae Elementary District Board. He is a graduate of the University of Rochester.



Maurice Goodman, *Vice President-Clerk*

Elected November 2015, Maurice Goodman became the first African American to serve on the Board and, as a former student leader and product of the District, brings a unique perspective to the already progressive and student centered team. After completing degrees in Administration of Justice and Paralegal Studies at Skyline College, he went on to California State University, East Bay and received a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Working as an educator, he was elected to two terms of office on the South San Francisco Unified School District Board of Trustees and served as President twice.



Dave Mandelkern, *Trustee*

Dave Mandelkern was elected to the Board in 2003. He has served two previous terms as Board President. President Mandelkern also serves on the President's Council for Innovation at Skyline College. He is currently trustee and Chair of the California State Parks Foundation and is also a Board member of the Beyond Barriers Athletic Foundation. He has more than 30 years of entrepreneurial experience with Silicon Valley startup companies. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford University, School of Engineering.



Thomas Mohr, *Trustee*

Tom Mohr was elected to the San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees in November, 2013. He served as Board President in 2017. He began a 50 year career in education as a High School Chemistry and Math Teacher. Tom later served as Principal of three different high schools in north San Mateo County before becoming Superintendent of the San Mateo Union High School District. Shortly after retirement from the high school district, Tom became the President of Cañada College where he served in that role for six years before retirement. In addition, he is a board member of several educational and philanthropic foundations.





Karen Schwarz, *Trustee*

Karen Schwarz was elected to the Board in November 1995 and has served four terms as President. She is President of the San Mateo County Colleges Educational Housing Corporation Board. Trustee Schwarz is a former elected member of the San Mateo County Board of Education, including two term as President. She has been a resident and community leader of San Mateo County for more than 30 years.



Alfredo Olguin, Jr., *Student Trustee*

Elected April, 2017. Born and raised in South San Francisco to parents who migrated from Mexico, my identity constructed a diverse and conscious perspective cultivated by the rich culture of the Bay Area. As a junior at South San Francisco High School, with the support of irreplaceable people, began to organize and delved into examining social and political movements' effects on their respective society. Alfredo plans on transferring to a 4-year university to pursue a career in public health. His term expires 2018.



Ron Galatolo, *District Chancellor*

Ron Galatolo has served as Chancellor of the San Mateo County Community College District since 2001, after serving the District's Executive Vice Chancellor of Finance. He has been a leader in California Community Colleges for nearly 30 years.



## *Associate Degrees*

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

Gabrielle Haecy Soleimanipour  
Bridgette S. Yee, *Cum Laude*

◇ *Accounting - A.S.*

Brendan Alexander Barbari  
Kathy A. Borg-Ortiz, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jose Benjamin Lingad  
Linda Jeanne Lockhart Aaron  
Jessica Mendoza, *Cum Laude*  
Haley Elyse Navarro  
Julian Thomas O'Hara  
Alicia Trejo-Cruz  
Athita Phaichayon Villa

◇ *Administrative Support Assistant - A.S.*

Patricia Diane Mohorne Oliver, *Magna Cum Laude*

◇ *Allied Health - A.S.*

Michelle Alicia Aguilar, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Elizabeth Ansah Asamoah  
Diana Elizabeth Ardon Ramirez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Violeta Veronica Ayala  
Robert Alberto Baiata  
Maria Louise Bordinero  
Joshua Jacinto Bruno, *Cum Laude*  
Giselle Yanely Buenrostro Garcia  
Natalie Jo Buranzon  
Sara Raquel Burr, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sarahi Cerna, *Cum Laude*  
Liujing Chen, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Diane Simon Eid  
Jessica Sofia Eymil  
Breanne Feddock  
Ana Maria Cynthia Flores  
Rebecca Guadalupe Fuentes  
Gabrielle Malia Fukumoto

Laurina Girgis

Irene Gonzalez

Amber Dawn Hanna

Breann Louise Hanna

Andy Abraham Higuera

Farah N. Hijazi

Zitlali Huerta

Tracy Olimpiada Lagomarsino, *Magna Cum Laude*

Nicole F. Lara, *Cum Laude*

Myra A. Llamas, *Magna Cum Laude*

Edgar Alexis Lombera

Mary Catherine Jude Martinez Bonini

Devon McNabb

Griselda Judith Morales Mendoza, *Cum Laude*

Sabreen Hussam Moussa

Elizabeth Jazmin Orozco

Vanessa Christine Perez

Aliza N. Peter

Ashwin Jonathan Pratap

Hayley Ibarra Ramos

Jackeline Gabriela Renderos Lopez

Andrea Rivera

Erika Guadalupe Ruiz

Tema Maile Tuakoi

Sindy Vanessa Urebe

Samantha Carina Velazquez

Sheyanne Marie Walker, *Cum Laude*

Jiayun Wang, *Magna Cum Laude*

◇ *Anthropology - A.A.*

Vanasa Guzman, *Cum Laude*

◇ *Anthropology - A.A.-T*

Isis C. Lemus, *Summa Cum Laude*

Susan Mairs, *Magna Cum Laude*

◇ *Art History - A.A.-T*

Alejandro Montes Vergara, *Magna Cum Laude*

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◇ *Biological Sciences - A.S.*

Natali H. Abou Alouf, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jarvin Omar Castanon Velasquez  
Melissa Fernandez Aguayo, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sofya Lipkind, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Travis W. McIntosh, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ashwin Jonathan Pratap  
Marleny Siomara Ramos, *Cum Laude*  
Annika Justine Van Houte, *Cum Laude*

◇ *Biology - A.S.-T*

Jarvin Omar Castanon Velasquez  
Travis W. McIntosh, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Michael D. Rupert, *Magna Cum Laude*

◇ *Business Administration - A.S.*

Jada Elise Beasley  
Leana Mikel Darden, *Cum Laude*  
Daniela Mihaela Deac  
Lorena Alejandra Figueroa  
Blanca Estela Garcia Castaneda  
Laura B. Garduno Gonzalez  
Jose A. Gonzalez  
Brooke L. Harken  
Jennifer Jaimes  
Yareli Miranda  
Marlene Padilla  
Devon James Patane  
Favian Ricardo Renkel  
Rosaura Ruiz  
Laron Sanders  
Joseph Luis Vasquez

◇ *Business Administration - A.S.-T*

Rick Chilin Alvarez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Erik J. Amaya  
Eddys P. Barrios  
Matthew Joseph Carlin  
Alma Alejandra Covarrubias Santiago

Lorena Alejandra Figueroa  
Anthony Liam Finn, *Cum Laude*  
Larissa Marie Flores  
Taylor Inzia Fontenot  
Tanesha Lashae Gaines  
Carlos Enrique Garcia  
Jose A. Gonzalez  
Ricardo Gonzalez  
Kadri Mccrea Green  
Audrey Alina Higuera, *Cum Laude*  
Lizette Hinson  
Alisha Sara Hussain, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Jaimes  
Joseph John Kavalaris  
Michael Dale Lemus  
Martha Alicia Leon  
Yafang Liu, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Matthew James Lopez, *Cum Laude*  
Sucette Ivonne Lopez-Arteaga  
Dina Lizbeth Marroquin  
Cody Jonathan Mead  
Erick Millan Torres  
Jesenia Marie Navarrete, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Katherine Ochoa  
Michael Orozco  
Alejandro Ortega  
Jesus A. Ortega  
Parsa Padidarnazar  
Devon James Patane  
Diana Carolina Pedroza Vargas  
Zachary Douglas Reiley, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Favian Ricardo Renkel  
Laron Sanders  
Michelle Sandoval, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Taylor Falanisi Sanft, *Cum Laude*  
Roman James Satropluss  
Peter Prasheel Singh  
Chad Slightam  
Carlos Daniel Urena Garibay

## *Associate Degrees (cont.)*

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Austin Jose Venezia

Nassib Christian Andrew Wehbe

Dijonn L. Williams

Adam Richard Winnen

Arely Ruby Zepeda

Adil Zhumakhmet

◇ *Chemistry - A.S.*

Natali H. Abou Alouf, *Magna Cum Laude*

Travis W. McIntosh, *Magna Cum Laude*

Jasmine Cristine Uchi, *Cum Laude*

◇ *Communication Studies - A.A.*

Gianna Angelina Archini

Ana Maria Baquero

Keith Ray Dickerson, Jr.

Noelle Remedios Elliott

Lee David Fewell, *Magna Cum Laude*

Anthony Giovanni Gutierrez-Molina

Jose Luis Hernandez

Nabil Musa Keyro

Mario Elmer Martinez

Nicholas Alejandro Mayoral

Antony Marshal Navarrete

Stefany Rodriguez

Ana Karen Rojas, *Cum Laude*

Viliani Toumoelupe Talakai

Alexander Nelson Tucker Boyd

Anastasia S.K. Vlassova, *Cum Laude*

◇ *Communication Studies - A.A.-T*

Gianna Angelina Archini

Karen Lizeth Arellano

Allyssa Marie Basco

Alexandria Regina Bibbs

Alexis Brown

Alejandro Anselmo Cabrera

Gabriela Maria Cajbon

Sergio D. Diaz

Diana Diaz Coreas

Sabrina Marie Eftimiou

Noelle Remedios Elliott

Giovanny De Moraes Gomes

Oscar E. Lopez

Mario Elmer Martinez

Olmar Medina

Patrick James O'Regan

Maria del Consuelo Pedroza Vargas

Paul Donald Priolo

Angelina K. Reese

Stefany Rodriguez

Ana Karen Rojas, *Cum Laude*

Viliani Toumoelupe Talakai

Ngoc Huynh Tu

Alexander Nelson Tucker Boyd

Losimani F. Ulukivaiala

Nicholas T. Valverde

Jonah Harrison Walker

◇ *Computer Information Systems: Java Programming - A.S.*

Ricardo J. Colin Coronel

◇ *Computer Science - A.S.-T*

Ricardo J. Colin Coronel

Jack Alexander Cooper, *Magna Cum Laude*

Josue Jonathan Gialis, *Magna Cum Laude*

Ziqi Jin, *Summa Cum Laude*

Michael Chun Wing Lo

Travis W. McIntosh, *Magna Cum Laude*

Preston Liat Sheng Ong, *Magna Cum Laude*

Tommy Wiakso Kusumo Patumnakul-Rachman

Mikaela Paola Carreon Quintos, *Cum Laude*

◇ *Digital Art & Animation - A.A.*

Nell Marin Hayes, *Cum Laude*

Caitlin Elizabeth Stearns, *Cum Laude*

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

Brittany Alice Bassi, *Cum Laude*  
Marisol Calderon  
Kayla Patrice Clark  
Cleo Shannon Cleary  
Noemi Yudelkey Cruz  
Angelina Renee Dimatteo, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lina Eskariyat, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ashley Nicole Ferreira  
Amy L. Francis  
Julie Gin, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Cybill A. Greenburg, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Astrid D. Guzman  
Vanesa Guzman, *Cum Laude*  
Ana Laura Hernandez  
Mayra A. Herrera  
Erin Melanie Hull  
Ajee Dannette Jackson  
Cynthia Medina  
Jennifer Alexia Medina  
Denise Paola Mendoza  
Jamie Ayesa Munguia  
Jocelyn M. Pantoja  
Johan Leslie Villamil Paulino  
Barbara G. Quintero, *Cum Laude*  
Araceli Ramirez Reyes  
Karen Alexandra Renkel  
Nicole Caitlin Spencer  
Tammi M. Stratton  
Rebecca Leigh Taylor  
Sanaiya Peruez Zack

◇ *Early Childhood Education/Child Development - A.S.*

Camille Francisco Alamani  
Diana Alvarado  
Adriana Bejar, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kayla Patrice Clark  
Cleo Shannon Cleary

Noemi Yudelkey Cruz  
Stephanie Rosario Duran  
Lina Eskariyat, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ashley Nicole Ferreira  
Leticia Fregoso, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Baraka Elhadji Gambo  
Austreberta Garcia Lopez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Corinne Therese Gharda  
Astrid D. Guzman  
Tina A. Haddad  
Joara Hernandez  
Mayra A. Herrera  
Hilda C. Izaguirre, *Cum Laude*  
Ajee Dannette Jackson  
Aidelu Jaimes, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ana Vaoleti Latu  
Yoonhyung Lee  
Adriana Lladira Lopez Contreras  
Sandra Dalila Macias Prado, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Shelby Anne McMillan, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Alexia Medina  
Laura E. Melena, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alyssa Jessica Milanese  
Kayla Rachele Pereira-Barbero  
Svetlana Petrusca, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Li Jia Qin, *Cum Laude*  
Barbara G. Quintero, *Cum Laude*  
Araceli Ramirez Reyes  
Karen Alexandra Renkel  
Juliana Cayres Saucedo  
Lee Ann Schwartzman  
Arely Segovia  
Juliette Silva  
Graciela Guadalupe Torres  
Maria Valenzuela, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Susana Lizeth Veracruz DelValle  
Ereyda Yanez Garcia  
Sandra Zamora, *Magna Cum Laude*

## *Associate Degrees (cont.)*

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### ◇ *Economics - A.A.*

Rick Chilin Alvarez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Erik J. Amaya  
Brendan Alexander Barbari  
Jada Elise Beasley  
Tyler Lee Brandenburg  
Jhon Sebastian Cole  
Wayne Lamont Costello, *Cum Laude*  
Leana Mikel Darden, *Cum Laude*  
Elva Maria Flores  
Taylor Inzia Fontenot  
Tanesha Lashae Gaines  
Blanca Estela Garcia Castaneda  
Laura B. Garduno Gonzalez  
Gianfranco Gastelo Centeno, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Jaimés  
Joseph John Kavalaris  
Benita Bitete Kayembe, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Beverly Anne Laurenzano  
Martha Alicia Leon  
Bennett Fejeran Lizama, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Irine Luban, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Dina Lizbeth Marroquin  
Jesus H. Medina  
Joshua Taylor James Montana  
John Douglas Odell  
Jesus A. Ortega  
Favian Ricardo Renkel  
Laron Sanders  
Shane Ashley Strong  
Austin Jose Venezia  
Shane Wesley Weaver

### ◇ *Economics - A.A.-T*

Alexander Spencer Athanacio, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alma Alejandra Covarrubias Santiago  
Jonathan Taylor Figone  
Anthony Liam Finn, *Cum Laude*

Larissa Marie Flores  
Carlos Enrique Garcia  
Kadri Mccrea Green  
Alisha Sara Hussain, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Joseph John Kavalaris  
Penglu Li, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Matthew James Lopez, *Cum Laude*  
Matthew Luther Mason, *Cum Laude*  
Cody Jonathan Mead  
Luis Fernando Mendez Galdamez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jesenia Marie Navarrete, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Parsa Padidarnazar  
Zachary Douglas Reiley, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Favian Ricardo Renkel  
Roman James Satropluss  
Amira Elias Shamich, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sharif J. Shibli  
Peter Prasheel Singh  
Chad Slightam  
Carlos Daniel Urena Garibay  
Jennifer A. Zaragoza

### ◇ *Engineering - A.S.*

Brian E. Carrozza, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ricardo J. Colin Coronel  
Adam Albert Davies, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Yardley Ordóñez Hernández  
Evan Elexander Josa, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Thomas Robert Martin, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jesse Sanchez  
Priscila Joy Silva Chaix  
Pedram Hassan Tahriri, *Cum Laude*  
Moises A. Vicyra

### ◇ *English - A.A.*

Gianfranco Gastelo Centeno, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sean Steven McDonald  
Marvin Nieto-Cruz

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- ◇ *English - A.A.-T*  
 Alexa Esqueda Aguilar, *Cum Laude*  
 Gianfranco Gastelo Centeno, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Angel J. Lopez  
 Sean Steven McDonald  
 Marvin Nieto-Cruz  
 Aliza N. Peter  
 Keirstan Kathleen Schiedeck, *Cum Laude*
- ◇ *Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management - A.S.*  
 Molly Claire Dagnelie  
 Talia Maris Findley, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Paula M. Fleming, *Cum Laude*  
 Huiping Lynn Mathre
- ◇ *Fashion Design (Technical Apparel Industry Oriented) - A.S.*  
 Molly Claire Dagnelie  
 Talia Maris Findley, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Huiping Lynn Mathre
- ◇ *Fashion Design: Theater Costuming - A.S.*  
 Molly Claire Dagnelie
- ◇ *Fashion Merchandising - A.S.*  
 Alexandria Regina Bibbs  
 Elin Agnes Camilla Cederholm, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Romane Le Dorze, *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Rozella Marie Serrano Soriano
- ◇ *Geography - A.S.*  
 Saga S. Shermis
- ◇ *Health Science - A.S.*  
 Yuly Saldivar
- ◇ *History - A.A.*  
 Brandon Joseph Gutierrez-Kitto
- ◇ *History - A.A.-T*  
 Brandon Joseph Gutierrez-Kitto  
 Antonio Alexander Shuder
- ◇ *Human Services - A.S.*  
 Sarah Hatz Cortez, *Cum Laude*  
 Corina Marie Enriquez  
 Tania Escalona  
 Brenda Yudith Graciano  
 Rubi Jessenia Rocha, *Cum Laude*  
 Ruby Morales Romero, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Alexandria A. Spencer, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Ngoc Huynh Tu
- ◇ *Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Arts & Humanities - A.A.*  
 Alexa Esqueda Aguilar, *Cum Laude*  
 Raquel Torres Cobar  
 Elidet Cruz  
 Jessenia Maribel Escobar  
 Cindy C. Gallego, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Gianfranco Gastelo Centeno, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Vanesa Guzman, *Cum Laude*  
 Angel M. Hernandez  
 Melissa Madlyn Liotti, *Cum Laude*  
 Janie Christine Mercado  
 Alejandro Montes Vergara, *Magna Cum Laude*  
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 Cristhofer Brandon Ramirez  
 Janet R. Richards  
 Elisha Ann Sullivan, *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Daisy Torres, *Cum Laude*  
 Jose Alberto Villalobos  
 Cassandra Denise Wilson, *Cum Laude*
- ◇ *Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Natural Science & Mathematics - A.A.*  
 Natali H. Abou Alouf, *Magna Cum Laude*  
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Robert Alberto Baiata  
Sara Raquel Burr, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brian E. Carrozza, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jarvin Omar Castanon Velasquez  
Liujing Chen, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ricardo J. Colin Coronel  
Crystal Sofia Cortez  
Adam Albert Davies, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lily Dong  
Yara Elhindi, *Cum Laude*  
Laleh Emileh  
Breanne Feddock  
Gregory David Foresti  
Josue Jonathan Gialis, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gwenneth Lola Gores, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jacqlene M. Guomas  
Tito R. Guerrero  
Breann Louise Hanna  
Jessica Elise Hatfield  
Yardley Ordenez Hernandez  
Emmalee Grace Holmes  
Kohlton Stephen Johnson  
Sofya Lipkind, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Sarah Marie Lococo  
James Connor Loucks, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Camille D. Louie  
Jose Manuel Manzo  
Thomas Robert Martin, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Mary Catherine Jude Martinez Bonini  
Travis W. McIntosh, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Dolores Molina  
Elizabeth Jazmin Orozco  
Aliza N. Peter  
Ashwin Jonathan Pratap  
Cristhofer Brandon Ramirez  
Jackeline Gabriela Renderos Lopez  
Ricardo Antonio Rodriguez
- Alondra Berenice Sahagun Cabrera, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jesse Sanchez, *Cum Laude*  
Cynthia Paulino Silva  
Priscila Joy Silva Chaix  
Megan Leigh Smith  
Tiffany Ai Streitenberger, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Moises A. Vieyra
- ◇ *Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Social & Behavioral Sciences - A.A.*  
Jennifer Mary Adams, *Magna Cum Laude*  
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Elizeth Bahena-Gonzalez  
Robert Alberto Baiata  
Leslie Anne Bandi, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brendan Alexander Barbari  
Alejandro Anselmo Cabrera  
Jose Chipres  
Raquel Torres Cobar  
David Corona-Amezcuca, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Wayne Lamont Costello  
Elidet Cruz  
Sabrina Marie Eftimiou  
Jessenia Maribel Escobar  
Annie Christina Farley  
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Amanda Marie Ferreira, *Cum Laude*  
Elizabeth Flores, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Elva Maria Flores  
Taylor Inzia Fontenot  
Cindy C. Gallego, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gianfranco Gastelo Centeno, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kirk Denis Shahpur Gharda  
Mayra Lizbeth Gonzalez Contreras  
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Melissa Madlyn Liotti, *Cum Laude*  
Bennett Fejeran Lizama, *Magna Cum Laude*  
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◇ *Interior Design - A.S.*

Terry Lynn Alfredson, *Cum Laude*  
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Yeong Joo Kim, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Keren Mindy Kotowitz, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Betsabeh Alexandra Mueller, *Cum Laude*

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Brittany Maria Price, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Darci Rene Reimund, *Cum Laude*  
Amber Victoria Rios  
Christine Ruth Rosati, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Stephanie Ann Ross  
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Carolyn Vece Soto, *Cum Laude*  
Gillian Dove Stoval, *Cum Laude*  
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◇ *Kinesiology - A.A.*

Monica Del Rocio Diaz, *Cum Laude*  
Stacie Shawnice Imani Foreman  
Gregory David Foresti  
Randy Albert Lopez  
Vanessa Marie Oswald, *Cum Laude*  
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◇ *Kinesiology - A.A.-T*

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◇ *Latin American & Latino(a) Studies - A.A.*

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◇ *Mathematics - A.S.-T*

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Christopher Joseph Morales, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Preston Liat Sheng Ong, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jhosse Anthony Prado Guerrero, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Caleb Martin Rankin, *Magna Cum Laude*  
David Shi, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tiffany Ai Streitenberger, *Magna Cum Laude*  
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- ◇ *Medical Assisting - A.S.*  
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Rose Marie Hamzelue  
Patricia Lopez  
Grace Moulton Mellenthin  
Danielle Christine Neves  
April Lyn Peters  
Natalia Del Rosario San Juan  
Maria Guadalupe Torres  
Natali G. Torres
- ◇ *Medical Billing Specialist - A.S.*  
Bo Chen, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Joanna Salvador, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Wenjun Zhao, *Cum Laude*
- ◇ *Multimedia Art and Technology - A.A.*  
Marlon Y. Garcia Garcia  
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- ◇ *Nutrition and Dietetics - A.S.-T*  
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- ◇ *Paralegal - A.S.*  
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- ◇ *Philosophy - A.A.*  
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Carissa Mycah Corcega Cayco, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Marielena Cerrillo  
Raquel Torres Cobar  
Wayne Lamont Costello, *Cum Laude*  
Lina Eskariyat, *Magna Cum Laude*

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Desirae Perouz Miller  
Isabella Angelica Montalvo, *Magna Cum Laude*  
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Summer Rae Reid  
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Carolina Velazquez  
Erika N. Velazquez Trejo

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Elizabeth Bahena-Gonzalez  
Arturo Calvario-Diaz, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Paola Celeste Calvo  
Carissa Mycah Corcega Cayco, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Raquel Torres Cobar  
Elidet Cruz  
Jessenia Escobar  
Lina Eskariyat, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Elizabeth Flores, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Catherine Carolina Franco  
Molly M. Gafford, *Cum Laude*  
Cindy C. Gallego, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gianfranco Gastelo Centeno, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Justine M. Jordan  
Monica Janelle Krantz, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Paul Patrick Limson  
Melissa Madlyn Liotti, *Cum Laude*

David Nathaniel Lockwood, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Camille D. Louie  
Andrea Kelly Luka, *Cum Laude*  
Janie Christine Mercado  
Desirae Perouz Miller  
Sabrina Marie Miller, *Magna Cum Laude*  
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Joseph Padilla Ramirez  
Jake Barnard Retchless, Jr.  
Brittney Elizabeth Reynolds  
Edwin Stanley Rosales  
Erika Guadalupe Ruiz  
Elsa Valeria Salgado  
Elisha Ann Sullivan, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Oscar Alexander Tovar  
Bianca Rocio Trabanino

◇ *Radiologic Technology - A.S.*

Susan Marie Anderberg, *Cum Laude*  
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Jesus Brisenio  
Nicholas Clifford Cassin, *Cum Laude*  
Savina Marie Castello, *Cum Laude*  
Patty Ka Quan Chan, *Cum Laude*  
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Cynthia Lillian Hu, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Yessica Jaracuaro Salgado  
Colleen Palma Javier, *Cum Laude*  
Kristina Marie Kazansky, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Angela King, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Shivika S. Kumar, *Magna Cum Laude*

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Rachael Leeann Mckenna, *Magna Cum Laude*  
John Patrick Mickelson, *Magna Cum Laude*  
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Lilian Moujaes, *Cum Laude*  
Duyen Nguyen, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jeremiah John Pricer  
Monique Elizabeth Rescino, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Natalie Patrice Reyes, *Cum Laude*  
Sasha Ruby Schlesinger, *Cum Laude*  
Noah Michol Staedler, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Maureen Christina Sweeny, *Cum Laude*  
Courtney Paige Trainor, *Cum Laude*  
Ana Cecilia Valencia, *Cum Laude*  
Jacqueline Ashley Lodevico Valentino  
William Ryan Virgen, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jason Buenaventura Zuniga

◇ *Real Estate - A.A.*

Manuel Ramirez, Jr.

◇ *Sociology - A.A.*

Jennifer Mary Adams, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Elizeth Bahena-Gonzalez  
Marielena Cerrillo  
Elizabeth Flores, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gianfranco Gastelo Centeno, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Emmanuel Lazo  
David Nathaniel Lockwood, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Julie M. Lococo  
Alexandra Nava-Leon  
Erika Guadalupe Ruiz  
Carolina Velazquez  
Cassandra Denise Wilson, *Cum Laude*

◇ *Sociology - A.A.-T*

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Elizeth Bahena-Gonzalez  
Arturo Calvario-Diaz, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jerica Anahi Chavarin  
David Corona-Amezcuca, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gabriel Darius Costello  
Elizabeth Flores, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gianfranco Gastelo Centeno, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Emmanuel Lazo  
Paul Patrick Limson  
David Nathaniel Lockwood, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alexandra Nava-Leon  
Estefania Francesca Paredes Leigh  
Elsa Valeria Salgado  
Elizabeth Sarabia  
Oscar Alexander Tovar  
Austin J. Valencia, *Cum Laude*  
Janely Valverde  
Carolina Velazquez  
Cassandra Denise Wilson, *Cum Laude*

◇ *Spanish - A.A.*

Gianfranco Gastelo Centeno, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Myra A. Llamas, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Marisol Nava, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Angeles L. Perez  
Sandra M. Robles Gonzalez, *Cum Laude*  
Cornelia Winkler

◇ *Spanish - A.A.-T*

Jennifer Martinez

◇ *Studio Arts - A.A.-T*

Elvia Gonzalez  
Alejandro Montes Vergara, *Magna Cum Laude*

## *Certificates*

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◇ *3D Animation & Videogame Art*

Ronald D. Serrudo  
Bridgette S. Yee

◇ *Accounting*

Roya Agah  
Kathy A. Borg-Ortiz  
Daniel Ryan Canton  
Iryna Della Morte  
Leticia Fregoso  
Ting Liu  
Haley Elyse Navarro  
Jehu Joseph Stiers

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Maria Del Socorro Anaya-Rodriguez

◇ *Administrative Medical Assistant*

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Alicia Calvario  
Vanessa Franco  
Ma Cristina Huato-Penalosa  
Kouther Darwish Mokatrin  
Yarely Oseguera  
Angelica M. Sanchez Soria  
Iridian Villanueva Garica

◇ *Bilingualism & Bilinguality in English/  
Spanish*

Georgina Castaneda  
Vanessa Guzman  
Adriana Lladira Lopez Contreras  
Marisol Nava  
Barbara June O'Dell  
Angeles L. Perez

◇ *Business Administration*

Laura B. Garduno Gonzalez  
Nur Ceren Sahin

◇ *Community Health Worker*

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Sarah Hatz Cortez  
Brenda Yudith Graciano  
Carolyn Yvette Speed  
Alexandria A. Spencer  
Jenny M. Vasquez

◇ *Computer Science - C++*

Victor G. Delaplaine  
Steven T. Kobayashi  
Travis W. McIntosh  
Tommy Wiakso Kusumo Patumnakul-Rachman  
Timi Richard Torlowei

◇ *Computer Science - Java*

Travis W. McIntosh  
Tiffany Ai Streitenberger

◇ *Digital Art & Animation*

Nell Marin Hayes  
Man Yiu Yeung

◇ *Early Childhood Education/Child  
Development*

Dalila Jamileth Alas  
Aleilee Manalo Asper  
Barbora Brehovska  
Marisol Calderon  
Maria Del C. Carmona  
Ma. Teresa Cervantes  
Shudan Zhou Chang  
Cleo Shannon Cleary  
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Rosa Vilma Garcia

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Corinne Therese Gharda

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Sandra Dalila Macias Prado

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Barbara G. Quintero

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Arely Segovia

Nicole Caitlin Spencer

Graciela Guadalupe Torres

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Vincent Venezia

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◇ *Early Childhood Education/Teacher*

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Shelby Anne McMillan

◇ *Engineering*

Brian E. Carrozza

◇ *Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management*

Maria Guadalupe Barajas Napoles

Paula M. Fleming

◇ *Entry-Level Bookkeeper*

Maria Guadalupe Barajas Napoles

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Marilyn J. Drexler

Tawanda Jean Parker

◇ *Fashion Design (Technical Apparel Industry Oriented)*

Talia Maris Findley

Tanja Marie Fischer

Sandra Yuen Helsley

Shawn Lorette Mathews

Huiping Lynn Mathre

Michelle Paganini

Alice Tang

◇ *Fashion Design: Custom Dressmaking/ Small Business Oriented*

Linda C. Imlay

Thuy Thi Minh Nguyen

Michelle Paganini

◇ *Fashion Design: Theater Costuming*

Tatiana Vladimirovna Elliston

Talia Maris Findley

Michelle Paganini

◇ *Fashion Merchandising*

Rozella Marie Serrano Soriano

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◇ *Fitness Professional*

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◇ *General Office*

Marli Goncalves Nord

◇ *Home Staging*

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Angelica Lorraine Gonsalves

Rosalie Johnson

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Effie R. Lee

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Nilofer Mukarram

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◇ *Human Services*

Noor Alayan

Sarah Hatz Cortez

Brenda Yudith Graciano

Diana Elizabeth Lignan Guevara

Ruby Morales Romero

Carolyn Yvette Speed

◇ *Interior Design*

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Amalia Andrade

Wanda L. Brooks

Heidi M. Calderon

Helene Earley

Amy Suzanne Fregosi Salazar

Amy Marie Friedberg

Gillian Dove Stoval

Mary Elizabeth Gutierrez

Alina Margaret Halloran

John Frederick Hamilton

Katayoun Heilmann

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Brittany Maria Price

Margaret Daffin Richardson

Christine Ruth Rosati

Stephanie Ruiz

Fatma Saydam

Carolyn Vece Soto

Kelly Tram Sun

Lyrice Ily Tyree

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Aaron Michael Caramanis

Amy Marie Friedberg

Alina Margaret Halloran

John Frederick Hamilton

Katayoun Heilmann

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Christine Ruth Rosati

Carolyn Vece Soto

Gillian Dove Stoval

Kelly Tram Sun

◇ *Latin American and Latino Studies*

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Steve E. Chittka  
Tiara Patricia Del Castillo  
Kristina Marie Eby  
Vanessa Franco  
Silvia G. Gomez  
Patricia Lopez  
Kouther Darwish Mokatrín  
Danielle Christine Neves  
Martha A. Ortíz  
April Lyn Peters  
Karen Sagrero Alvarez  
Andrea Isabel Segovia Lopez

◇ *Medical Billing Specialist*

Ravy Khut  
Mikhail Y. Miller  
Lady Stefany Morales Sifuentes

◇ *Medical Coding Specialist*

Susana Isaccmar Alvarez Ayala  
Bo Chen  
Mikhail Y. Miller  
Rose M. Sanchez  
Lady Stefany Morales Sifuentes

◇ *Multimedia Art and Technology*

Marlon Y. Garcia Garcia

◇ *Multimedia: Graphic Design*

Alejandro Castillo Prado  
Amirbehnam Tehranifar

◇ *Multimedia: Web Design*

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Shenning Li  
Hamed Nabai  
Amirbehnam Tehranifar  
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Chenhan Zhang

◇ *Paralegal*

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Esmeralda Baires  
Linda Patricia Barco Corado  
Ana Silvia Barraza Guzmán  
Maria Rosario Butron  
Luis Castillo  
Vicente Cerda  
Mario Roberto Chavac  
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Maria Gloria Fernandez Barreto  
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Brenda Yudith Graciano  
Karla Janeth Ibarra Godinez  
Dalia Karina Jauregui Nolazco  
Benita Bitete Kayembe  
Priscilla Limoli  
Marta Marcos  
Griselda Maribel Mayen  
Guadalupe Medina  
Maria Berenice Medina  
Blanca Yoana Medina Patino  
Virginia Nuno-Zermeno  
Balvina Ramirez  
Maria G. Ramirez  
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Baudel Rubin  
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Karina Vianey Sanchez Gracian  
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Tatiana Sherwin  
Marcia Sotil  
Priscila Talavera Flores  
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Kathleen Benavides  
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Mariella Pezo Birkle  
Sara Raquel Burr  
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Kayla Patrice Clark  
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Sergio D. Diaz  
Diana Diaz Coreas  
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Cybill A. Greenburg  
Julia Teresa Guidi  
Brandon Joseph Gutierrez-Kitto  
Vanesa Guzman  
Emmalee Grace Holmes  
Sofia Marjon Huibers  
Ajee Dannette Jackson  
Ernesto Dario Jasso  
Justine M. Jordan  
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Martha Alicia Leon  
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Sarah Marie Locock  
Angel J. Lopez  
Matthew James Lopez  
Sucette Ivonne Lopez-Arteaga  
James Connor Loucks  
Camille D. Louie  
Susan Mairs  
Audrey Marie Makela  
Dina Lizbeth Marroquin  
Mary Catherine Jude Martinez Bonini  
Travis W. McIntosh  
Denise Paola Mendoza  
Elvia Libertad Mendoza  
Janie Christine Mercado  
Desirae Perouz Miller  
Sabrina Marie Miller  
Dolores Molina  
Sabreen Hussam Moussa  
Alexandra Nava-Leon  
Marvin Nieto-Cruz  
Patrick James O'Regan  
Elizabeth Jazmin Orozco  
Alejandro Ortega  
Jesus A. Ortega  
Estefania Francesca Paredes Leigh  
Tommy Wiakso Kusumo Patumnakul-Rachman  
Aliza N. Peter  
Jhosse Anthony Prado Guerrero  
Barbara G. Quintero  
Cristhofer Brandon Ramirez  
Jackeline Gabriela Renderos Lopez  
Favian Ricardo Renkel  
Ana Karen Rojas  
Erika Guadalupe Ruiz  
Elsa Valeria Salgado  
Jesse Sanchez  
Peter Prasheel Singh  
Chad Slightam  
Megan Leigh Smith  
Oscar Alexander Tovar  
Ngoc Huynh Tu  
Eduardo Vazquez  
Austin Jose Venezia  
Brett Michael Wetteland  
Kevin Drake Wilson  
Vanessa Zamora  
Jennifer A. Zaragoza  
Adil Zhumakhmet

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◇ *University Transfer: Intersegmental  
General Education Transfer Curriculum  
(IGETC) - CSU*

Lina Eskariyat  
Julie Gin  
Isis C. Lemus  
Cody Jonathan Mead  
Michael Orozco  
Zachary Douglas Reiley  
Elizabeth Sarabia  
Bianca Rocio Trabanino  
Dexter Zermeno

◇ *University Transfer: Intersegmental  
General Education Transfer Curriculum  
(IGETC/UC)*

Alexa Esqueda Aguilar  
Melissa Aguilar  
Pedro Henrique P. Borges  
Arturo Calvario-Diaz  
Carissa Mycah Corcega Cayco  
Jack Alexander Cooper  
Larissa Marie Flores

Gregory David Foresti  
Gianfranco Gastelo Centeno  
Ana Laura Hernandez  
Erika Infanzon  
Matthew Luther Mason  
Cameron Kyle Malloy  
Travis W. McIntosh  
Pakiza Habibi Omar  
Preston Liat Sheng Ong  
Devon James Patane  
Caleb Martin Rankin  
Michael D. Rupert  
Amira Elias Shamieh  
Tiffany Ai Streitenberger  
Huukhoi Tran Tieu  
Lesly Atziri Vazquez  
Jennifer A. Zaragoza  
Hongli Zhao



## *Scholarship & Award Recipients*

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◇ *Anne Marquart Scholarship*

Osvaldo Solorio-Garcia

◇ *Assistance League of San Mateo County*

Tania Peña

Lorenza Villanueva

◇ *Associated Students of Cañada College  
Senate Leadership Award*

Raghad AbdAlJawad

Cecilia Yu Chung Chang

Christopher Jimenez – Club Leadership Award

Guidance Gunundu

Luis Mendez

Luka Radosavljevic

Hongli Zhao

◇ *Associated Students of Cañada College Jose  
Felix Mayen Transfer Leadership Award*

Marvin Nieto-Cruz

◇ *Atkinson Foundation Scholarship*

Dontario Beverly

Daniel Bridger

Henry Calderon

Elizabeth Garcia

Julissa Hernandez Garduza

Martha Reyes Cruz

◇ *Barbara McCarthy Scholarship*

Israa Dahbour

Monica Del Rocio Diaz Ramos

◇ *Big Smile Scholarship*

Jhosse Prado Guerrero

◇ *Business Entrepreneur Club Scholarship*

Mark Posadas

Tamarik Rabb

◇ *Cañada Accounting Scholarship*

Luis Mendez

◇ *Cañada College Honors Transfer  
Scholarship*

Erika Infanzon

◇ *Cañada College Learning Center Awards*  
Tristian Alvarado-Arana - Tutor Recognition  
Award

Chelsea Brown – Outstanding Bridge to Oppor-  
tunities Mentor Award

Anne Kong - Outstanding Learning Center  
Counter Support Award

Myra Llamas - Outstanding Tutor Award

◇ *Cañada Fashion Department Scholarship*

Emily Abrams

Leslie Abrams

Miguel Duran

Susanne Edgerton

Talia Maris Findley

Laura “Jaya” Griscom

Sarena Kim

Jen Jung Liu

Meghana Manjunath

Paige Mughannam

Virginia Okabayashi

Aviva Rochester

Sally-Ann Rudd

Gennevieve Springer

◇ *Cañada Learning Center Scholarship*

Cecilia Yu Chung Chang

Alyson Davies

Gianfranco Gastelo

◇ *Cañada Learning Center BTO Awards*

Paul Patrick Limson – Outstanding BTO  
Mentor

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Travis McIntosh – Outstanding BTO Mentor  
Kelly Rivera – Outstanding BTO Mentee

◇ *Cañada STEM Scholarship*

Brian Carrozza  
Kattia Chang-Kam  
Christopher Jimenez  
Yasmin Ochoa  
Luka Radosavljevic

◇ *Carl E. Ward Scholarship*

Paul Patrick Limson

◇ *Castillo Scholarship*

Melissa Aguayo  
Herbert Aguilar Mendoza  
Virginia Magana  
Vesal Sedigh Nezhad  
Sheyanne Walker

◇ *CCCEOPSA Scholarship*

Travis McIntosh

◇ *Christine Ryland Scholarship*

Travis McIntosh

◇ *Classified Senate of Cañada Scholarship*

Paul Patrick Limson  
Erika Servin

◇ *Connie Barthold Scholarship*

Gage Joiner

◇ *Cruising Into the Future Scholarship*

Jasmin Padilla  
Gabriela Ramirez Diaz

◇ *CSEA Chapter 33 Scholarship*

Erika Servin

◇ *Dale & Helen Mersereau Scholarship*

Robert Baiata  
Renee Bautista  
Angel Cuesta  
Alyson Davies  
Elba Escalera Flores  
Larissa Figueroa  
Austreberta Garcia Lopez  
Laurina Girgis  
Jennifer Guerrero Sandoval  
Guidance Gunundu  
Monica Halloran  
Josephine Lucatero-Cuevas  
Rachael McKenna  
Melissa Mendoza  
Christina Nunez  
Edgar Ramos  
Edgar Sanchez  
Carlos Santana  
Earl Thompson  
Tania Ventura Perez  
Tenzin Yeshi

◇ *Darryl Usher Memorial Scholarship*

Anthony Gutierrez-Molina

◇ *Dr. Genevieve H. Cory Interior Design Scholarship*

Renee Bautista

◇ *ECE Student Scholarship*

Austreberta Garcia Lopez

◇ *Edward Barthold Scholarship*

Kathy Vo

◇ *Eleanore D. Nettle Scholarship*

Blanca Gomez

## *Scholarship & Award Recipients (cont.)*

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◇ *Elizabeth Egan Scholarship in Art*  
Elvia Gonzalez

◇ *Elizabeth Rose Miller Scholarship*  
Alexa Aguilar

◇ *Elmer Buckthal Art Award*  
Alejandro Montes Vergara

◇ *EOPS Student Club Scholarship*  
Anthony Gutierrez-Molina

◇ *FL. Griffin Scholarship*  
Ian Santos

◇ *Gail Kamei Scholarship*  
Osvaldo Solorio-Garcia

◇ *Gerald Messner Phi Theta Kappa  
Scholarship*  
Alejandro Montes Vergara

◇ *Gus Pagels Scholarship*  
Megan Ackers

◇ *Hamilton Family Award for Excellence in  
STEM Scholarship*  
Nathaly Garnica  
Dalila Gonzalez Mejia

◇ *Hamilton Family Chancellor's Scholarship*  
Jorge Rangel

◇ *Helen Hausman Scholarship*  
Megan Ackers

◇ *Hewett-Berdon Memorial Scholarship*  
Tiffany Streitenberger

◇ *Humanities & Social Sciences Scholarship*  
Pedro Henrique Borges

◇ *I Can Do It! Scholarship*  
Alondra Sahagun Cabrera

◇ *Iliff Scholarship*  
Mariia Rykhlikova

◇ *Jean Evelyn Letsinger Scholarship*  
Isis Lemus

◇ *Joe McDonough AFT Social Justice  
Scholarship*  
Deborah Armstrong

◇ *Karl S. Pister Leadership Scholarship,  
UCSC*  
Isis Lemus

◇ *Kitchen & Bath Design Student  
Scholarship*  
Renee Bautista

◇ *Kruttschnitt Aspire Scholarship Program  
(KASP)*  
Erika Bordi  
Lina Eskariyat  
Josue Gialis  
Benita Kayembe  
Paul Patrick Limson  
Travis McIntosh  
Ian Santos

◇ *Laura Hill Griffin Scholarship*  
Angela Anderson

◇ *Lewis Family STEM Scholarship*  
Juan Osvaldo Casildo

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◇ *Mary Topalis Trust for CSM and Cañada Nursing Scholarship*

Sara Campbell  
Griselda Morales Mendoza  
Jorge Rangel  
Anna Thurman

◇ *Nature-Ecology Preservation Scholarship*

Tamarik Rabb

◇ *Nellie Leong Scholarship*

Leonardo Campos  
Elizabeth Carranza  
Juan Osvaldo Casildo  
Wimeshi Delay  
Corina Enriquez  
Erika Infanzon  
Yeong Joo Kim  
Annika Van Houte  
Moises Vieyra

◇ *Oscar Siguenza Memorial Scholarship*

Giovani Caravez

◇ *Osher Scholars Endowment Scholarship*

Jeramina Angeles  
Judith Arias Escalona  
Anahi Hernandez  
Linda Lockhart-Aaron  
Christian Russel Marpuri  
Blanca Ruiz  
Diana Viscarra

◇ *Pacific Dining Student Scholarship*

Kawanza Byrd-Carter  
Hee-Kyoung Kim

◇ *Pamela Ward-Smith Memorial Scholarship*

Griselda Morales Mendoza

◇ *Pat Hanada Classified Service Scholarship*

Adriana Castaneda Navarro

◇ *Patricia Miljanich Scholarship for Emancipated Youth*

Danielle Vandyke

◇ *Private Client Reserve Scholarship*

Oskar Granados  
Marleny Ramos Gonzalez

◇ *Redwood City Citizens Against Racism Scholarship*

Kehinde Aiyeyemi

◇ *Reveille Scholarship*

Joshua Strause

◇ *Robert & Toni Oyster Endowed Scholarship*

Martov Alvarez

◇ *Robert Stiff Scholarship*

Elizabeth Flores

◇ *Ronald F. Weidman Theatre Arts Scholarship*

Danielle Vandyke

◇ *San Francisco Benefactor Nursing Scholarship*

Caroline Osburn

◇ *San Mateo AEYC-ECE Scholarship*

Marta Marcos

## *Scholarship & Award Recipients (cont.)*

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### ◇ *San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation Scholarship*

Raghad AbdAlJawad  
Perla Aramburu  
Aleilee Asper  
Violeta Ayala  
Sarah Brandt  
Jesus Caballero  
Leonardo Campos  
Yanet Carrillo Napoles  
Juan Osvaldo Casildo  
Maria Castillo  
Carissa Cayco  
Jennifer Chang  
David Corona-Amezcu  
Noemi Cruz  
Bernardo Fichman Lacerda  
Stefany Fuentes  
Gianfranco Gastelo  
Josue Gialis  
Blanca Gomez  
Mayra Gonzalez  
Dalila Gonzalez Mejia  
Toiny Ha  
Laura Hincapie Vanegas  
Clinton Lawrence  
Polo-Theresa Le'afa  
Bing Lin  
Yifan Mao  
Christopher Morales  
Marvin Nieto-Cruz  
Naoto Ogawa  
Jasmin Padilla  
Estefania Paredes  
Mark Posadas  
Gabriela Ramirez Diaz  
Jose Rodriguez  
Erika Ruiz

Mayra Salazar  
Elsa Salgado  
Guadalupe Sanchez  
Jesse Sanchez  
Christopher Silva-Lucero  
Tiffany Streitenberger  
Masami Suruki  
Anika Ting  
Philip Velbis  
Jose Villalobos  
Yanzhuo Wen  
Zhen Yu  
Hongli Zhao

### ◇ *San Mateo Credit Union Scholarship*

Paul Patrick Limson

### ◇ *Sara Boddinhouse Coastsideside Scholarship*

Carlos Santana

### ◇ *San Mateo Chapter Cal RTA Division 22 Scholarship*

Christopher Jimenez

### ◇ *SMCCCD Bookstores Textbook Scholarship*

Adriana Castaneda Navarro  
Juyi Yang

### ◇ *SMCCCD Retirees' Scholarship*

Haley Anderson  
Brian Carrozza  
Monica Orellana  
Juyi Yang

### ◇ *Social Sciences of Cañada College Scholarship*

Pedro Henrique Borges



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◇ *Susan Yoshimura Scholarship*

Kathy Vo

◇ *Toby Merman Memorial Scholarship in  
Interior Design*

Kylie Wilson

◇ *University Pathway Scholarship*

Rodolfo Bravo

Timmy Rachman

◇ *Veterans Resource and Opportunity Center  
(V-ROC) Scholarship*

Andy Higuera

◇ *Women in Gaming/3-D Animation/  
Multimedia Scholarship*

Lea Fisher



## *Class of 2018 Co-Valedictorians*

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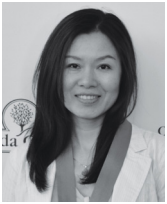
At the Spring Student Reception held on May 11, these graduates were acknowledged as Cañada's top students for the 2017-18 Academic Year. This includes Summer and Fall 2017, and Spring 2018. We are proud to recognize these top students as Co-Valedictorians for the 50th Anniversary Class of 2018.

### ∞ *Mijin Park*

Summa Cum Laude  
AA Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in  
Arts & Humanities

### ∞ *Penglu Li*

Summa Cum Laude, Phi Theta Kappa Honor  
Society  
AA-T Economics



### ∞ *Yafang Li*

Summa Cum Laude  
AS-T Business  
Administration  
Yafang will be transferring  
to a four-year college and is  
still deciding among a few  
schools.

“Cañada College is like a home to me. Professors and school staff create a really home-y study environment for students. That’s why I’d rather drive extra miles to Cañada even though there is another college closer.”

“Many students would say math is hard, but I feel different after actually taking math courses. The math professors in Cañada are REALLY supportive of their students. I received great help in the STEM Center, not only from my own professor, but from all the professors who are available at the STEM Center.”

“What I want to share most is Cañada has a great teaching team and a warm staff. They are passionate and care about students. I consider myself lucky to study in such an environment.”



### ∞ *Romane Le Dorze*

Summa Cum Laude, Phi  
Theta Kappa Honor Society  
AS Fashion Merchandising

“As an international student,  
I hope to work in my field  
of study over the next twelve  
months, getting practical training to go with my  
education. I would like to find a job in visual  
display or as a stylist.”



### ∞ *Isis C. Lemus*

Summa Cum Laude  
AA-T Anthropology

Isis will transfer to UC  
Santa Cruz, where she will  
study Earth Science and  
Anthropology. She plans  
to continue and attend  
graduate school at the University of Oxford in  
England.

“What I will miss most about Cañada are the friends and supportive communities I have been a part of and who have helped me become the person I am. I will miss coming to campus in the morning and seeing the fog surround us, making Cañada appear as if it’s on a cloud. While my time here is almost done and I prepare for my next adventure, I will always look back on my time at Cañada with a smile.”



≈ *Sofya Lipkind*

Summa Cum Laude  
AA Interdisciplinary Studies  
with Emphasis on Natural  
Science & Mathematics  
and AS Biological Sciences

Sofya will study Biochemistry  
and Molecular Biology at

UC Davis, then continue to earn a Master's Degree  
in Genetic Counseling.

“The staff and faculty on campus are what make Cañada College great. Their commitment to going above and beyond to support students is incredible, and I've always felt welcome and challenged during my time here. The passion that they show toward improving their craft inspires me and countless others to give our all to our studies, and they equip us with the tools to help us grow academically and professionally. Their influence is what has allowed me to come into my own as a person, and I will carry the lessons I've learned here long after I leave.”



≈ *Hongli Zhao*

Summa Cum Laude, Phi  
Theta Kappa Honor Society  
AS-T Mathematics,  
Intersegmental General  
Education Transfer  
Curriculum (IGETC)  
Certificate, Honors Transfer  
Student Certificate

Hongli will transfer to UC Berkeley to double-major in Applied Mathematics and Data Science. Hongli then looks to continue and earn a Master's Degree with concentration in Finance/Financial Engineering at Columbia University.

“I see Cañada College not only as my home school, but also, more importantly, as my emblem - a symbol of pride and belonging. As an old Chinese saying puts it: “If one has been my teacher for a day, he is my father for a lifetime.” I am proud to be part of this community, and truly regard it as an indispensable component of my soul. Over the course of the two years, we have had laughters of achievements, we have had tears of departure; we have seen passion and ambition as high as the heavens, we have been through moments of sadness and lament. No matter what our experiences are, an unchanging fact is that we are all one - we are all together. At Cañada, there never was, nor will be, Me and I, but only Us and We. It is We who make the future, it is Us who dream the impossible dream.

I would say: the dream is incredible, because from here, you can go anywhere.”

## *President's Student Leadership Award*

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≈ *Travis McIntosh*

Travis describes himself as a “natural, but reluctant leader.” Growing up, he had trouble developing self-confidence and when leadership positions present themselves, he is sometimes hesitant, yet the opportunity always finds him.

Cañada staff describe Travis as driven, motivated and resourceful. He always seeks opportunities to share his knowledge with and provide guidance to others and has proven to be a strong leader with his involvement in several campus organizations. He has been a tutor with the STEM Center, Learning Center and Cañada Math, Chemistry and Word Jams for more than four years and tutored students in numerous classes each semester including: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science and Math. Travis was also a

key member of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society, going from active club participant to Club Co-President. He also attended as many campus and community events as possible outside of his classes and work schedule, including: STEM Speaker Series, STEM Welcome Days, the Redwood City STEAM Festival, LISTAS & OYE Conferences, Priority Enrollment Program, Proactive Registration and TRIO Upward Bound.

Stemming from his experiences tutoring and helping in the STEM Center (and seeing that most students had needs for guidance beyond academic help) Travis sought a position as a Bridge to Opportunities (BTO) peer mentor. He saw this as an opportunity to use his life experiences and struggles to help other students build confidence and overcome their own personal obstacles. In fact, he had a waiting list of students every semester who have been referred to him by other students and he is the lead peer mentor responsible for training new peer mentors when they start.

Travis is the first person in his family to attend college. He is majoring in Biology and Computer Science with a goal of getting a Bachelor's degree (in both Biology and Computer Science) and a Master's degree and PhD both in Bioinformatics. Travis is graduating with honors with the following degrees: AS-T's in Biology, Physics, Computer Science and Mathematics; AS's in Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Physics; an AA in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Natural Sciences & Mathematics; and CERT Certificates in C++ and Java. He will transfer to a University of California this fall.

## *Class of 2018 Student Speaker*

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### ≈ *Marleny Ramos*

Marleny Ramos was born in San Francisco. At the age of 11, due to immigration circumstances, she and her family moved to Guatemala. This is where her obstacles started and she began to grow and fight for her dreams.

When she first moved to Guatemala, she had to quickly adapt to the culture change, as well as the language barrier since she mostly spoke English in the United States. The first year was a struggle, but her dream of becoming a professional pushed her to become one of the top students in her class. While in school in Guatemala, she took part in, and won, several Math and Science competitions. This experience sparked her interest in Science. Her dream was to complete college in the United States so, upon high school graduation in Guatemala, she

left her family and returned to the States to pursue her education at Cañada College.

Marleny had a challenging first year as a Biology major at Cañada College learning to, once again, adapt to the culture and language as well as be completely independent. After her first year, she joined the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, which motivated her to continue strong. Unfortunately, due to the challenges she faces without family support, Marleny took year and a half off of school. When she returned, she came back stronger than ever.

Returning to Cañada full-time in Spring 2017 was the best thing that ever happened to her as she met Chemistry Professors Elizabeth Barile and Jeanette Medina who inspired her to pursue a degree in Chemistry. Professors Barile and Medina became Marleny's mentors and cheerleaders, pushing her to become a Chemistry tutor at the STEM Center. This was, by far, one of her most significant accomplishments during her time at Cañada. Her work at the STEM Center, particularly as an EPIC Leader, had a huge impact on her life as it allowed her to not only help students succeed in their classes, but to inspire and encourage them to pursue their dreams.

The opportunity to help others and work toward her goals would have not been possible without the support of her mentors at Cañada College. Marleny will graduate with an AS in Biology and transfer to a UC, where she will obtain a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry. Her ultimate goal is to obtain a PhD in Organic Chemistry so she can return and teach at Cañada College.

## *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, Licentiates and Bachelors” of the University of Coimbra wear gowns. Academic attire began to appear on United States campuses in the late 1890’s. 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 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 Honor 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. With more than 6,000 students, 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 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 student to four-year colleges and universities. Student 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.

In 2001, Cañada College opened its University Center where students can earn bachelor's degrees in nursing, early childhood development, business administration, and liberal studies, and an executive master's degree in business administration. Cañada College was the first California community college to develop a University Center.

## *In Memoriam*

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The Class of 2018 honors the memory of three members of our Cañada family. They are in our hearts today.



∞ *Alan Ackerman • 10/28/1959 – 02/14/2018*

Alan was a fixture on the Cañada campus in recent years. He took painting classes, despite the fact that he was a professional artist for many years, working at game companies like Sega, Sony, and Blizzard Entertainment, among others. Alan then joined the Cañada College Digital Art & Animation Department as a student assistant, providing his knowledge and expertise to the Digital Art & Animation students working on their projects in the multimedia and 3D labs. When the department needed a fill-in instructor last spring, he stepped in and taught two classes that matched his expertise and experience in the game industry. Alan passed away from Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). He was a vital part of the Digital Art & Animation Department and his loss will be deeply felt for some time to come.



∞ *Teresa Rico • 12/20/1959 – 11/1/2017*

Teresa grew up splitting her time between Mexico and the Bay Area. She lived the American Dream. She worked at Farallone View Elementary School in Montara early in her career and later took an opportunity in Palo Alto for Palo Alto Community Child Care where she held various positions at different program sites as director, assistant director and head teacher. She went to Cañada College, where she studied early childhood education and was awarded several certificates, including a child development teacher permit. Teresa was a strong and self-made woman who raised four intelligent and kind-hearted children which were the loves of her life. She spent most of her adult life living on the Coastside.



∞ *Max Vincent • 6/17/1997 – 1/20/2018*

Max was born in Burlingame and resided in San Gregorio. He had a great appreciation for the beauty of the Coastside, a lifelong love of nature and tremendous artistic ability with emphasis on Fashion Design. He was an enthusiastic student in the Cañada College Fashion Program and was planning to attend the Cañada Fashion class in Italy this summer and enroll in the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City this coming fall. He was incredibly bright, kind, sensitive and creative and he will be profoundly missed. Max's life was full of direction and promise.



## *Acknowledgments*

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Thank you to these individuals and groups for their planning and efforts to make today's Commencement Ceremony memorable and meaningful for our graduates, their families and guests.

Associated Students of Cañada College  
Audio Production Group  
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Cañada Admissions and Records  
Cañada Bookstore  
Cañada Facilities Planning and Operations  
Cañada Visual Communications  
Cañada Information Technology Services  
Cañada Marketing and Community Relations  
Central Duplicating Services  
Gino De Grandis Photography  
Pacific Dining  
SMCCCD Public Safety  
Stage Lighting Concepts

### **Commencement Committee:**

Megan Rodriguez Antone  
Barbara Bucton  
Misha Kealoha  
Phillip King  
Jai Kumar  
Maria Lara  
Michelle Marquez  
Jamillah Moore  
Karen Pinkham  
Brian Tupper  
John Winchester

Cañada IT Services team: for their responsive and expert support for today's ceremony and campus events throughout the year.

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*Notes and Well-Wishes*

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